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BILL GATES MEETS DR MAHATHIR, CABINET MINISTERS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 18 (Bernama) -- Microsoft's chairman and CEO Bill Gates met the Malaysian Cabinet at the Prime Minister's Department here today where he briefed them on the electronic government concept.

The 42-year old who topped the Forbes list of richest men for 1996 and 1997 from his world-wide software empire, spoke on the "Digital's Nervous System in the Government".

Gates, a member of the International Advisory Panel of the Multimedia Super Corridor's (MSC), is here to address some 3,000 people at the Microsoft Connected Community Conference: Technology for Government, Business, Education and Societies held at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

He is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is also IAP's chairman and the primary force behind the MSC. Gates is also scheduled to attend the launching of the Malaysian Young Programmers Club this afternoon.

The MSC is a 15 by 50 km area south of Kuala Lumpur, designated as a hub for the development of multimedia products and services.

This is Gates' second visit to Malaysia. He was here in 1995. --  
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