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NTT MSC AIMS AT REGIONAL MARKET FOR ARCNET SERVICE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, an information technology (IT) based company, aims to expand its locally developed state-of-the-art e-commerce solutions and internet based services, provided under the Malaysian registered brand name of "Arcnet", to the region.

In a statement today, NTT MSC's president and chief executive officer Hotta Akio said Arcnet will be officially launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here on December 4.

NTT MSC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan's NTT Communication Corporations, Japan's largest and a world leading telecommunications operator and IT service providers.

Arcnet services include internet access services and e-business solutions to multinationals, small and medium-sized companies, as well as individuals.

Its internet-based services and products include data housing, web hosting, on-line payment systems, portal and e-commerce applications.

Hotta Akio said Arcnet was developed in Cyberjaya to capitalise the region's vast, untapped opportunities, both in the business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumers (B2C) sectors.

NTT MSC, incorporated in 1997, relocated its operations to Cyberjaya in July 1999. To date, the company has invested more than RM90 million in Cyberjaya.

For next year, the company plans to concentrate on providing Internet-based services to dot-com start-ups and multinationals.

It expects to generate an annual turnover of about RM6 million.

The company is targeting to increase its turnover to RM20 million by 2003, of which 50 percent will be generated from its Data Centre and web-hosting services which are directly related to e-business. -- BERNAMA

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