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PM briefed on Internet, cyber advances

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad spent nearly two hours listening to a talk on the Internet at Mimos Berhad.

The Prime Minister was especially interested in the action Malaysia had to take to make full use of the latest cyberspace technology.

Mimos president and chief executive officer Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen said Dr Mahathir was satisfied with Mimos' performance and agreed to study the proposals forwarded.

"The Prime Minister was pleased and we will continue to intensify the work we have been doing," he said after Dr Mahathir's visit.

He said Mimos had explained to the Prime Minister how Malaysia could profit from smart use of the Internet.

The Internet's expansion would continue with the introduction of a sixth Internet protocol which would allow every person in the world to obtain his or her own cyberspace website address.

"Now under the fourth protocol version, this cannot be done because there are not enough addresses.

"In the sixth version, we can give individuals an address each," he said.

Earlier, around 1,000 Mimos staff took the opportunity to meet the Prime Minister, pose for photographs and obtain his autograph.

Children from Mimos Berhad's kindergarten also presented a greeting card to Dr Mahathir as a "thank you" gesture for his leadership.