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Delegates visit communications, multimedia expo

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Delegates of the Multimedia Super Corridor-International Advisory Panel (MSC-IAP) visited the Asean Communications and Multimedia Expo and Forum (ACM 2002) at the MINES Exhibition Centre here today.

The delegates took time to tour some of the 450 booths before heading to Putrajaya for a meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also IAP chairman.

The exhibition, along with the MSC Expo 2002 and the National E-Commerce Expo 2002, were organised under the Malaysia ICT Week banner in conjunction with the MSC-IAP meeting.

The delegates were given a briefing on the Smart School concept and visited the MyKad and Medical Online booths, among others.

Bloomberg head of technology in Asia, Siyen Ma, who is also a delegate, said the idea of e-Government, which had been talked about for a long time, could hardly be seen in practice except in Malaysia.

"This is the first time I have actually seen a tangible format of the concept. What is different in Malaysia is in its execution (of the idea)," he said.

He wished to see more countries follow the path Malaysia had taken in developing MSC.

Motorola Inc executive vice president and chief technology officer Dennis A. Robertson said the exhibition provided a good collection of information.

"It was a very good show.

"Unfortunately, we did not have an overall view of the exhibition as we were only shown Government booths," he said.

Still, he said he was surprised by Malaysia's progress in MSC, calling it "quite amazing".

He also said the projects were carefully constructed and were people-centred.