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Experts to offer entrepreneurial tips at IT conference

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Several prominent Information Technology experts will present working papers at the launch of the Malaysia Chapter of the IndUS Entrepreneurs on Jan 22, including Kanwal Rekhi, who was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Arthur-Young Venture magazine.

Rekhi, president of global IndUS Entrepreneurs also known as TiE, founded Excelan in 1982 which merged with Novell. He later became the executive Vice-President of Novell.

He will present a paper on "Human Capital, its value and demand in the information economy".

The Malaysian Chapter of TiE will be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Department at Putrajaya, followed by the two-day conference and workshop to be held at the Palace of the Golden Horses in Sungei Besi.

More than 1,000 participants especially representatives of Multimedia Super Corridor companies and those related to the IT industry are expected to attend the conference.

Among the other speakers are TiE Silicon Valley president Dr Kailash Joshi who will speak on "Mission, Challenges and Growth of TiE" while TiE Los Angeles president Safi Qureshi will address the issue of "Advanced R&D in chip design, benefits and challenges in doing so in Asian countries particularly Pakistan and Malaysia".

The Malaysia Chapter chairman Tan Sri G. Gnanalingam said through the conference the participants can share their experiences and draw from a common pool of knowledge and experience.

The other speakers are TiE co-founder Bipin Shah who will present a paper on "Opportunities and Challenges of Venture Capital in Changing Environments"; founding member of Nasscom, Saurabh Srivastava on "Development and Export Software Vs Manufacturing with Reference to India and Malaysia" and Stanford University and Berkeley researcher G.S. Naroola who will discuss "The Entrepreneurial Chemical Make-up".

TiE, a global organisation with roots in the Silicon Valley is launching the TiE Malaysia Chapter with the aim of producing a new breed of entrepreneurs conversant in information technology.

It will also assist Malaysian IT professionals market their products overseas. For more information, call 03-27180888/0838 or check out www.tiemalaysia.org.

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