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Koh - TIGeR
TWO MNCs TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATIONS LINK-UP

PENANG, March 11 (Bernama) -- Two Penang-based locally-incorporated multi-national companies (MNCs) and several of their supply companies will cooperate with three government agencies to form a more effective network of communications systems.

syarikat multi nasional di negeri ini dan beberapa buah syarikat pembekalnya akan bekerjasama dengan tiga agensi kerajaan untuk mewujudkan rangkaian sistem perhubungan yang lebih berkesan.

Penang chief minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon today said the three government agencies are the Malaysian Royal Customs Department, and the seaport and airport authorities.

tiga agensi itu ialah Jabatan Kastam Diraja Malaysia, pihak berkuasa pelabuhan dan lapangan terbang.

However, Koh refrained from to name the private-sector companies involved in the arrangement, on the grounds that relevant details would be announced later.

Bagaimanapun, beliau enggan menamakan syarikat yang telah dipilih dan berkata, pengumuman mengenainya akan dibuat kelak.

According to Koh, the communications network was important to ensure that the country's electronic sector could compete and expand progressively through the use of information and communications technology (ICT).

Speaking to reporters following the holding of a second meeting of the Technology, Industry & Government for e-Revolution (TIGeR) steering committee here, Koh said the participating entities would work out a system and expand their customer base when their efforts succeed.

Koh said that TIGeR was an initiative of the National Information and Communications Technology (NICT) council to facilitate communications, interaction and trade in the free market of the world.

He added that the TIGeR initiative, which received the approval of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in July 2001, was expected to achieve its objective through the use of ICT with the successful application of locally-produced technology in the interest of national development.

"The electric and electronics sector in Malaysia faces strong competition from those of China, Taiwan and other such countries: for this reason, we must do our best to enable the sector to compete effectively while giving the small and medium scale industries in the sector to play their part in supplying to the world market," Koh said.

At the congress, MIMOS Smart Computing Sdn Bhd handed over six computers to representatives of the Balik Pulau and Bagan Ajam divisions of the Knowledge Community (K-Community) project.

According to Koh, the project was aimed at introducing and popularising the use of ICT to the public in order to reduce the digital gap and raise the productivity of the people.

The project would be extended to other areas in due course. -- BERNAMA
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