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24 KEY PERSONALITIES TO ATTEND THIRD MSC IAP MEETING

CYBERJAYA, June 22 (Bernama) -- The Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (MDC) said 24 key personalities in the information technology (IT) industry will attend the Third Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) International Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting to be held here in July.

MDC executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah said 13 IAP members had confirmed their attendance while another 11 will send their senior officials to attend the 3-day event which is scheduled for July 8-10.

It is a good attendance although the number of participants fell by one to 24, he said, adding that its success will depend on the discussions that will take place.

Two new faces in the IAP who will be attending the meeting are Dr Terry Cutler, director of Cutler & Company from Australia, and Professor Wang Xuan, director of Peking University, Dr Othman said at a press conference on the meeting here today.

There are several other new faces in the IAP who are unable to attend the meeting, he said.

They are John Morgridge, founder and chairman of Cisco Systems; Sven-Christer Nilsson, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Ericsson; Benjamin Rosen, chairman of the board, Compaq Computer Corporation; Jeffrey Papows, president and CEO, Lotus Development Corporation; and Richard Brown, chairman and CEO, EDS Corporation.

The regulars are Dr Stan Shih, chairman and CEO of Acer Incorporated; Serge Tchuruk, chairman and CEO of Alcatel Alsthom; and Bob Bishop, chairman of Silicon Graphic World Trade Corporation.

Other IAP members who had confirmed their participation are Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of British Telecom; Tadashi Sekizawa, chairman of Fujitsu Limited; Lewis Platt, chairman, president and CEO of Hewlett Packard; Bon-Moo Koo, chairman of LG Chemicals and LG Electronics; Ben Verwaayen, CEO of Lucent Technologies; Jun-Ichiro Miyazu, president, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation; Robert Madge, chairman and CEO, Madge Networks Limited; and Dr Tadahiro Sekimoto, senior member of the board of directors, NEC Corporation.

Those attending as observers are David Masing, vice-president of Technology and Manufacturing Group of Intel Corporation; Pieter Knook, Microsoft's vice-president for Asia; Michael V. Connors, senior vice-president of Asia-Pacific Region of Motion Picture Association; C.D. Tam, executive vice-president and president of Asia-Pacific of Motorola; Kari Ohala, senior vice-president for South East Asia Pacific of Nokia; Masanobu Suzuki, president of NTT Communications; Derek Williams, senior vice-president for Asia-Pacific of Oracle; Jeremy Penn, Reuters' managing director for Asia; Dr Roland Koch, member of managing board of Siemens AG; and John Cage, chief scientist of Sun Microsystems.

On the position of Alvin Toffler, founder of Toffler & Associates, Dr Othman said he remained a member of the IAP despite his critical views on the government regarding the handling of the case of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

On whether MDC would request Toffler to stop his statements on the government, Dr Othman said: "Why should we? It is his personal view."

On Kenichi Ohmae, management consultant of Ohmae & Associates, he said Ohmae was unable to attend as he was indisposed after being involved in an

accident.

Dr Othman said this year's meeting coincides with the opening of Cyberjaya on July 8, which will be officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad 45 minutes before the IAP meeting.

He said the agenda on the first day includes discussions on the progress of the MSC and a revisit of policies pertaining to the project, apart from E-Commerce and Cyberlaws and the future direction of MSC.

On the second day, he said there will be a networking session between the participants and key Malaysian ministers and senior government officials.

He said the Third IAP meeting was initially scheduled for February this year but was deferred to July to enable members to see for themselves the progress of the MSC. -- BERNAMA

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