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IAP WILL DISCUSS SETTING UP OF MSC IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

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CYBERJAYA, May 9 (Bernama) -- The Seventh International Advisory Panel (IAP) meeting scheduled here on Sept 4, among others, will discuss the setting up of Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) in other parts of the country.

Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) vice president, Kamil Othman, said that it would be part of MSC's second-phase development as Phase 1 is coming to a successful end.

Currently, the MSC covers an area of 750 sq km from the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) to the KL International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang.

"The aim is clear... the main objective at the end of the day is that by 2020 the whole of Malaysia, including Sabah and Sarawak, will become MSC," he told Bernama in an interview here today.

The second phase will run between 2004 and 2010.

"The IAP members will have the chance to discuss with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the next plan of action, especially as we know certain global economic changes are waiting ahead, including the World Trade Organisation (WTO) issues.

"This will represent another series of challenges," Kamil said,

He added that 14 companies have agreed to attend the IAP meeting.

Kamil also said under Phase 1 about 850 companies have achieved MSC status compared with 500 targetted and 15 of them are world-class companies.

He said that while Phase 1 stressed on delivering the concept idea into a reality, Phase II involves making other parts of Malaysia as MSC, he said.

Kamil said that the process of turning the entire country into MSC could not be done in a short period.

"This is why the MSC development need to be connected to states which have multimedia infrastructure. For instance, as you know every state in the country already have their own information technology (IT) programme.

"This is where strategy is needed, each state with its own infrastucture, when the MSC is created, the infrastructure is already there," he said.

He expressed confidence that the next phase would not only stress on infrastructure development but also on skilled workers and marketing edge.

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