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## 6 more firms confirm Cyberjaya participation

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SIX more companies have confirmed their participation in the development of Cyberjaya, bringing the total number of companies interested to invest within Malaysia's first intelligent city to 42 as at yesterday.

Town and Country Planning Department (Peninsular Malaysia) director-general Datuk Professor Zainuddin Muhammad said the six companies have confirmed their participation in less than a week after the latest statistics on the number of participants was announced.

"This showed that there is a growing interest among investors from the local and abroad to invest in Cyberjaya which is located within the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC)," he told a press briefing on the ground-breaking ceremony of Cyberjaya scheduled this Saturday. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to officiate at the ground-breaking ceremony which will highlight, among other things, the state-of-the-art multimedia equipment such as computerised theodolite.

Describing the 42 companies as the "early birds" that will spearhead the development of Cyberjaya, Zainuddin, who is also the organising chairman, said the presidents and chief executive officers of these companies have been invited to attend the official ground-breaking.

"Some 1,000 guests are expected to attend the function. We have sent out a total of 2,150 invitation cards and so far 700 of them have confirmed to attend the ground-breaking ceremony," he said, adding two MSC International Advisory Panel members are also expected to attend the function.

During the event, Zainuddin said the Prime Minister is expected to view several multimedia presentations as well as use them, such as the computerised theodolite, a surveying instrument used to measure angles.

"Through the computerised theodolite, the Prime Minister will be able to locate and view the infrastructure sites of seven of the 42 pioneer companies which are given the opportunity to develop infrastructure in Cyberjaya first," he added.

The seven pioneer companies are Nippon Telegraph and Telephone of Japan, Multimedia University, Telekom Malaysia Bhd, Sistem Televisyen Malaysia Bhd or TV3, Permodalan Nasional Bhd, Golden Hope and Multimedia Development Corp.

"These companies will also exhibit their respective plans and models during the function. They have started putting up their exhibits now," he said, adding that the exhibition will be opened to the public for a month after the ground-breaking ceremony and the event will be located at The Mines shopping centre.

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