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DON'T FEAR CHANGES, DR MAHATHIR TELLS THE WORLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight advised the world not to fear changes but to try out new things to face the future boldly.

Launching Nippon Telegraph And Telephone Corporation's wholly-owned subsidiary, NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, the prime minister said the future was going to be very different from the present.

The emphasis in future would no longer be on the mechanical industry but rather on knowledge-based industry, he said on Malaysia's shift from an industrial age to the new information age with the launching of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

"We welcome this change although we look at the future changes with some fear because we do not know exactly what will happen to us," he said.

He said Malaysia had some ideas of what would happen in the future, but what the country foresaw might not be exactly as what would happen.

For this, "it is important that we try out things," Dr Mahathir said.

The MSC, he said, was a place where people from all over the world could try out new things, new ideas and technology.

In the MSC, the wonderful ideas of electronic government would be tested, he said.

"We will serve as a guinea pig, even myself," he added.

"If it works -- well and good, if its doesn't -- we can always change, even if it works, we can still make modifications, try out new methods, new ideas and new technologies until we are convinced the we have devised a good system for the electronic government," he said. -- BERNAMA

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