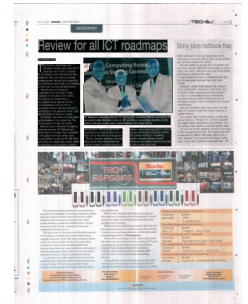


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Review for all ICT roadmaps

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THE Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry will review all ICT roadmaps next month to prepare for the tabling of the 10th Malaysia Plan, slotted for next June. This will include wireless sensor network, grid computing and cyberspace technology, and strategies to drive new services and applications.

"We will focus on enhancing collaboration and how best to align (research) to the latest in the market. This will see the streamlining of the implementation agency and the commercialisation arm as well as promoting research and development of applications at the grassroots level," said Minister Datuk Dr Maximus Ongkili.

The Ministry will review internally before getting feedback from workshops. The whole process will take six months.

Maximus earlier witnessed the signing ceremony between HP Malaysia and Mimos Bhd to formalise their partnership in the global multi-data centre, open source testbed created by HP, Intel Corp and Yahoo! Inc called Open Cirrus, aimed at advancing cloud computing research



HP Malaysia's managing director T.F. Chong (left) and Abdul Wahab exchanging the documents while Maximus looks on. HP and Mimos are working together on the global multi-data centre, open source testbed called Open Cirrus.

and education. Mimos is one of two organisations in Asean to take part in Open Cirrus; the other is in Singapore.

Mimos' president and chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah said the research house will develop a

national cloud computing platform that will complement its grid computing network. The platform will focus on enabling services through software, security framework and mobile interactivity as well as testing new cloud tools.