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Nokia to expand software activities

FINLAND-BASED telecommunication giant Nokia plans to expand its software development activities in Malaysia, said its executive chairman Jorma Ollila yesterday.

"We will be expanding. We discussed it with the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad)," he said after a 40-minute meeting with the Prime Minister at his office in Putrajaya.

Ollila said Nokia, which is a board member of the Multimedia Super Corridor International Advisory Panel (IAP), had completed a number of projects in the MSC.

He said the company's commitment to the development of the MSC was made two years ago with its co-operation with a local university, as well as relocating its office to the area and going into a number of software application projects with local companies.

Nokia hoped to make some major impact in Malaysia in the future through software development and research and development projects with its local partners.

The company's MSC status subsidiary, Nokia (M) Sdn Bhd, has also relocated its operation to the Century Square in the Cyberjaya Flagship Zone.

A recent report said Nokia planned to establish a Mobile Internet Centre that would serve as an incubator for the K-economy in Malaysia.

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