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CYBERSECURITY NEEDS TO BE WISELY ADDRESSED, SAYS IAP MEMBER

CYBERJAYA, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- The fast pace amidst the electronic environment, particularly after the Sept 11 incident, requires cybersecurity and cybercrime to be addressed simultaneously and given the same consideration as when conventional economy came into existence.

Chairman and chief executive officer of Silicon Graphics Inc, Bob Bishop said there was a need to create a new form of governance in order to defend privacy, corporate assets as well as defending government assets in the electronic environment.

He said with cybersecurity and proper governance in place, MSC companies would have more opportunities to expand and come out with new technologies as well as products without having to worry on privacy and defending their assets.

Bishop, who is an International Advisory Panel (IAP) member, was speaking at a press conference held in conjunction with the 6th MSC-IAP meeting in Cyberlodge View, Cyberjaya here today.

"This is in fact another opportunity for MSC companies to grow forward and become a regional as well as world leader in the adoption and development of new emergence technology," he said.

He said it was also a good opportunity to open the door for closer partnership between the private sector namely the MSC-status companies and the public at large.

Todate, 495 local companies have been granted MSC-status with about 133 involved in software development and business application.

Others were in content development for generic application, computer engineering design and Internet based businesses such as solution providers/e-commerce service, application service provider and web hosting.

Meanwhile, when addressing the press conference, chief technology officer of Microsoft, USA, Craig Mundie said Microsoft had taken the lead and moved forward to eliminate the issue of harmful Internet content.

He said among efforts that had been made, was to study and obtain as much information from each country on their own problems in trying to bring forward legal authorisation and mechanism to address the problem.

"We might have recognized opportunities to create the perfect mechanism (to address the harmful content), but one of the difficulties is that problems arising are varied from country to country," he added.

Cybercrime/Cybersecurity and harmful Internet content were among the topics that took centre stage in the three-day MSC-IAP meeting held here.

Meanwhile, ambassador Diana Lady Dougan, senior advisor for Cyber Century Forum praised the way Malaysia moved forward in embracing the technology.

"I am very delighted and that we are impressed with the way you respect views from others and how you tap multiracial talents to realise the MSC initiatives for the betterment of the country and its people," she said.

She praised the leadership of Dr Mahathir in paving the way for his people to advance in line with the world's latest technology.

Sharing her opinion was Datuk Dr Tadahiro Sekimoto, the chairman emeritus of NEC Corporation, who said he believed that with concerted effort from its people and leaders and under the guidance of Dr Mahathir, Malaysia could emerge as one of the most advanced countries, not only in the region, but also in the world.

Twenty-six participants comprising 14 IAP members and 12

representatives attended the meeting. They formed a group of key players and international experts of global ICT industry, who provide counsel to the Malaysian government in developing the MSC.

The MSC is a 750sq km area, running south from the Kuala Lumpur City Centre to the KL International Airport which has been designated as a hub for the development of multimedia products and services. -- BERNAMA

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