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DR OTHMAN STEPS DOWN AS MDC EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN AND CEO

CYBERJAYA, Sept 5 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah today confirmed that he has relinquished his posts as executive chairman and chief executive officer of Multimedia Development Corporation Sdn Bhd (MDC).

However, he would continue to serve MDC in a non-executive capacity.

"I am not resigning. Ask the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad).

"I am becoming a non-executive (chairman) for health reasons," he said when met by reporters on the sidelines at the sixth International Advisory Panel of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC-IAP) meeting which opened here this morning.

Dr Othman confirmed today's media reports on his stepping down from the posts.

The official announcement is expected to be made tomorrow.

MDC is responsible for overseeing the development of MSC aimed at propelling Malaysia to the forefront of the global information and communication technology (ICT) industry.

Dr Othman was appointed MDC executive chairman on Sept 1, 1996.

Prior to MDC, he had served in various positions in the civil service. They include Deputy Secretary-General in the Ministry of Education, Secretary-General in the then Ministry of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, and Secretary-General in the Ministry of Primary Industries.

He holds a Bachelors degree in Management from University Malaya, a Masters degree in Management from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Doctorate degree in Management from University of California (Irvine). -- BERNAMA

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