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LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT IN MSC PROJECT

PUTRAJAYA, July 7 (Bernama) -- Lucent Technologies is reaffirming its commitment in the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) by expanding its presence in the Multimedia University and putting in financial resources to develop a new open architecture network.

Ben Verwaayan, Lucent Technologies executive vice president and chief operating officer, conveyed this to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during their half-an-hour meeting at the latter's office here today.

Verwaayan told reporters after the meeting that the company's programme in the Multimedia University has been successful and it will now move towards getting the best initiatives for the institution.

He said the visiting professors from Bell Laboratories sent by Lucent Technologies to the university were collaborating with students on three patent, which are related to conceptual design in the areas of communications.

On the networks, Lucent Technologies will discuss with telecommunication operators in Malaysia to develop a concept whereby voice, data and video technology as a transport network will be enriched by all forms of applications, he added.

"It will be developed by Malaysian technicians and companies, by installing open architecture network that allows anyone to use the network to create their own service."

Verwaayan, who attended the second MSC's International Advisory Panel meeting last year, said he is looking forward to attending the third meeting which starts tomorrow.

"We strongly believe what's going in MSC is important to Malaysia, the rest of the world and Lucent Technologies," he said.

Verwaayan said Lucent Technologies had seen new initiatives being carried out in the project and the progress that has been made in the last couple of months has given evidence that the company's expansion into the project is progressing.

He said the progress was also a clear sign of economic recovery in the country. -- BERNAMA

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