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November date for Nobel laureate's talk

PUTRAJAYA, Sat. - Malaysian technology experts and IT industry players will have a peep into the future when 1999 Nobel laureate Horst Stormer addresses a technology forum here in November.

Lucent Technologies Inc vice-chairman Ben Verwaayen said today it would be a great opportunity for Malaysians to listen to what Stormer has to say about the ever changing IT world.

Verwaayen, a member of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) International Advisory Panel (IAP), said Stormer would have a very interesting story to tell.

"We have 11 Nobel Prize winners at Bell Laboratories in the United States but not all of them are available for this forum. Stormer is the most recent Nobel laureate," he said after calling on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office, here.

Verwaayen, who is attending the 4th IAP meeting in Cyberjaya, said Stormer would attend the MSC-Lucent Bell Labs Technology Forum 2000 to be held in Kuala Lumpur on Nov 7 which would discuss trends and issues facing the global IT industry.

Verwaayen also said there was an urgent need for Malaysian small- and medium-scale companies to look at the global market.

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