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IAP TO FOCUS ON RECENT PROVISIONS MADE FOR ICT GROWTH

CYBERJAYA, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- The fifth International Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting will focus on the recent provisions made for the growth of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Malaysia under the Outline Prospective Plan 3, Eight Malaysian Plan and Budget 2001.

IAP's secretary Tan Sri Othman Yeop Abdullah said the meeting which would be held here from Sept 6-8 and chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, would also focus on the progress and rollout of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) Flagship Applications to the country and the potential deployment to other countries.

In a media briefing here today, on the IAP meeting, he said other issues that will also receive attention would be the second wave flagships, e-commerce, digital divide and technology trends & opportunities for MSC with emphasis expected to be on wireless technologies, biotechnologies and "last mile" solutions.

To date, he said 21 out of the IAP's 26 members and representatives had confirmed their participation while the remaining will be confirmed in the next one or two weeks time. -- BERNAMA

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