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MSC needs small firms' creativity too

PETALING JAYA, Mon. - The Government should not neglect small companies and individuals while developing the Multimedia Super Corridor, a member of the MSC's International Advisory Panel said today.

Citing information technology development in the Silicon Valley, Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan said the development was initially made possible by small companies and individuals.

"The Government should consider a programme with incentives for creative individuals to develop their ideas in the MSC," she said here today.

She had earlier taken part in a dialogue on Cyber Policies for the Coming Cyber Century: Implications of the Information Technology Agreement for Malaysia and the MSC.

The dialogue was organised by the National Information Technology Council, Mimos Bhd, United States Information Service and the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations.

Also present were Mimos chief executive officer and president Tengku Datuk Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen and IDFR's director-general Ambassador Ahmad Fuzi Abdul Razak as well as senior government officials and private sector executives.

The IAP, chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, was formed early this year to counsel the development of MSC.

Dougan is the senior adviser to the United States Center for Strategic and International Studies and chairman of the International Communications Studies Programme.

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