PM happy with members' feedback

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi spent the last day of the 10th MSC International Advisory Panel meeting having another round of discussions with its members yesterday.

During the one-on-one meetings with seven more members, they shared with him their views and ideas on the MSC and plans to take Malaysian information and communication technology companies global.

Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Seri Dr Jamaludin Jarjis said Abdullah was happy with the feedback he had received from the IAP members.

The meetings were held with Cutler & Company Pvt Ltd's Dr Terry Cutler, Jazz Technologies Inc chairman and chief executive Dr Gilbert F. Amelio, IDtrack president Robert Madge, Jazeera Children's Channel executive general manager Mahmoud Bouneb, BBWORLD Consulting Services' Dr Robert Bishop, Sun Microsystems Inc vice-president Dr John Gage and Dell vice-president Susan Sheskey.

The IAP members also pledged to help in the government's initiatives and programmes.

Abdullah has directed the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) to be in touch with the IAP members for their possible involvement before the 2008 MSC IAP and the World Congress on Information Technology which Malaysia is hosting next year.

Jamaludin said Malaysia's global growth in ICT would be driven by China and India, and that MDeC would be looking into various ideas and measures to develop Malaysia's niche in the sector.

He said MDeC would be in touch with the IAP members in terms of technology and funding for the industry.

"The agenda is how to take Malaysian multimedia players global," he said at a press conference.

"MDeC will be consulting the IAP to look at the issue of competition and finding a niche."