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PM TO SPEAK ON MSC IN BIGGEST TELECONFERENCING LINK-UP

KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (Bernama) -- In the biggest ever teleconferencing link-up in the country, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will reach out to an expected audience of 13,000 to promote the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) tomorrow.

The teleconference, which covers the length and breadth of the country, will be attended by a cross-section of Menteri Besar, Chief Ministers, senior government officials, teachers, parents and students.

It will link up 28 locations from Kangar to Tawau, said a Prime Minister's Department (JPM) official today.

Fifteen of the locations will be interactive allowing participants to pose questions to Dr Mahathir. Those at the remaining 13 locations will be able to follow the hour-long session.

Dr Mahathir will be speaking from the JPM conference room. He is expected to deliver a 30-minute briefing on the MSC before taking questions.

This is the first time the Prime Minister is holding a nation-wide dialogue using the multimedia application. Dr Mahathir will be speaking on the concept of MSC, its purpose and future.

The teleconference is arranged by Telekom Malaysia Bhd.

Ten of the locations will be in Selangor, four in Sarawak, two in Sabah while there will be one each in the other states.

In Selangor, the teleconference will be held at the Dewan Jubli Perak in Shah Alam and the district councils in Klang, Subang Jaya, Gombak, Kuala Kubu Baru, Bangi, Kuala Selangor, Sabak Bernam, Banting and Sepang (interactive).

Selangor will be represented by either State Assembly Speaker Datuk Onn Ismail or State Secretary Haji Hashim Meon since Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib has resigned as Menteri Besar.

The four in Sarawak are Dewan Suarrah (interactive), ITM Kuching, Sibul Civic Centre and Miri Civic Centre.

In Sabah, the teleconference will take place at Wisma Muis in Kota Kinabalu (interactive) and the Tawau library.

The remaining locations which are all interactive are JPM, Wisma Negeri (Alor Setar), Royal Casuarina Hotel (Ipoh), Kompleks Islam (Johor Baharu), State Secretariat (Kota Baharu), Dewan Besar Warisan (Kangar), Kompleks Belia Mahkota (Kuantan), Wisma Darul Iman (Kuala Terengganu), Labuan Financial Park, Ramada Renaissance Hotel (Melaka), Equatorial Hotel (Pulau Pinang), Seremban Municipal Council.

The MSC, which covers a 15km by 50km area south of Kuala Lumpur, is targeted to be an international multimedia hub that will propel Malaysia towards its goal of becoming a developed country by the year 2020.

Dr Mahathir has been aggressively promoting the MSC in Japan and the United States where he has gained the support of leading edge computer hardware and software companies including Microsoft which will be setting up its regional headquarters here -- BERNAMA

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