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Thumbs up for progress of Multimedia Super Corridor

CYBERJAYA. Thurs: International Advisory Panel members have given the thumbs up on the progress of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), and denied criticism that it is falling back on its targets.

The members, representing the top technology companies in the world, acknowledge that the key factor in the MSC's progress is the consistent vision and cooperation between the government and the private sector.

Intel Corp executive vice-president Michael Rawding said the awarding of the MSC status to over 500 companies is testimony to the success of the project.

"The marketing efforts are good, and there is nothing like a discussion about success stories to spur other successes," he said after the 5th IAP meeting here.

Infosys Technologies Limited chairman and chief executive officer N.R. Narayana Murthy said the success is unqualified, as the "entrepreneurs and well-known companies are a good mix of ingredients."

Sun Microsystems chief researcher Dr John Cage said the Malaysian model should inspire other countries as it shows an integrated framework, taking into account legal, government and societal needs.

Fujitsu Limited executive vice-president Kazuto Koiima said the benefits of the MSC area should be enjoyed by other small and medium companies from KLCC to Putrajaya.

To this, IAP chairman Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that the proposal is not yet feasible because the government wants to fully develop the MSC area.