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M'SIA GOOD PLACE TO UNVEIL Y2K SOLUTION, SAYS INVENTOR

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- The inventor of a solution to the Year 2000 computer (Y2K) problem, a methodology called Chanakya, today described Malaysia as a good place to unveil it to the world as the country has a vision of becoming a leading purveyor of information technology (IT).

India's S. Jayaprasannaraj said Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project was a fine example of Malaysia's development effort and should propel Malaysia further in the IT field.

The MSC is a 750 square km area south of here which is being developed as a hub for multimedia products and applications.

"We are making a request to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over making Malaysia a launchpad for Chanakya, together with India," he told reporters at a seminar to explain the workings of the solution, here.

The Y2K problem will affect the computing environment as with the end of the century, computers would no longer be able to differentiate one century from the other with the last two digits of the year.

Jayaprasannaraj, a 44-year old chartered accountant turned Y2K analyst, said said Chanakya, which took about two years to develop, was a cost-effective and time-saving solution.

He described Chanakya as a totally platform, language or format independent and was not based on any technique that contemplated adding century values.

Deputy Information Minister Datuk Sulaiman Mohamed when opening the seminar said Malaysians should embrace IT if they were not to be left behind in the global community.

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