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Muslim prayers on CD-ROM available soon in English, Bahasa

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - A CD-ROM on 15 daily Muslim prayers will soon be available in English and Bahasa Malaysia at a comparatively affordable price - RM49.90.

The CD-ROM's developer, Soft-H Multimedia Sdn Bhd, said it had also received inquiries from more than 30 distributors from all over the world to market the software, "Daily Doa and Muslim Manners".

"Although targeted at children, the CD-ROM is also suitable for adults, including converts, and we have inquiries from as far as Europe and the United States," the company's general manager Hailan Abdul Hamid said today.

Soft-H Multimedia will introduce the CD-ROM at the ITX '98 exhibition at the Putra World Trade Centre, together with a preview of an upgraded version of its first software, "Smatjawi", which teaches basics of the jawi script.

"Smatjawi" won the Multimedia Asia '96 exhibition's "Creative Unlimited Media" competition when it was introduced.

Hailan said it was important that more software and Internet content be developed with elements of local culture and values as it would help more Malaysians familiarise themselves with IT.

"It is important that Malaysians, especially the young, be able to use the world's most advanced medium - IT and the Internet - and associate its content with Malaysia instead of the West."

Soft-H Multimedia will also be organising its second annual public IT and multimedia awareness campaign beginning September.

Hailan said he hoped to reach more people this year with the help of sponsors and was also willing to give free talk and training on IT if invited, as many people had told him that such training outside the Klang Valley was "too expensive".

Soft-H Multimedia can be contacted at 03-7828513, fax 03-7803812 or e-mail softh@po.jaring.my.

The company is among the local innovators, product developers and brands showcased at ITX '98. More than 40,000 visitors are expected at the exhibition, from April 21 to 24.

The exhibition is held in conjunction with Infotech Malaysia, a national-level dialogue with more than 1,000 participants from the public, private and non-profit sectors discussing IT-related issues.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the event.

It is organised by the National IT Council and the Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia (Pikom), with the New Straits Times, Berita Harian, Computimes, Berita Komputer and Sin Chew Jit Poh as the official media.

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