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STATES CAN BE MINI MSC IF THEY ARE WILLING TO FULFIL REQUIREMENTS

IPOH, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) status enjoyed by selected companies in Klang Valley, can be extended to all the states in Malaysia provided the states are willing to fulfil the requirements needed to be mini-MSK.

Senior vice president Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC), Narayanan Kanan said states could enjoy what had been achieved in Cyberjaya. which was no longer a dream but a reality.

After the establishment of MSC, the next step will be to link it to other cybercities here and worldwide by 2010 before Malaysia can attain the status of a knowledge society in 2020.

"In order to fulfil the mini-MSK requirements, states will have to look at all avenues," he told Bernama after presenting a working paper at the Perak Economic Summit 2003, here today.

Narayanan delivered his working paper on "Perak In the Age of Technology Developing The ICT & Biotechnology Industries in the State," at the two-day summit which started yesterday.

In his presentation, he said, so far MSC had established one corridor, 50 world class companies, seven flagship applications, world leading framework of cyberlaws.

"By 2010, we hope to achieve a web of corridors with 250 world class companies. We hope to set global standards in flagship applications, harmonized global framework of cyberlaws and have four to five cities linked to other global cybercities.

Citing the MSC Implementation Council Meeting (ICM) held on July 31, 2001 chaired by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, he said it was agreed that state mini-MSK or Cybercities be considered only after the final MSC rollout.

"Several states have offered themselves to be mini-MSK but it will be the Federal Government who will decide. Perak has several advantages on this matter," he said.

As part of the plan, Narayanan said Perak can focus in niche areas like shared services around automotive industry, bio-informatics and defence-based industry.

"For shared services, Perak could complement MSC in niche industries. With the establishment of Proton City in Tanjong Malim, Proton City looks set to spearhead automotive industry in Perak and nationwide especially with the cluster of Proton suppliers and partners to optimise supply chain.

"For bio-informatics, it has been known that Perak has rich bio-diversity heritage. Seri Iskandar Pharmaceutical Park can be Perak's flagship in bio-informatics city.

"Perak has Lumut Naval Base which is suitable for defence-based industry to be the national/regional maritime hub. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) can play a key role in current Armed Forces modernisation drive," he said. -- BERNAMA

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