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MSC LEADS MALAYSIA INTO KNOWLEDGE-BASED ECONOMY

CYBERJAYA, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Members and representatives of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) International Advisory Panel (IAP) are confident that the MSC will lead and help the country to achieve a knowledge based economy and play an important role in inventing new technologies.

A senior partner of Sierra Ventures, Dr Gilbert Amelio, said the MSC initiative played a vital role in putting Malaysia into a knowledge-based economy and competing with other economies of the world.

"This success is becoming more important with the rise of China. The knowledge-based economy... the MSC leads in that way," he said at the the IAP press conference chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Cyberview Lodge here.

He said the country also had all the necessary ingrediants to make the MSC a success and to achieve the knowledge-based economy status -- sound economic policy, political stability and good relations with the international community.

"I am proud to be part of it (IAP) and looking forward to continue to be part of it," said Dr Amelio who is attending the three-day IAP meeting here.

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.

Another IAP member Bob Bishop, the chief executive officer of Silicon Graphics Inc, said that there were many opportunities for MSC companies to come out with new technologies and products for homeland security following the Sept 11 attacks.

These included opportunities in the area of water, electricity, broadcasting and transportation system.

"A lot of opportunities using technology to offer to the government and private sectors. Biggest opportunity for MSC to go forward," he said.

He said following the attacks, every nation needed various technologies to protect their homeland security and infrastructures.

Professor William Miller of the Stanford University, USA said that new technologies were on the rise and not decreasing and MSC provided a lot of opportunities to turn technologies into business.

He said with new technologies more companies were also being established.

Datuk Dr Tadahiro Sekimoto, the chairman emeritus of NEC Corporation said that with the existence of MSC he was very confident Malaysia would be a very advanced country especially in the area of ICT in about 10 years time.

He said the government had not only focused on developing new technology but also on human resource development and education.

"The MSC has shown a very visible achievement. I am very impressed and appreciate it very much," he said.

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