

CEO's Message

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR, MARK Twain once said: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream." When the MSC was first conceived six years ago, it was seen as nothing more than a 15x50 km stretch that would encompass the rising twin towers and KLCC in the north of Kuala Lumpur to the KLIA in the south. The MSC is no longer a dream but a reality thanks to many contributing factors.

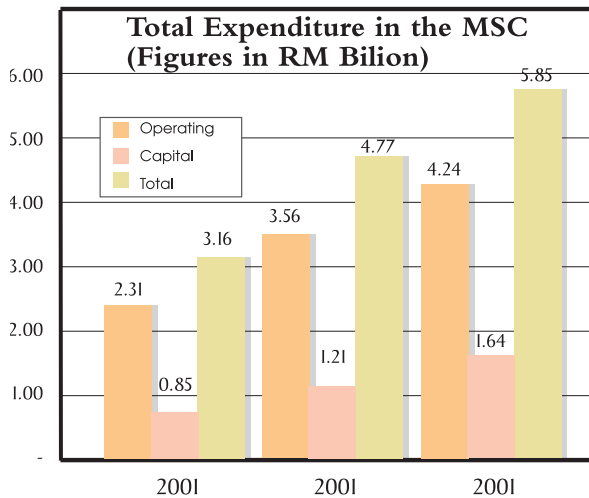
In this issue, we take a look at where the MSC is heading globally. With more than 740 MSC-status companies now, MDC has been doing the brick laying work to ensure these companies have access to global markets. As part of its marketing efforts, MDC has introduced these companies to the global industries via selected representatives. Currently MDC has representatives in the US, Syria, Jordan, Amsterdam, Russia and Korea. This list grows longer every year to meet the demanding ICT markets as well as the abundance of international opportunities.

To further help these companies along, the MSC Grant Scheme has been set up for companies looking to do R&D and those who do not have the financial resources.

The MGS' aim is to support R&D activities within the MSC and to create an innovative research culture.

This issue also highlights MDC's role as a facilitator of the MSC where it has been entrusted with the responsibility to create a pool of knowledge workers to fulfill the

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needs of the MSC. The MSC Internship Programme and MSC Student Attachment Programme works with MSC companies and institutions of higher learning to ensure the development and supply of quality knowledge workers. Currently the most sought after resource by ICT-related companies, fresh graduates are given an excellent opportunity to enter the job market in a field that holds exciting possibilities for their future.

The winds of change are strong and it is time to "hitch your wagon to a star". ●