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World technology's who's who meet at Cyberjaya

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THE International Advisory Panel (IAP) - comprising key global technology personalities to advise Malaysia on the development of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) - held its fifth meeting at Cyberjaya. The IAP is chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad whose brainchild is the multi-billion ringgit MSC project.

The MSC comprises a corridor of 15km by 50km area straddling the Klang Valley and its outskirts, an area the government sees as a future global hub of technology and innovation.

Forty-three industries are represented in the IAP. The multinational companies represented at the three-day meeting pledged to continue investing in the MSC despite the global economic slowdown. They include British Telecommunications, Motorola, NTT, SAP and Alcatel.

This year's IAP meeting has been hailed as a success, with many industry quarters projecting that the MSC will accomplish all three phases of its long-term plan (1996-2020).

As of August 30 2001, 554 companies had MSC status, of which 363 are locally-based, while another 46 are multi-nationals.