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BILL GATES MEETS DR MAHATHIR, CABINET MINISTERS (With pix)

KUALA LUMPUR, March 18 (Bernama) -- Microsoft's chairman and CEO Bill Gates met the Malaysian Cabinet at the Prime Minister's Department here today.

The 42-year old who topped the Forbes list of richest men for 1996 and 1997 from his world-wide software empire, is expected to brief the Cabinet on his latest ideas on information technologies.

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.--BERNAMA

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