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MSC NOT AIMED AT COMPETING WITH ANYONE- DR MAHATHIR

KOTA TINGGI, Johor, March 13 (Bernama) -- The Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) is not aimed at competing with anyone particularly Singapore, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The MSC is being developed over a 15 by 50KM area encompassing the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, the new Federal Capital of Putrajaya and the KL International Airport at Sepang.

"The MSC is being developed to serve our needs. We are looking at ourselves not at others," he said after unveiling a plaque and launching the SebabaHomepage at Sebana Resort here.

Asked whether Singapore could be alarmed over the development of the MSC, the Prime Minister said: "What is there to be alarmed. We are old fashioned...it is only a small project. We are not in the same category. We cannot compete with them."

"We are aware that from the aspect of technology we are behind. It's OK. We go by it our own way," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said Singapore had the right to develop its own MSC without obstructing others from doing so.

"That's their right....it is their country. Don't obstruct us OK," he added.

Dr Mahathir said Singapore was a sovereign and independent nation and what they do was up to them.

"We'll not interfere in what they do," he added. -- BERNAMA

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