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OHMAE SAYS NO REASON FOR HIM TO QUIT IAP

CYBERJAYA, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Dr Kenichi Ohmae, a concept developer of Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), said today he is committed to the success of the MSC and it is "unimaginable" of him resigning from the MSC's International Advisory Panel (IAP).

"I'm one of MSC's original concept developers and there is no reason for me to quit from IAP," he told reporters after seeing off Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who had earlier performed the topping-out ceremony for Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation's (NTT) MSC Centre, here.

Dr Ohmae said he had no idea how the Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER) got the impression that he had resigned from the IAP as reported by the magazine in its November issue.

"It was a surprise to me. The rumours of my resignation originated from the magazine's article. I was shocked to receive many telephone calls and requests for interviews from Malaysia and other Asian countries," he said.

Dr Ohmae, an Information Technology consultant and a renowned writer, said he was in constant contact with Dr Mahathir.

"I'm committed to MSC as I was deeply involved in the selection of IAP members," he said.

Dr Ohmae, however, said another IAP member, Alvin Toffler, a renowned futurist, had expressed his unhappiness over the media reports on Dr Munawar Anees, who was sentenced to six months' jail for allowing himself to be sodomised by former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"Although Toffler has described Anees as his friend, it doesn't mean he will resign from IAP.

"I spoke to him over the phone. I wanted Toffler to speak to Dr Mahathir but unfortunately they did not, but they did write to each other. Toffler has not resign," he said.

Dr Ohmae also said the IAP might hold its next meeting in June or July next year as many of the infrastructure projects in the MSC including the Multimedia University would be completed by then.

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