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Hewlett-Packard chief to meet Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Hewlett-Packard president Lewis Platt will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on March 24 to discuss the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor.

Platt, who is also the company's chief executive officer, did not attend the MSC's second International Advisory Panel meeting in Cyberjaya last month.

A spokesman for Hewlett-Packard Sales (M) Sdn Bhd said Platt, whose sole purpose for the visit was to assure Dr Mahathir of his "strict commitment" to the MSC, would not be making a public appearance.

HP vice-president and general manager (marketing and operations) Alex Sozonoff, who represented him at the IAP meeting, had announced Platt's desire for a personal appointment with Dr Mahathir.

Hewlett-Packard, which has been in Malaysia for 25 years, has about RM5 million in investments in two MSC joint-venture companies.

Platt, 57, joined Hewlett-Packard's former Medical Division in 1966, holding various management positions in its manufacturing, medical, analytical and technical systems sectors during his first 20 years with the company.

In 1988, he was appointed head of the former Computer Products Sector and, in 1990, head of the former Computer Systems Organisation and in 1992 was elected president and CEO upon the retirement of HP co-founder David Packard.

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