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MAHATHIR TO TALK TO CAPTAINS OF EUROPEAN IT FIRMS

SEPANG, May 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will address 740 chief executive officers of major information technology companies (IT) in Europe on Tuesday.

He would be speaking to them on the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project when they meet at the Royal Imperial College in London.

"I will explain the contents of the MSC, the facilities and the potential etc, and try to answer any questions they may have," he said at a news conference after officiating at the ground-breaking for Cyberjaya, the country's first intelligent city and nucleus of the MSC, located at a 2,800 ha-site in Bukit Damar here today.

Dr Mahathir said he was confident that the London meeting would be much more successful than the one in the United States previously.

"When I went to the US, there were still some doubts about the whole project," he said.

However, Dr Mahathir said, a number of prominent people in the US IT industry had now shown interest in participating in the project or as member of the MSC international advisory panel.

Dr Mahathir said he would continue with his promotional tour to more countries to explain the project as Malaysia would want as much participation as possible.

The quota of 50 targetted companies for the first phase of the project would be achieved earlier than 2000, he said.

"We want to get everybody in. We cannot possibly leave out Europe. There is still the east coast of America where we have not gone and we need to go and promote there also," he said.

He said the government's current approach to meet potential investors directly was the best way to promote the MSC project. -- BERNAMA

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