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Hewlett Packard chief to meet PM in March

CYBERJAYA, Fri. - Hewlett Packard president Lewis Platt will visit Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in March to discuss the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor, among other things.

Platt, a member of the MSC's International Advisory Panel, was unable to attend the IAP meeting which began yesterday, but hoped to arrange an individual appointment with Dr Mahathir, HP vice president and general manager (marketing and operations) Alex Sozonoff, said today.

Sozonoff, who represented Platt at the IAP meeting, said the MSC was on track towards becoming a thriving technological hub, but its companies faced the challenge of maintaining their flexibility while thinking in the long term.

"I came with a bit of apprehension about the impact of the economic and currency problems, not only in Malaysia but in the region.

"But after meeting with Dr Mahathir and personally witnessing his commitment and determination to make the MSC a success, my apprehension disappeared," he said in a meet-the-Press session at the Cyberview Lodge.

Sozonoff said one sign of the realisation of the MSC vision, was the upcoming completion of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport project in Sepang, scheduled for April.

He added that investments in the MSC should not be seen purely in monetary terms but in technological terms.

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

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