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TALKS WITH WORLD BANK FOR AID TO DEAL WITH Y2K BUG

SHAH ALAM, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- The government is asking the World Bank for allocation to help local companies deal with the Y2K problem, Energy, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Leo Moggie said today.

He said this would be an addition to the RM100 million allocation to deal with the problem announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently.

Moggie said the government planned to set up a special secretariat to monitor the Y2K problem in the country and sought a fast remedy using the World Bank allocation.

"This additional allocation is to enable the small and medium scale companies to carry out their own research on the Y2K problem," he said after witnessing the signing of a cooperation agreement between NetCard Corporation Bhd and Sirim Bhd.

The agreement is for cooperation to develop integrated multimedia electronic kiosk for local and international market.

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