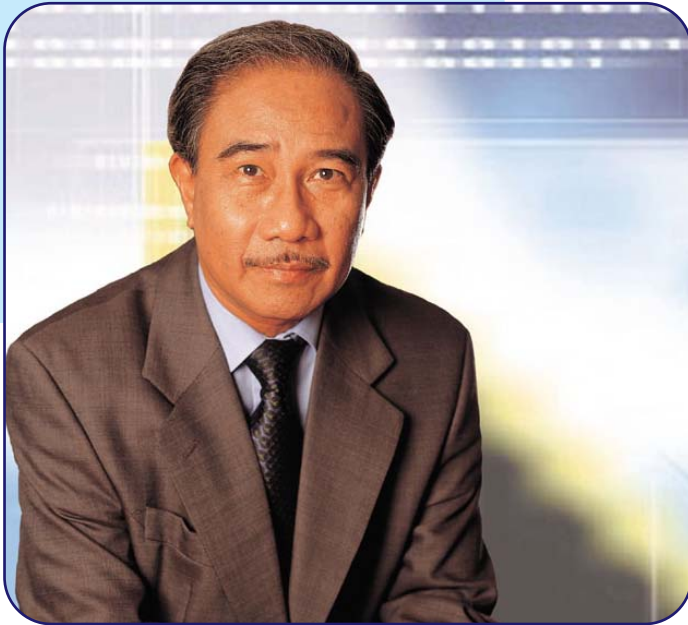


# Chairman's Message



join the ranks of countries that offer airport express rail links that provide high-speed travel from the central districts to the international airports on the outskirts of the city. The new ERL will offer easier and more convenient access to Putrajaya, Cyberjaya and Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

Five years on, the MSC's progress, particularly in implementing its flagship applications, have garnered keen interest from the Middle East as well as the Asean countries. For example, the Smart School flagship addresses the need to develop a technologically literate thinking workforce, critical to the country as it transforms from an industrial to a knowledge-based economy.

Thus, with technology advancement, comes the need to educate. I am proud to share that the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) Adopt-A-School Programme has been a resounding success. An MDC community programme, the pioneer project's aim was to convert two neighbouring rural schools into smart schools. Codenamed the Dengkil project, it has now been replicated at two other schools in Kedah. It is inspiring to see how a rural school handled the technology revolution and

**T**HE SETTING UP OF THE MSC HAS been a race against time. While we can say that the infrastructure is taking shape, many are still wary about how Malaysia's premier

IT city will take off. In this issue of MSC.comm, we take the opportunity to share the building of an intelligent city, Cyberjaya. It has more than just fibre optic cables and office blocks set to be the hub of business for world class IT companies. Cyberjaya also offers the discerning resident a whole new way of living where man, nature and technology thrive in harmony. It is transforming the once-upon-a-time palm oil plantation into a smart living environment with cutting edge technology for those who are ready to embrace it.

Another factor that will also be pushing the new city to the forefront is the commencement of the Express Rail Link service in April. With the launch of the Kuala Lumpur City Air Terminal (KLCAT), we will now

took the giant leap into cyberspace and the information age.

We are also taking big steps in safe guarding our most precious and invaluable asset, our health. The Telehealth Flagship is expected to change the way healthcare services are delivered and accessed through the seamless availability of health information and virtual health services. It promises to lead Malaysians into a new paradigm of wellness in healthcare on both the professional and personal levels utilising the latest innovations in

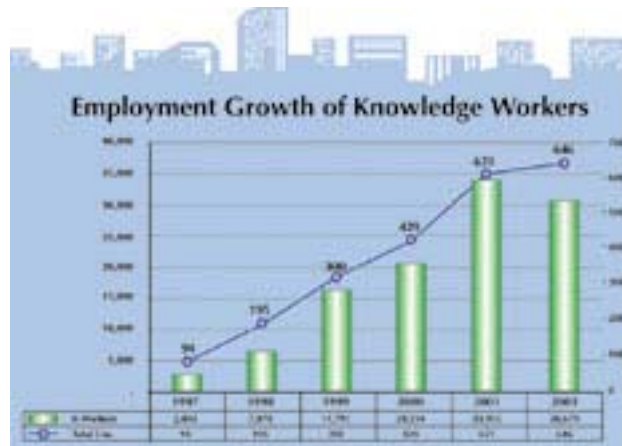
information and communication technology.

As we ride the wave of technology, let us not forget that we are doing it for our future generations and ourselves. ●

### MSC R&D GRANT SCHEME

Applications	Total
Number of MSC-Status Companies	646
Number of MGS Applications	107
Number of Applications Vetted	52
Approved	24
<b>Total R&amp;D Grant Approved</b>	<b>RM49.75 Million</b>

Success Rate: 46%



\* Note: KWs figure for current year does not include figures of those 94 companies approved in 1997.