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Technology platform to monitor environ issues in place by next year

KUALA LUMPUR: The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti), is coordinating a technology platform to monitor environmental issues like soil movement in Malaysia.

The technology platform will be in place by the first quarter of next year.

Its minister Datuk Dr Maximus J Ongkili said five agencies would be linked in the exercise, namely Remote Sensing Malaysia, the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, Astronautic Technology Sdn Bhd, the Malaysian Meteorological Department and Mimos.

"We will be trying to link all these strategic agencies

in terms of information communication and technology data management with Grid Computing," Ongkili said after a meeting to discuss the Mimos Roadmap Technology Review at the Mimos office in Technology Park here yesterday.

Ongkili stressed that the use of ICT was critical in the monitoring of soil properties and soil maintenance as well as landslide issues.

Mimos president and chief executive officer, Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah said by using high performance computing, it would help enhance offerings to the community.

"This is especially

important for information that would be very useful for rural folk involved in farming," he said after the meeting.

He also explained that the MIMOS Grid Computing would spearhead the KnowledgeGRID Malaysia, a national grid computing initiative under the ninth Malaysia Plan.

This initiative, he said, is being carried out in close collaboration with local universities, research and development institutions and industries with the objective of providing secure, dependable and comprehensive access to computing power.—
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