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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Applied technology research organisation Mimos Bhd has appointed a Lithuanian university professor, Valentinas Snitka, as its new chief scientist. Snitka, who takes up his appointment next month, attended Mimos' first annual gala dinner here on June 5.

Snitka will be responsible for the micro-nano technology at Mimos, which includes the laboratories being established there in collaboration with Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) and South Korea's Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI).

The two laboratories will focus on advanced semiconductor research in the field of optoelectronics and microenergy systems respectively.

Snitka holds a doctorate in microelectronics from the Kaunas University of Technology in Finland, where he was previously director of the research centre in microsystems and nanotechnology, and one in science from the Moscow Institute of Electronic Technology in Russia.

He began his career in research with the Soviet Union's Ministry of Defence in 1970.

Snitka has advised the Lithuanian prime minister on science and education, as well as on topics like technology transfer, knowledge management and innovation.

He is a former member of the European Union Scientific and Technical Research Committee, and has also sat on various other European Union advisory committees on strategic and future issues. — **H. AMIR**

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