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BRITAIN OFFERS TECHNOLOGY FOR MSC

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Britain will offer a package called the Microelectronics In Business (MIB) to assist in the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project.

The MIB will assist in the development of one of the MSC's seven flagships, namely the Research and Development cluster, said British Parliamentary Secretary at the Cabinet Office, Peter Kilfoyle today.

He said he would raise the matter with officials of the Malaysian Institute of Microelectronics Systems (Mimos) and the Malaysian Administration Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu) tomorrow.

"We feel that it might be something of great assistance in one of the seven flagships of the whole project particularly the development of an R&D for microelectronics within Malaysia," he told a news conference at the British high commission here.

He also said that a British group will be here in November on a fact-finding mission about the MSC.

He stressed that his visit here is to learn "from you and not the other way around".

"I've come here to see what is a very brave and a very, very major attempt to establish a Cyber City and also a paperless government centre, one which has very, very impressive international credentials on the basis of the (MSC's) International Advisory Panel which has got some of the world's major international players in this area to give it support," he said

He echoed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement about the MSC that it is "a gift to the world". -- BERNAMA

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