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DRAFT OF CYBER LAWS READY, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the draft of the Cyber Laws to protect Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (NSC) was ready and would be tabled in next month's Parliament sitting.

"The draft is ready but we are still fine-tuning it," the Prime Minister told reporters after recording the "Bersama Perdana Menteri" programme focusing on the MSC at Angkasapuri today.

The programme will be aired by RTM over TV1 at 8.30pm tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir said the three main aspects of the draft were the Digital Signature Act, Intellectual Act and Computer Crime Act, which among others, provide for the freedom of foreign investors to invest in Malaysia.

He said the government did not provide much investment protection but would offer tax exemptions to investors who participated in the MSC.

Asked when he would discuss the Cyber Laws with Asean leaders as it entailed cross-boundary matter, he said no date had been fixed.

Touching on problems encountered by multimedia firms to bring in their personnel to Malaysia particularly from India, Dr Mahathir said the government eased the conditions to only those with knowledge on multimedia.

"In this way, they can get staff easily and I hope they will bring in skilled people from abroad to enable us to learn from them," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was confident that multimedia investors would come to Malaysia to develop the industry as the Malaysian government was providing the best facilities. -- BERNAMA

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