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TOP IT LEADERS CALLS ON DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, July 7 (Bernama) -- Lucent Technologies Inc chief operating officer Ben Verwaayen and Sun Microsystems chief researcher and science office director John Cage today called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here.

Verwaayen and Cage, who met Dr Mahathir separately, are here to attend the three-day Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) International Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting in Cyberjaya beginning tomorrow.

Lucent Technologies, among other things, designs and manufactures systems and software for network operators and service providers of international voice, data and video services and cable service.

For the six months ended March this year its revenue rose by 17 per cent to US\$17.48 billion.

Sun Microsystems, the American hardware and software giant, is the first company to be given the MSC status.

Its revenues rose 19 per cent to US\$8.21 billion for the nine months ended March this year.

The IAP, comprising multimedia industry leaders and gurus, advises the government on the MSC, a 750 sq km area located between the Kuala Lumpur City Centre and the KL International Airport in Sepang.

The MSC is designated as a hub for the development of multimedia products and services.

Twenty-four key personalities in the Information Technology (IT) industry are expected to attend the third IAP meeting.

Dr Mahathir said yesterday that the meeting would re-evaluate the progress of the MSC project.

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