

IT giants keen on setting up centres in Malaysia

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HYDERABAD: Several information technology (IT) giants in India have proposed to use Malaysia as a backup centre for their global operations, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said the companies felt that Malaysia had the capability for this based on its economic pro-

gress, good infrastructure and stability. He said some of the companies, which were among the world's largest, had started off by setting up their basic operations in Malaysia's Multi-Media Super Corridor (MSC).

"They are now looking into that possibility (having a backup centre in Malaysia) as they feel that it is good to have two centres instead of one because

if anything happens to their main centre, they can always rely on the other centre in Malaysia," he told a press conference at the end of his two-day official visit to Andhra Pradesh.

Dr Mahathir said that in fact, one of the world's biggest IT solutions provider, Satyam Computer Services Ltd, had already set up its operations in MSC and had proposed to

expand further.

He added that the government had assured them of their full support and assistance.

Satyam is a multi-faceted end-to-end IT solutions provider, offering a range in expertise that includes software development services, embedded systems, engineering services, system integration and enterprise application

integration.

The company has offices in 43 countries and a customer base of over 260 global clients.

Dr Mahathir spent about an hour touring the Satyam headquarters and was briefed on its operations.

Other Indian companies which are keen to work with Malaysia include the Hyderabad Information Technology

Engineering Consultancy City and Infosys Technologies Ltd.

The Prime Minister also said that he was impressed with the economic progress of Andhra Pradesh and urged Malaysian businessmen to tap into the many opportunities available in the state, particularly in the IT, construction and services sectors.

Dr Mahathir later left for New Delhi.