

New President and CEO Aims to Move MIMOS into a World Class R&D Centre of Excellence

MIMOS to be Restructured to Streamline and Enhance R&D Outputs

Kuala Lumpur, 6 July 2006 – Newly appointed President and CEO, Encik Abdul Wahab Abdullah is poised to turn MIMOS, Malaysia's premier R&D organisation in ICT and microelectronics, into a world class R&D Centre of Excellence.

Abdul Wahab, who assumed the post on July 1, 2006, is enthusiastic about bringing MIMOS to greater heights based on his 30 years involvement in a multinational R&D center.

His first task is assessing the current state of affairs in MIMOS in an effort to evaluate and accelerate the organisation towards its goal.

"MIMOS certainly has tremendous potential to propel itself to the next level. There is a strong foundation of highly skilled and experienced researchers. I believe that with one common direction and goal working as a team, we will be able to achieve our vision of becoming a world class applied research and innovation centre" said Abdul Wahab at his meeting with the press as MIMOS' chief.

He disclosed that his overarching plan is to focus the entire organisation's activities on Applied Research, Advanced Technologies and Development. Pending the completion of the organisation's current state of affairs assessment, further details will be made known after 90 days.

Abdul Wahab was previously Senior Director of R&D Operations, Global Technology Development Group, Motorola Technology Sdn Bhd. He brings to MIMOS his vast leadership experience in the field of R&D in Information & Communication Technology.

As one of the pioneers instrumental in the setting up of Motorola Malaysia's R&D Centre in Penang in 1979, Abdul Wahab became the first Malaysian to be assigned to lead this facility in 1993. Under his able leadership, it is now a full-blown research and development outfit with a comprehensive set of capabilities from the conceptual stage and industrial design to development, testing, final manufacture and packaging of products.

His illustrious career in Motorola specifically his distinguished experience in leading a full-fledged R&D centre in a multinational organisation setting makes Abdul Wahab ably suited to lead MIMOS in achieving its vision of becoming a world-class applied R&D organisation.