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Mahathir-Auction

ONLINE AUCTION ON PM'S COMPUTING MEMORABILIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- An online auction jointly organised by Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) and www.lelong.com.my to auction some of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's computing memorabilia is open for bidding tomorrow.

The auction for the two personal computers, a printer and a laptop, will be held in conjunction with the MSC-Multimedia Asia Expo 2001 scheduled for Sept 6 to 8, MDC said in a statement today.

The computers will come with a pewter plaque with white gold writings sponsored by Mimosa Silver Jewelry.

MDC Executive Chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah said proceeds from the auction would be used to provide a scholarship for an eligible student to further his or her studies at the Multimedia University.

Successful bidders would receive a framed certificate from Dr Mahathir at the launch of the expo on Sept 7, he said.

MDC said the equipment was used by the Prime Minister from 1991 to 1996 as part of the Executive Information System in the Prime Minister's Office.

Apart from the computing items, the Prime Minister's memorabilia for auction also include five autographed copies of "The Malaysian Currency Crisis - How and Why It Happened" and five autographed copies of "A New Deal for Asia," both written by Dr Mahathir.

"This is the first time that a Malaysian company will conduct an Internet auction of our Prime Minister's items to Malaysian antique collectors," said Interbase Sdn Bhd CEO, Richard Tan.

Interbase is the proprietor of www.lelong.com.my auction website.

One of the objectives of the special auction is to highlight some of the key elements of e-Business especially the security of online transactions and the ease of which they can be carried out, MDC said.

It said e-Business Flagship Application would be showcased in the MSC-Multimedia Asia Expo to be held from Sept 6 to 8.

It said to spur the growth of e-Business in Malaysia, two MSC Flagship Applications, namely Borderless Marketing and World Wide Manufacturing Web had been brought together as the e-Business Flagship Application.

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