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MASTER THE COMPUTER FOR MSC'S SUCCESS, SAYS KING

KUALA LUMPUR, June 7 (Bernama) -- Malaysians should master the computer and the multimedia technology in order to fully benefit from the country's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar said today.

The MSC, a 750 sq km zone south of here devoted to multimedia products and services, also incorporates Cyberjaya, the world's first intelligent city.

The King said the people could not avoid their lives from being influenced by the information technology (IT).

"If no effort is made to learn and master the computer, I'm afraid a segment of the population will be left behind in this IT age," Tuanku Ja'afar said at an investiture at Istana Negara here in conjunction with his 75th birthday today.

His majesty was thankful for the rapid economic growth without which Malaysia might not be able to enhance her image as a developing nation and a respected Muslim country.

His majesty said the strength of the Malaysian economy has freed the nation from external pressures.

Malaysians should be thankful because a number of developing countries, because of their weak economy, were still not free economically and politically, Tuanku Ja'afar said.

The King congratulated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the awards bestowed by India, Saudi Arabia and South Africa.

"I am amazed by his excellent leadership at the recent First Southern Africa International Dialogue in Botswana," the King said.

Tuanku Ja'afar spoke of the elements of vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed nation by year 2020, which had entered its sixth year, and the creation of a new caring generation with high moral ethics balanced with material and spiritual growth.

"The country must move forward with excellence by ensuring that the generation we create will reject any form of malpractice and corruption," the King said.

Tuanku Ja'afar said the developed nation to be created should be a caring one and concerned with the welfare of the less fortunate.

The King was confident that Malaysia had a strong foundation to move forward into a developed nation with her own characteristics.

But achieving that depended much on the people upholding noble values like being hardworking, disciplined, dedicated and observing high ethics, his majesty said.

"A united Malaysian society with integrity will ensure that the country will continue to prosper in the interest of future generations. Measures must continue to be taken to further enhance the image of the country," Tuanku Ja'afar said.

The King also mentioned the success of the Malaysian Everest climbers on May 23 describing it as an indication of national determination and reflection of the "Malaysia Boleh" (Malaysia can do it) spirit.-- BERNAMA

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