

INFOTECH M'sia '96 at UNIMAS

KOTA SAMARAHAN: INFOTECH Malaysia '96 is the second national Information Technology (IT) conference sponsored by the National Information Council (NITC).

Jointly organised by MIMOS, INTAN, MAMPU, MNCC and PIKOM, it is a multi-locational conference, with the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur as the main venue.

All sessions, however, will be transmitted live through video conferencing to Sarawak, Sabah, Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Pahang and Pulau Pinang.

The conference location for Sarawak is Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, here.

The conference theme this year is "Towards a Knowledge Society - Creating the Environment for Change."

The theme conceptualises various IT policies and programmes to expedite the transformation to an information-rich society, position Malaysia in the emerging digital economy and to increase public awareness of how society can contribute towards the management of a sustainable economy.

Matters related to the National IT Action Plan, the National Information Infrastructure and the Multimedia Supercorridor, including the flagship applications, implementation issues and social issues will be addressed at the conference.

Speakers and panelists are distin-

guished and prominent personalities from the private and public sectors.

The Prime Minister will officially launch the conference and deliver his keynote address on the National IT Action Plan on Thursday at the PWTC.

In the spirit of the conference theme, UNIMAS is opening the conference to the public at no charge.

The main venue in UNIMAS is the Multimedia Theatre, where full video conferencing will be available to participants.

Additionally, the live sessions may also be seen at one of the large lecture theatres on campus.

These facilities will accommodate a total of 400 participants. In addition to the main conference sessions, participants at UNIMAS will also be able to see exhibitions and demonstrations of various IT technologies and applications.

There will be exhibitions of educational multimedia titles produced by staff and students of UNIMAS, and a demonstration of PC conferencing technology.

On Thursday, Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Dr George Chan and other local dignitaries will be at UNIMAS to witness the official opening by the Prime Minister.

After his keynote address, participants will have the opportunity to hold dialogues with the Prime Minister through video conferencing.

