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Mahathir-MSC  
MSC CONCEPT GOING WORLDWIDE

PETALING JAYA, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight many countries are now talking of having their own version of Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

He said he was quite sure that they would succeed in their mission.

Speaking at the Asocio-Pikom dinner here, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia was willing to share its knowledge on the MSC with those countries.

"We believe they will also share theirs", said Dr Mahathir who earlier received the Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organisation (Asocio) 1998 award.

Pikom is the Association of Computer Industry Malaysia.

Describing the MSC as one of the unique plans the world have, Dr Mahathir said the MSC was now much talked about by the international community.

Dr Mahathir said the government had allocated a large some of money to develop the Information Technology industry.

He said he did not know what he was letting himself into when the MSC was proposed but he was very glad that the idea, put forward by IT experts in the the country including by Mimos President Tengku Datuk Dr Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen, had actually been realised.

On Internet, Dr Mahathir said it was unfortunate that such a powerful medium that could educate the people and make them better humans was being abused.

"They are those who abuse the most beautiful creation in the world because of distortion in their thinking," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he hoped that such people were only the minority group.

On the award, the Prime Minister thanked Asocio for honouring him. "I don't think I deserve it but I would like to accept it, not only for myself but on behalf of all those who made MSC a reality."

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