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Panel

MAHATHIR CHAIRS SECOND DAY OF MSC PANEL SESSION

CYBERJAYA, July 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today presided over a networking session between the Multimedia Super Corridor International Advisory Panel and Malaysian officials here.

The panel, comprising key names in the IT industry, and the government officials, including Cabinet ministers, discussed the progress of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project.

Earlier, panel members visited Taman Wetland Putrajaya -- a water catchment which serves as a natural system controlling siltation, pollution and preserving the ecology of wetlands in the MSC.

They are scheduled to have one-to-one meetings with the prime minister who is IAP chairman later today and tomorrow.

The three-day MSC-IAP gathering, the third meeting so far, ends tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir will also open the Multimedia University (MMU), the Web-Shapers Exhibition, Technology Showcase of MSC-Status Companies and the NTT MSC Centre today.

The university, offering courses of various multimedia disciplines, is projected to have an enrolment of 6,000 by the year 2003.

The web-shapers exhibition will display collaborative efforts in research and development (R&D) between the MMU and companies such as IBM, Alcatel, Silicone Graphics, Lotus, NTT, Intel, Ericsson, Siemens and Lucent Technologies.

The technology showcase by MSC-status companies meanwhile will keep the public abreast with the latest development in multimedia technology.

The NTT MSC Centre is Japan's Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp's second largest R&D facility in the world after NTT America.

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