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# PM: We'll make Cyberjaya a premier business location

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THE Government yesterday stressed its commitment to make Cyberjaya the premier location for business development and promised to have a ready ear for problems faced by entrepreneurs.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said many large global companies have made Cyberjaya their headquarters because of the right infrastructure, policies and laws that are in place.

There are companies that conduct their world operations from here, enabled by the good telecommunications technology.

"We want to improve the technology and infrastructure further," Dr Mahathir said at the launch of the DHL Asia-Pacific Information Services (DHL APIS) in Cyberjaya in Selangor yesterday.

The centre provides information technology (IT) services to its business units throughout the region and is one of three global data centres in the DHL worldwide network.

Dr Mahathir said Cyberjaya was meant to be a place to bring together scientists, entrepreneurs and innovators to create solutions for peoples' benefit.

"We want to provide a good environment for people operating out of Cyberjaya. We want to bring people together where they can meet anytime in a congenial environment which we hope will contribute to their creativity."

He gave an assurance that the authorities will listen to any concerns about operating in Cyberjaya at anytime.

"We are business-friendly, we want businesses located here to succeed. If there is anything we can do, we will listen. At any-

time, we will listen, not just during budget dialogues," he said.

Companies which did not want to construct their own buildings could discuss solutions with the Multimedia Development Corp (MDC), the ad-

ministrators of the Multimedia Super Corridor. MDC could build it and lease it out, he said. When the MSC was introduced at Stanford University in the US years ago, Dr Mahathir said the idea was greeted with scepticism.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir launched the MSC Flagship Centre and the Centre for Health Innovation and Medical Enterprises (Chime).

Both are centres of excellence in IT applications, namely, creative content visualisation for the Flagship Centre, and telehealth innovations for Chime.

The Flagship Centre includes the MSC Lab, the Creative Application and Development Centre, and the MSC Virtual Reality Centre.

These facilities will explore, test and showcase simulation, modeling, virtual reality and 3-dimensional graphic applications for science, health, education and entertainment.

Chime, meanwhile, is to house healthcare enterprises when its entire complex is completed by the year's end. Its first tenant is a local biotechnology company involved in stem cell applications.