

M-sia to host ICT meeting

PUTRAJAYA: More than 500 information communications technology-savvy people will gather here next week at a UN-sponsored meeting to discuss how ICT makes life better for all.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and UN deputy secretary-general Mark Malloch Brown will open the two-day *Global Alliance for ICT and Development* meeting at the Putrajaya Marriott on Monday.

Brown will later present a personal message to Abdullah from UN secretary-general Kofi Annan.

The participants include representatives of member countries of the United Nations, women and youth groups, top IT companies, academicians and the media,

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis said the meeting would be an avenue to promote Malaysia as an IT hub.

It is also in tandem with Abdullah's wish to take Malaysia to greater heights on the global technology platform, he told a press conference here yesterday.