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Cutting-edge technology from Russia on show at expo

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Captains of industry who wish to get firsthand information on the latest in Russian science and technology can participate in the TechXchange '97 conference and exhibition.

The event, to be held at the Malaysia International Exhibition Centre in Sungai Besi from Oct 14 to 18, will feature about 100 Russian companies.

A Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology official said the objectives of the event were:

- * to showcase advanced and cutting-edge technologies from Russia;
- * to provide an opportunity for Malaysian and foreign participants to be updated on technological advancements; and,
- * to strengthen partnerships in business and technology.

The exhibition is being organised by Le Proton Exhibition, Novotek Group, MIGHT and Machinoexport, a Russian company.

The event is supported by Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia Bhd while the official telecommunications provider is Telekom Malaysia Bhd and the official newspaper, the New Straits Times.

The official said the event would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who would also deliver a keynote address.

She said the event would also facilitate discussions between technology suppliers and entrepreneurs, investors and academics from both countries.

"Malaysian and Russian senior government officials and corporate leaders will be able to share their experiences and policy directions apart from enhancing networking."

She said among the sectors to be represented at the exhibition were aerospace, construction and composite materials, electronics and optical systems, and pharmaceuticals.

Science Adviser to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman will deliver the opening speech at the conference.

Multimedia Development Corporation executive chairman Tan Sri Othman Yeop Abdullah will speak on Multimedia Super Corridor: Overview and Opportunities while Malaysian Technology Development Corporation acting chief executive Nordin Mohamad Desa will speak on Venture Capital: Financing Mechanism to Promote Techno-entrepreneurs.

The Russian First Deputy Director of the Scientific Research Institute and Chief of the Expert Council of the Committee for Informatisation Politics Viacheslav V. Korchagin would speak on Investment Opportunities in Russian Telecommunications and Information Technologies.

The official said Malaysian companies interested in the conference and exhibition can contact Le Proton Exhibition at 2987308 before Oct 7.

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