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MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH IT CAMPAIGN ON SATURDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today certain people are trying to prevent Malaysians from accepting information technology (IT).

He said these people were claiming that if children used computers and the Internet they would be exposed to materials that would affect their morals.

These "phobias" must be dispelled because in seeking to become a developed country the people should be bold enough to accept and implement changes including the application of IT, he said

Mohamed was speaking at a news conference to outline the IT campaign to be launched by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at 8.30pm on Saturday. The launching will be carried live by all radio and television stations in the country.

"This is the first time the Prime Minister will address the nation live about IT," he said.

Dr Mahathir's address will touch on the programmes arranged for the the campaign up to the year 2000, Mohamed said.

He said the objective of the campaign was for the people to get to know and understand IT, develop an interest in it, and go on to apply IT.

Mohamed said that he had received information that certain foreign media had reported that the Prime Minister would appear on television on Saturday to announce his resignation.

He said they reported such untruth because they were envious of Malaysia's success.

"Dr Mahathir has contributed a lot and his leadership is still needed," he said. -- BERNAMA

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