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SECURITY SYSTEM PROVIDER TARGETS LOCAL AIRPORTS

CYBERJAYA, Nov 10 (Bernama) -- Multimedia Glory Sdn Bhd (MGSB), which provided the biometrics security system for the KL International Airport (KLIA), the Prime Minister's Department and Seri Perdana, is now hoping to extend its systems to the remaining 30 airports in Malaysia and eventually other ASEAN airports.

Executive director N. Srikanthan said the MSC-status company hoped to start with the other international Malaysian airports next year.

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad signed out from the Prime Minister's Department on Oct 31 and incoming Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi signed in on Nov 3 using MGSB's fingerprint security system.

And at KLIA, the Karsof Total Airport Security System, including fingerprint authentication, photo ID and the users' particulars and access status, went online in July last year and now processes over 150,000 transactions daily with a database of 26,000.

Costing under RM5 million, the biometrics access control screens staff, service providers and visitors to the airport with daily passes.

Srikanthan said the company was working towards future coverage of all visitors and passengers.

Combining four patent-pending technologies invented by operations technical director Karthik Kaleedhas, the company says theirs is the first total airport security system using biotechnology, with the lowest fingerprint data storage size (under 20 Bytes) and a fast search of less than two seconds that includes recognition, access and verification of the data.

The web-enabled system allows secure remote access from desktops and Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) with data encrypted at source and a firewall provided by the Karsof SecureNet System.

MGSB, which won the MSC Asia Pacific ICT Awards (APICTA) 2003 Prime Minister's "Best of the Best" award and "Best of Security Systems Applications" award in August, was started in 1999 by Indian nationals, with a paid-up capital of RM4.2 million.

It is one of 19 Malaysian nominees for the international APICTA 2003 to be hosted by Bangkok from Dec 6 to Dec 8.

The company offers software development, systems integration and engineering, web-enabled solutions and development, security management systems, building automation systems, modelling and simulation.

Its other clients include the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and Oriental Capital Assurance. -- BERNAMA

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