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NOKIA PLANS TO EXPAND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN M'SIA

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 28 (Bernama) -- Finland-based telecommunication giant, Nokia plans to expand its software development activities in Malaysia, said its executive chairman Jorma Ollila today.

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

Ollila said Nokia, which is a board member of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) International Advisory Panel (IAP), has 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 joint cooperation 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.

He said that Nokia hoped to make some major impact in Malaysia in the future through software development and research & 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 had said that Nokia had allocated space within the new office to establish a Mobile Internet Center that would serve as an incubator for the K-Economy in Malaysia.

Meanwhile, when asked on what was discussed with Dr Mahathir, Ollila said that discussion was on the international economy, development in the telecommunication industry as well as the progress of Malaysia. -- BERNAMA

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