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IAP-MEETING
DR MAHATHIR CHAIRS MSC'S 4TH IAP MEETING

CYBERJAYA, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- The Multimedia Super Corridor's (MSC) fourth International Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting commenced this morning with an opening remark by its chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Prime Minister delivered his address in a closed-door session, held at the Multimedia Development Corporation's (MDC) headquarters here soon after a group photography session.

This was followed by an open discussion and a briefing by the MDC chairman and IAP secretary Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah, who updated the panelists on the progress of the MSC.

The IAP meeting is attended by high-powered information technology (IT) officials who have been specially invited to share ideas and advices on the MSC project.

Dr Mahathir is scheduled to conduct one-on-one meetings with the IAP members in two sessions over the next two days.

In conjunction with the IAP meeting, a two-day business summit called the Second MSC-IAP Multimedia Business Summit 2000 would also be held.

The summit, starting tomorrow, would be officiated by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The highlight of the IAP meeting would be the launch of the Entertainment Village (E-Village) studio in Dengkil, on the fringe of Cyberjaya tomorrow evening.

E-Village is a private sector's initiative backed by MDC to develop a world class film, television and multimedia studio production and post-production facilities.

There will also be a three-day exposition to be held at the M.I.N.E.S. Exposition and Convention Centre in Seri Kembangan near Kuala Lumpur that will showcase technologies and solution providers in the MSC flagship applications.

Dr Mahathir would officiate the MSC Expo tomorrow morning.

Among the 29 IAP members attending this year's meeting are Acer Group chairman and chief executive officer Datuk Dr Stan Shih, Silicon Graphics Inc. chairman and chief executive officer Bob Bishop and Fujitsu Ltd chairman Tadashi Sekizawa.

MSC is a 750 sq km zone, south of Kuala Lumpur, designated as a hub for the development of multimedia products and services.

MDC is a high-powered "one-stop shop", wholly focused on ensuring the success of the MSC and the companies operating in it. -- BERNAMA

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