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INFOTECH M'SIA/ITX'98 TO PROMOTE NATIONAL IT AGENDA

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- The National Information Technology Council (NITC) and Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia (PIKOM) will again hold an information technology (IT) conference and exhibition "INFOTECH Malaysia/ITX '98" in an effort to promote the national IT agenda.

The four-day event beginning April 21 will be held at the Putra World Trade Centre, NITC said in a statement today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also chairman of the NITC, is expected to deliver a keynote address at the launching.

INFOTECH Malaysia, held since 1995, will bring together decision makers from the public, private, non-profit sector and the media to discuss national issues and its directions pertaining to the national IT development.

Permanent secretary to NITC, Tengku Datuk Dr Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen described INFOTECH Malaysia as a "reporting card" which outlines the progress and development of the national IT agenda at national, state and local levels.

"Like in the previous years, the forthcoming INFOTECH Malaysia will act as a platform for both local and international visionaries to present their views and identify key issues and challenges that will be faced in the operationalisation of the national IT agenda," he said.

The conference will also relay feedback successes in the development and implementation of IT innovations including the Demonstrator Applications, he said.

The conference is expected to attract more than 1,000 participants.

In conjunction with the conference, the ITX'98 show will be held again, for the ninth year. The four-day event, also beginning April 21 is expected to attract more than 40,000 visitors. -- BERNAMA

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