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IT bigwigs in Malaysia for IAP meeting

THE Multimedia Super Corridor International Advisory Panel (IAP) began their 4th meeting yesterday with opening remarks by its chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Prime Minister delivered his address in a closed-door session at Multimedia Development Corp's headquarters in Cyberjaya 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 Prime Minister is scheduled to conduct one-on-one meetings with the IAP members in two sessions today and tomorrow.

Last evening, Dr Mahathir hosted a dinner for the IAP members at his official residence, Sri Perdana, in Putrajaya.

Among those present were Acer Group chairman and chief executive officer Datuk Dr Stan Shih, Silicon Graphics Inc chairman and chief executive officer Bob Bishop, Fujitsu Ltd chairman Tadashi Sekizawa and Othman Yeop.

Also present were the Prime Minister's wife, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and wife Datin Seri Endon Datuk Mahmood and some Cabinet ministers.

Before the dinner, the IAP members were taken to the balcony of Sri Perdana for a view of the Federal Government Administrative Centre which was brightly lit up.

During dinner, the guests were entertained by the Petronas Performance Arts Group and singers Yusni Hamid and Salimah Mahmood.

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