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## Indonesians planning multimedia industry

A FIVE-MEMBER consortium of Indonesian information technology companies and organisations is seeking to collaborate with Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd to develop a multimedia industry there. Through the collaboration, the consortium will also explore ways to establish projects similar to the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) in Indonesia.

The consortium comprises Institut Teknologi Bandung, PT Indosat Tbk, PT Sisindosat, Yayasan Ilmu Pengetahuan & Teknologi Indonesia and PT Krakatua Information Technology.

The two parties will be signing a memorandum of understanding tomorrow in Jakarta.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to witness the signing.

MDC senior vice-president Dr Mohamed Arif Nun said the MoU would enable the two parties to work together in setting up a "MSC" project in Indonesia.

He said the collaboration would initially focus on the development of e-commerce, e-government and smart schools in Indonesia.

"We will be sending a delegation to Indonesia in April to work on the details of the areas of development," he said at a Press conference in Cyberjaya yesterday.

The delegation will comprise Malaysian IT companies, including the Association of Computer Industry Malaysia (Pikom).

MDC executive chairman Tan Sri Othman Yeop Abdullah would be leading the delegation, he said.

Mohamed Arif said the serious interest shown by Indonesia dispelled the recent criticisms directed at MSC.

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