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MONITORING YEAR 2000 READINESS AMONG MALAYSIAN COMPANIES

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Ministry has been directed by the Cabinet to monitor Year 2000 or Y2K readiness among Malaysian companies, its minister Datuk Leo Moggie said today.

He said the Cabinet last Wednesday had asked the ministry to assess the state of readiness of Malaysian companies in facing the Y2K or "millennium bug" problem.

The Cabinet also wanted to know what steps they had taken to address the problem, he told reporters after attending Kongsu-Raya at his ministry here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, when chairing the sixth meeting of the National Information Technology Council (NITC) last month, had expressed concern over the lack of urgency among small and medium scale companies in the country in tackling the Y2K problem.

"We have only two more years to go...and if they don't do it, they will face serious problem," Dr Mahathir had said.

Moggie also said the formulation of a bill on the Multimedia Amalgamation Act was in the final stage and most likely would be tabled in parliament next month. --BERNAMA

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