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NTT MSC Centre to draw on group's expertise

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THE NTT MSC Centre in Cyberjaya will draw on the NTT Group's global information technology (IT) and communications expertise to support the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

"It is our company's desire to support the realisation of the MSC concept through the activities of this centre," said NTT Corp president Junichiro Miyazu yesterday.

The facility will ensure that Malaysia benefits from a substantial transfer of NTT Group's technology by capitalising on the group's synergies to acquire advanced skills and solutions.

He was speaking at the opening of the centre by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, wholly-owned subsidiary of NTT Communications Corp of Japan, is the first foreign company to begin operations in the nerve centre of the MSC, Cyberjaya.

The centre is equipped with a sophisticated research and development (R and D) laboratory, the group's second biggest such facility outside Japan. The double-storey complex, with a built-up area of 3,900 sq m, is built on a 6ha site owned by the company.

Miyazu said NTT MSC will take full advantage of the MSC's multi-cultural environment to focus on applications like multi-lingual websites to effect cross-cultural e-commerce in the region.

"We will work closely with universities and technical institutions to lead and boost multimedia-related R and D activities in this region.

"We hope to be of assistance to multinational companies setting up and operating in the region, including MSC-status companies, by providing Total Network Solutions," he added.

About 80 staff members of various nationalities and specialities in the centre's R and D and business departments will take advantage of quality MSC infrastructure to carry out their activities, said Miyazu.

He also suggested that a liberal policy be pursued to promote an open and transparent business environment as stipulated in the Bill of Guarantees.

Miyazu expressed confidence that the research centre will enhance international confidence in the MSC and encourage major players in the global IT and communications industry to use Malaysia as their regional base.

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