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INDIA-BASED Satyam Computer Services Ltd has plans to set up a global development centre in Cyberjaya.

The centre is set to have a long-term staff count of 2,000 software engineers, making it the largest such facility Satyam will have outside its home country, said Satyam founder and chairman B. Ramalinga Raju.

It will serve Satyam customers in and around Malaysia, including multinational corporations operating here and in the Asia Pacific region, Raju said.

The company will concentrate mostly on the areas of data warehousing — the storage, retrieval and analysis of large quantities of information — and business intelligence.

Raju and other Satyam officials said their reasons for having the centre in Malaysia were many.

These include a rich ICT (information and communications technology) talent pool and advanced infrastructure, a reliable legal system and intellectual property protection environment, and the quality of life which is attractive to basing regional executives here.

However, Raju declined to put a monetary value on the

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financial commitment the centre would represent for Satyam.

“The cost of renting and equipping the facility is incidental to the salaries of the people we will hire,” he said.

He said that in the first year, Satyam would hire some 500 software engineers “over the next few quarters,” and over the next four years gradually increase that number to 2,000.

All the new hires would be a fresh ICT graduate from Malaysia, he said, and each would undergo additional training at Satyam before beginning their jobs.

Satyam senior vice-president Virender Aggarwal said, “The centre will put Malaysia on the map of offshore outsourcing.

Earlier, Raju and Multimedia Development Corp chairman Mohamed Badlisham Ghazali signed the memorandum of understanding on the centre last week.



GLOBAL BASE: Badlisham (left) and Raju shaking hands at launch of Satyam's 1st Global Delivery Centre. Also present (from left) Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Jamaludin Mohd Jarjis, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Multimedia Development Corporation chairman Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.