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Companies assured of quality telecoms services

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THE services provided by Telekom Malaysia Bhd to all companies registered with the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) are compatible with other telecommunication providers around the world.

Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister Datuk Leo Moggie said the tariffs imposed on MSC-status companies are different from that of other companies operating outside the MSC.

"We provide cheaper prices for these companies but in terms of quality and cost, it is still very much competitive," he told reporters after visiting exhibition booths at the 3rd Multimedia Asia '98 (MMA '98) exhibition and conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He also said the National Information Technology agenda is not only focusing on technology but also different social aspects.

"And that is why most of the new line-up for the three-year term beginning next year includes a journalist, social welfare advocates and university professors," he said.

This, he said, underscores the priority given to "community interest" sector, in addition to the public and private sectors.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is the chairman of the National Information Technology Council (NITC) while Mimos Bhd's chief executive officer Tengku Datuk Dr Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen is its secretary.

Dr Mahathir had said that the Government is expected to surpass the target of getting 200 MSC-status companies by the year 2000 as there were already 175 MSC-status companies with investments worth more than RM3 billion. Of these, 109 are already in operation.

The four-day MMA '98 is being held from September 29 at the Mines Exhibition Centre, Sungai Besi.

Hosted by NITC, it is staged in tandem with the Government's decree that the MSC be designated as the nation's engine of growth for the new millennium.

The event's co-organisers are Mimos Bhd, Multimedia Development Corp Bhd and Telekom Malaysia Bhd.

The theme for the MMA '98 is "Moving MSC from Vision To Reality: Developing a Content-Rich Community".

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