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LOCAL COMPANIES SHOULD USE MSC- DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today local companies should make use of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) as a place to test out their information technology systems and services before bringing these to the international market.

The Prime Minister said local companies should not be left behind in the use of the MSC which provided the infrastructure for renowned foreign companies to test out their systems.

"This is the government's hope," he said when launching the Metro Vision Television's website "MetroVisionews on the Net" here.

Dr Mahathir said many local companies planned to set up their respective laboratories at the MSC.

"They have displayed extraordinary capabilities in the area of information technology," he said.

The MSC is a 750 square kilometre area stretching from the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) to the KL International Airport in Sepang and is a dedicated hub for the development of multimedia products and services.

Dr Mahathir said by using the MSC as a testbed for their products, unique local technology inventions could be displayed to the world and ultimately marketed.

"The MSC will provide ample opportunities to many companies," he said.

The Prime Minister also recalled the recent abuse of the Internet to spread rumours about riots in the Chow Kit area here.

He said with true and credible information on the Internet such rumours could be nailed.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysians staying overseas could also obtain correct information on their country through such Internet services.

The Prime Minister said Metro Vision should provide good service and safeguard its news credibility so that the public would have confidence and trust in it.

The news service on the Internet could help resolve the problem of lack of information and news about Malaysia faced by its citizens overseas, he added.

"Metrovisionews on the Net" is freely available to Internet users and is expected to be well received by Malaysians overseas including diplomatic and trade missions, airline companies, tourists and students.

Metro Visions's news in Bahasa Malaysia and English can be accessed via <http://Visionews.com>. on the Internet.

Metro Vision Managing Director Sabri A. Rahman said apart from news, the website would be expanded with programmes such as documentaries and forums.

The Metro Vision website would also carry the National Day celebrations centered in Pulau Pinang and the 16th Commonwealth Games.

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