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Ghana keen to tap Malaysian IT know-how

PETALING JAYA, Tues. - Ghana will learn from Malaysia's experience in enhancing its information technology capabilities.

Its Communication Minister Ekwow Spio-Garbrah said he was impressed with Malaysia's effort to set-up the Multimedia Super Corridor which would open up opportunities for greater interaction among countries.

Spio-Garbrah, who is on a four-day visit, said:

"We are planning to use more enhanced information technology capabilities, especially in improving our agriculture and education potentials."

Spio-Garbrah, who arrived on Sunday, was speaking to reporters before touring TV3's Sri Pentas complex at Bandar Utama tonight.

Earlier he attended the launching of the Multimedia Asia 97 Conference and Exhibition by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Mines Resort City in Sungei Besi.

Spio-Garbrah said although Ghana's information technology capabilities were considered quite advanced by African standards, it still needed to learn from Malaysia which had gained the world's acknowledgement in the development of that field.

"We will be closely studying the development of the MSC and are hoping to use its experience to popularise the use of computers in our country."

He added that his country also offered a wide range of investment potential for Malaysian entrepreneurs in the information technology industry.

Citing the example of Sistem Televisyen Malaysia Bhd's investment in Ghana, Spio-Garbrah said such move was financially wise, considering the country's "young market" which offered a lot of business opportunities.

STMB had in November last year, incorporated four subsidiaries to carry out broadcasting activities which includes free-to-air television, pay television, FM radio station and film productions.

The four subsidiaries were Gama Media System Ltd, TV3 Network Ltd, Cable View Network Ltd and Gama Media System Company Ltd.

Spio-Garbrah was welcomed by STMB managing director Datuk Zahari Omar, its news managing editor Ahmad Puad Onah and other officials.

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