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KUALA LUMPUR: The fact that two world technology leaders, Cisco and Agilent Technology, have housed their respective centres of excellence in Malaysia is an indication of their confidence in continuing to invest in the country, said Mimos Bhd president and chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah said.

Cisco's Asian Centre of Excellence in Networking Technologies (ACENT) and Agilent Technologies Centre of Excellence in Test and Measurement Technologies in Asia (CEMTA) are both located at Mimos' Technology Park Malaysia here. Both centres have been in operation since early this year.

Speaking to reporters after officially launching the two centres of excellence here yesterday, Abdul Wahab said Mimos would assist the centres in terms of research and development programmes.

He said the establishment of the centres would create more Malaysian made products in networking technologies and test and measurement technologies.

Malaysia would also benefit from the technology transfer, he said.

Cisco Malaysia managing director Kumaran Singaram said Cisco's ACENT would facilitate training to develop domain experts as well as indigenous skills and capabilities in advanced networking technologies.

The centre aims to facilitate Malaysia in doubling the number of skilled advanced networking personnels, he said.

The centre will be equipped with training facilities for Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA), Cisco Certified Network Professionals (CCNP), Cisco Certified Design Associate (CCDA) and the Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE).

Agilent Technologies, Malaysia and Singapore president Gooi Soon Chai said CEMTA would provide the latest test and measurement equipment and proof-of-concepts for demonstration and evaluation for small- and medium-sized enterprises across Asia including Malaysia.

It will also facilitate training to develop indigenous skills and capability in advanced test and measurement technologies, he said. — *Bernama*