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AITI AND MDeC MALAYSIA COLLABORATES FURTHER IN DEVELOPING ICT IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

28 July 2008 – The Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry of Brunei Darussalam (AITI) hosts a 2-day event for the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC) Malaysia and for more than 20 MSC Status Companies from Malaysia. This event was held as an initiative to nurture the ICT industry in Brunei Darussalam through promoting and facilitating collaborations with other well-known agencies and companies.

During the opening ceremony, the welcoming address was delivered by Pengiran Haji Mohd Zain bin Pengiran Haji Abdul Razak, the Chief Executive of AITI followed by a speech by Dato' Mohd Badlisham Ghazali, the CEO of MDeC.

During the ceremony as well, an officer from the Prime Ministers' Office also gave a presentation titled 'Development of eGovernment in Brunei and its Future Plan'. This was followed by a presentation - 'Brunei ICT Development Plan & ICT Market Opportunities' by Mr. Wallace Koh, Assistant Chief Executive, IT Industry Development of AITI. Puan Gayah Gulam Haidar, a Senior Manager of the Socio-Economic Development Division of MDeC also made a presentation on MSC Malaysia and e-Government during the ceremony. The ceremony was held at Songket Hall, Rizqun International Hotel in Gadong. More than 100 guests were invited including heads of Government and Corporate Agencies, heads of ICT Businesses and ICT Education Providers.

During this event, a business-matching session will follow suit between more than 20 ICT Businesses in Brunei Darussalam and approximately 20 MSC Status Companies from Malaysia. This business-matching session aims to establish long-term business ties between Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia ICT players.

This is the second business-matching session hosted by AITI since the first business-matching session held last year in March 2007. AITI has also arranged a 'G2G Knowledge Sharing and Networking Session' between selected Government departments of Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia as a common platform for both parties to identify further collaboration in ICT at a Government's perspective.

AITI hopes that this collaboration will initiate further similar events in the near future to fulfill the demand of the ICT industry in Brunei Darussalam by engaging experts to share their experience and expertise in developing further ICT products, solutions and services.

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Furthermore, AITI hopes in the near future to materialize activities and programs with MDeC by sealing these collaborative efforts through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a pathway of opportunities for the local ICT industry to further develop. AITI's vision is also to observe an increase in consortiums or partnerships between the local ICT businesses and Malaysian companies in the near future. This will create more business prospects for the local ICT businesses to participate in projects overseas.

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