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SUPERB ICT FACILITIES CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF 10TH OIC SUMMIT

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- The application of the smart card was put to the test throughout the 10th Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit and passed with flying colours, having contributed towards the smooth running of the summit, the first to be hosted by Malaysia.

The Foreign Ministry's Under-Secretary for Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Maimon Sulaiman said today the Registration and Accreditation System which used the smart card was the greatest achievement for the development team of the ministry's ICT Division.

"This system played a vital role in providing venue security with real time access authentication to the registration database. Two types of cards were produced -- the smart card and the conventional card for use by those involved in the conference," she told Bernama here.

Maimon said smart card readers were installed at the Putrajaya Convention Centre (PCC), the venue of the just-concluded summit, and the Palace of the Golden Horses (POGH) where many heads of government or state stayed.

In preparation for the summit, a sub-committee for ICT facilities was formed comprising representatives from various ICT companies, which provided the components for the setting up of the communication and information infrastructure, she said, adding that the preparation started in April this year.

"Among the ICT facilities we put up was a infranet infrastructure which enabled the various secretariats to communicate with each other and an intranet that linked the PCC with the KL International Airport (KLIA), the 12 hotels where the delegates stayed, the Bukit Aman police headquarters and Wisma Putra," said Maimon, who headed the ICT sub-committee.

The ICT infrastructure had also helped the police in the retrieval of information for police vetting the usage of their PDRM Intranet system, she said.

"This is the first time an OIC summit is fully connected by custom-built Internet System, thanks to the various parties, namely Jaring, MIMOS Smart Computing Sdn Bhd, Telecom, IBM , Cisco, Teliti and LMS. The delegates had the chance to surf the Internet via the Internet lounges in the PCC," she said.

The OIC Summit, from Oct 11 to 18, began with the Senior Officers Meeting (SOM) and ended with a two-day meeting of heads of state and government on Thursday and yesterday.

This year's OIC Summit saw the biggest gathering of Muslim leaders since the Sept 11 2001 attacks on the United States, with 33 heads of state and government attending. It is the last summit to be chaired by Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is stepping down at the end of the month.

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