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NTT unit to help encourage inflow of funds

THE NTT MSC Centre in Cyberjaya, the headquarters of NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, is expected to encourage a substantial inflow of new foreign investment to Malaysia's Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) project.

The new centre also earns the distinction of being the first office complex-cum research and development facility to be fully operational in the MSC headquarters in Cyberjaya.

NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan's telecommunications giant Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp, relocated into its new headquarters in mid-June. The double-storey complex was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last Friday.

NTT MSC president and chief executive Akio Hotta said the office complex is equipped with the world's most advanced facilities, including a sophisticated research and development laboratory and is the first outside Japan and the US.

He said the complex marks the beginning of a long-term commitment to the MSC project, adding that NTT believes the MSC will make Malaysia the leading regional hub to provide IT, multimedia and communications linkages globally in the new millennium.

Hotta said he is confident the NTT MSC Centre will enhance international confidence in the MSC as well as encourage major foreign players in IT and the communications industry to use Malaysia as their regional base.

Hotta added that he is confident that the establishment of the NTT MSC Centre in Malaysia would enable his company to achieve two key objectives - to continuously carry out NTT global research and development, and to enhance business opportunities in the region via the MSC in virtual technology.

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