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DAP: Make sure no one is left out of IT revolution

PETALING JAYA, Fri. - The DAP today called on the Government to ensure that ordinary people are not left out in the information revolution which is taking place worldwide.

Its deputy secretary general Lim Guan Eng said there must be democracy in IT to ensure that everyone could benefit, adding that such technology should not be made available only for the rich and educated.

He told a Press conference at the party headquarters that if the people wanted to fully benefit from IT and the Multimedia Super Corridor, they must know how to use IT facilities which should also be readily available and accessible to all.

Lim said the DAP was organising an IT conference entitled IT For All at the Federal Hotel on March 23. It is meant for anyone interested in knowing about IT.

He said various speakers including Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang and the president and chief executive officer of MIMOS Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen would present their views on how IT could benefit the people and the nation.

Commenting on the remarks by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the MSC was not meant to compete with Singapore, Lim said Malaysia may not be able to compete with Singapore now on IT expertise but the nation and the Government should not have any inferiority complex regarding the matter.

"We may not be able to compete or be better than Singapore now but that does not mean Malaysia will forever be behind Singapore. Malaysia must aim to be equal if not better than Singapore," he said.

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