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NTT'S ARCNET FOCUS ON BUSINESS CLIENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- NTT MSC Sdn Bhd, which today unveiled its internet access services under the brand name of Arcnet, plans to focus more on business clients than individuals, said its president cum chief executive officer Hotta Akio.

Among the targetted market are multi national corporations, dot-com companies and small and medium enterprises, he told reporters after the official launch of the service here today by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Arcnet services would be also targetted at the heavily industrialised areas in the country, added Akio.

He also said the internet license received by NTT MSC was quite different from individual licenses provided by other internet providers like Jaring and TM Net as it focused on a specific area like corporate clients.

NTT MSC, which is the wholly-owned subsidiary of NTT Communications Corp of Japan was the first foreign telecommunication firm to be awarded the "class license" by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission last August. The license allows the company to provide internet services.

Asked on the competition with other internet service providers, he said: "NTT would bank on the quality of its services. We are quite confident."

Arcnet provides a full range of internet access services and electronic business solutions. Its internet-based services and products include data housing, web hosting, on-line payment systems, portal and electronic commerce applications.

Akio said todate Arcnet's data centre/web housing services have attracted 20 multinational corporations, mainly dot-com companies.

So far the company has invested about RM60 million in its centre in the Multimedia Super Corridor, and it plans to invest another RM30 million to build a three-storey data centre for its expansion into data housing and internet related services.

The new centre is scheduled for completion early next year and expected to be fully operational by the second half of the year. -- BERNAMA

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