

Malaysia to share its ICT experience

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NUSA DUA (Bali): Malaysia will share its experience in information and communication technology (ICT) with other Asean countries and will hold special workshops for the purpose next year.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said the move was in response to the request from Asean made at the end of the 42nd Ministers of Education Organisation (Seameo) Council Conference held here.

The conference ended yesterday.

Hishammuddin said Malaysia welcomed the request and would start holding workshops in conjunction with the 43rd Seameo Conference to be held in Kuala Lumpur next year.

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countries were aware of the importance of ICT, especially in education, there was concern that some problems might arise.

Among the concerns were that the current development in ICT might affect the identity, values and cultures of the peoples of the region.

There was also the need to narrow the digital divide among the

countries and among districts in each country.

Hishammuddin said the problems would be thrashed out during workshops to be held in Kuala Lumpur, probably next year.

Singapore will discuss its progress in teaching ICT in schools, Indonesia its digital divide and problems in providing ICT to rural schools, and Thailand the rapid developments in ICT

and concerns that arose from this.

Meanwhile, the second one-day conference of Asean Education Ministers, to be held in Ubud near here, would discuss measures to be taken to ensure education developed in tandem with development in Asean countries.

It will also identify features that reflect an Asean identity. — Bernama