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TOFFLER NOT RESIGNING FROM IAP, SAYS MDC CEO

CYBERJAYA, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- Futurist Alvin Toffler has clarified in a written statement that he has not resigned from the Multimedia Super Corridor's (MSC) International Advisory Panel (IAP).

In confirming this, Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah, the chief executive officer of Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC), the MSC's administrator, said Toffler has written to say that he is still a member of the IAP.

"He has indicated that he has not resigned, (and) we respect his stand. As far as we are concerned, if a person has not resigned, he is still a member," he told a press conference after launching Arthur Andersen's Advanced Technology Group Asia Pacific office here today.

"It is also not a question of sacking," he replied when asked to comment that Toffler's name appeared to have been erased from a website which contained a list of all the IAP members.

Toffler, the founder of Toffler & Associates and known as a management guru, is one of 44 IAP members who had confirmed their participation.

The IAP members had been given the task of mapping out the overall strategy for further development of the MSC, a 50-by-50 km triangular-shaped multimedia development hub connecting the Kuala Lumpur City Centre, the new government administration centre (Putrajaya) and the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Sepang.

In a related development, Othman Yeop also announced the MDC's intention of appointing new members for IAP.

He had raised the matter with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in getting representatives from Australia and India.

He also proposed that the third IAP meeting be held in July instead of February so that it could be held when a number of information technology projects had taken off. off. -- BERNAMA

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