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MDC-Agreement
MDC FORGES LINKS WITH EGYPT

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CAIRO, June 21 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) and the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt have agreed to cooperate in a variety of IT-related fields.

They will work together in the development of cyberlaws and e-commerce as well as facilitating the growth of small- to medium-sized IT enterprises.

In an agreement signed here yesterday, the two sides will also initiate efforts to improve market access into Asia, Africa and the Middle East via the two countries.

MDC executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah signed the agreement on behalf of the corporation, while the Egyptian side was represented by its Minister Dr Ahmed Muhammed Nazif.

It was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Egyptian counterpart Dr Atef Ebeid.

The two sides will also develop Egyptian smart schools to be linked with the Global Schools Network, MDC said in a statement.

The Malaysian agency is mandated by the Malaysian government to facilitate the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

Another agreement to identify co-investment opportunities in IT, multimedia and content development was signed between Entertainment Village Sdn Bhd (EVSB) and Egypt Media Production City Company (EMPC).

The agreement was signed by Tan Sri Dr Awang Had Salleh on behalf of EVSB and Abdul Rahman Al-Hafez for EPMC.

Dr Othman said the two agreements would pave the way for closer collaboration between Malaysia and Egypt in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

"This marks the beginning of a new chapter in an already long established relationship between the two nations, capitalizing the strengths of the MSC and that of Egypt's ICT industries," he said.

"It is also another positive step in line with MSC's goal of building bridges and forging links with other IT initiatives throughout the world," he said.

Dr Othman said the agreements were also important in ensuring that developing countries such as Malaysia and Egypt took advantage of each other's expertise in the Knowledge Economy.

MDC has similar collaborations with other parties in countries such as Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

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