

MSC offers chances to all races, says minister

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KUALA LUMPUR: It has never been the Multimedia Super Corridor's (MSC) policy to marginalise certain communities but to create wealth for the country, said Deputy Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Kong Cho Ha.

Currently, he said, there were about 1,600 MSC companies, some 1,200 of which were locally-owned.

More than 300 of the local-owned companies had bumiputra participation, he said.

"It is not the MSC's policy to marginalise certain communities as the country practices an open policy where those with capability are able to develop the companies," he told a press conference here yesterday.

He was commenting on Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin's remark that bumiputras should be given priority in sectors such as biotechnology and information communications technology to ensure they were not left behind.

"We hope to see more partnerships between foreigners and locals, and between bumiputras and non-bumiputras, as our aim is to ensure that more local players penetrate the international market," he said.

On another matter, Kong said the haze situation would improve with change in wind direction. "But putting out fires in the hotspots in Indonesia is the best solution."