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DR MAHATHIR LAUNCHES NTT MSC CENTRE

CYBERJAYA, July 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today opened the NTT MSC Centre, a research and development facility here which will draw on its Japanese parent's global information technology and communication expertise to support Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

The company behind the centre, NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan's NTT Communications Corporation. The Corporation is a core member of NTT or Nippon Telegraph and Telephone, Japan's giant telecommunications group.

The centre is the first MSC status facility to begin operating in Cyberjaya.

The NTT MSC Centre, equipped with a sophisticated R&D laboratory and other modern facilities, is NTT's first research centre outside Japan and the United States.

The double-storey complex with a built-up area of 3,900 sq m, is constructed on a six-hectare site owned by NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, the first company to obtain the MSC status accreditation.

It carries out joint R&D with local universities and telecommunication operators based on its strong relationship with local researchers.

The centre is already working closely with relevant bodies on various projects, including artificial translation from Bahasa Malaysia to English, Japanese and Chinese and research on the next Internet generation.

The NTT MSC serves as many as 1,500 Japanese firms operating in Kuala Lumpur and Pulau Pinang.

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