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FUJITSU WILL HOUSE ITS MSC STATUS COMPANIES IN CYBERJAYA

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Fujitsu Limited, one of the world's leading information technology and telecommunications company, would house its two Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC)-status companies in a building in Cyberjaya early next year to facilitate its investments in the MSC project.

The building, now under construction, would be utilised for research and development in the area of electronic government (e-government) and telecommunications, chairman Tadashi Sekizawa said at Seri Kembangan near here today.

Fujitsu's MSC-status company, Fujitsu (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd is a member of a consortium that has been awarded the project monitoring system (PMS), one of the five pilot projects under the electronic government flagship applications of the MSC.

Speaking to the media, Sekizawa said PMS is tailor-made for Malaysia and is being closely monitored by other Asian governments as it is the first to be implemented in the region.

Sekizawa is here to attend the three-day MSC's 4th International Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting which began yesterday. The meeting which grouped together high-powered information Tehcnology (IT) officials around the world ends tomorrow.

PMS is a new mechanism to monitor the implementation of development projects under the five-year Malaysia Development Plan.

The scope of PMS covers three aspects namely applications, data and communication with the aim of upgrading efficiency and effectiveness of project management.

Sekizawa said that e-government would benefit the country if government employees and Malaysian citizens take full advantage of PMS.

While the PMS project would keep Fujitsu busy, the company would like to contribute to other projects aimed at expanding e-government.

Fujitsu is also looking at helping the government in the area of networking infrastructure through Fujitsu Malaysia and its second MSC-status company Fujitsu Telecommunications Asia Sdn Bhd.

Fujitsu Telecommunications Asia is involved in telecommunications consultation, development and customer support to cater for market in Malaysia and the whole of Asia.

Sekizawa said Fujitsu's investment and commitment in the MSC is not limited to only e-government and telecommunications.

The company is also helping to upgrade the level of IT and to raise the number of IT skilled workers in the country.

In a partnership with Multimedia University, Fujitsu has a programme where it seconded personnel as visiting fellow at the Multimedia University (MMU), who teaches short courses in telecommunications technology.

MMU, with campuses in Cyberjaya and Melaka, was established to support MSC like the Stanford University in the Silicon Valley.

Aimed at promoting entrepreneurship in cyberspace and creating jobs with IT skills, the university produces graduates in both technological and business skills.

Sekizawa said Fujitsu's assistance in MMU was at the request of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during a one-to-one meeting he had with him at last year's IAP meeting. -- BERNAMA

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