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DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CYBERJAYA, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government will continue to show interest in the field of multimedia as development of this area has been identified as a top priority.

"Malaysia is lucky as we moved into this area early with the formation of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC)," he said.

He said the business community was not only showing interest in the MSC but had also invested time and money to make the corridor a success.

"The MSC is not only seeing construction of facilities of local companies but also those of foreign firms and this shows their keen interest in the project," he said at the launch of AIC Corporation Berhad's new logo at the Multimedia University (MMU), here.

The prime minister also virtually launched AIC's second semiconductor plant in Kulim and witnessed the signing of several MoUs with other parties, including the MMU.

Dr Mahathir also called for a closer working relationship between the MMU and industry players.

"The industry is in need of more skilled workers and the MMU can facilitate in providing manpower to these companies," he said

He said the MMU must gear itself to meet the demand by producing more quality workers as this would not only boost the industry but also the nation.

"Hopefully, the companies will only be keen to take students of this university and not the teaching staff by providing huge pay cheques," he added.

Dr Mahathir said he was happy to see more local companies getting involved in the field of information technology (IT) as this would hasten the process of making Malaysia an international IT hub.

He hoped that with the MMU and companies locating to Cyberjaya the nation's dream of making Malaysia a premier IT centre would be realised.

On AIC, he said he was happy to see the progress of the company which was initially an original equipment manufacturer for Proton but has now become a major multimedia player in the country.

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