

PM: Cyberjaya critics have to eat their words

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CYBERJAYA: Critics and naysayers of the Government's effort to develop Cyberjaya may now have to eat their words, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said these people would soon have to admit that they were wrong to say the Government had failed in the Cyberjaya project.

The Prime Minister pointed out that more and more local and foreign companies were interested to re-locate their offices here.

The Government had originally targeted to have 500 MSC-status companies by this year but the number now stood at over 800, he said.

"If that is not success, then what is success?" he said when opening the Ericsson@MSC building here yesterday.

Ericsson@MSC, costing RM80mil, is Ericsson's regional hub and country headquarters.

Dr Mahathir said many multinational companies were showing interest in Cyberjaya and this was due to word of mouth by those who had already established their operations here.

Later, when opening the HSBC group service centre. Dr Mahathir said the Government was always very sensitive to the needs of the business community here.

He said that if there was any weakness in the infrastructure and services provided by the "intelligent city", the business community could always refer their problems to the proper authority.