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National cyber complex to open next to Ben-Gurion University campus

Israel prime-minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev president Rivka Carmi earlier this week announced the establishment of a national cyber complex in Beer-Sheva, called CyberSpark.

A new national cyber complex called CyberSpark will open at the Advanced Technology Park (ATP) which is located next to Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Lockheed Martin and IBM announced they would invest in CyberSpark R&D facilities, joining other cybersecurity leaders Deutsche Telekom, EMC, RSA, technology incubators and startups. The 15-building ATP is the only type of complex of its kind in the world that includes Fortune 500 companies and cyber-incubators, academic researchers, educational facilities as well as national government and security agencies. The CyberSpark will also include in the future a high school geared toward science and technology.

“Beer-Sheva will not only be the cyber capital of Israel but one of the most important places in the cyber security field in the world,” Netanyahu declared at the opening of a two day Cybertech International Conference and Exhibition in Tel Aviv, sponsored by Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the National Cyber Bureau, Israel Defense Journal, and the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is a leading center of innovation in information security, in partnership with industry, security agencies and the government in a variety of tasks to protect Israel’s digital borders,” said Carmi. “We are at the forefront of cyber security research and are training the security researchers of tomorrow in our Master’s Program in Cyberspace Security, the first of its kind in Israel”.

“I think it’s phenomenal what they’re trying to do. I’ve never seen such a collaboration in the incubation of new technology,” Lockheed Martin Vice President of Global Solutions Robert Eastman told the Jerusalem Post. “Israel is one of the best when we look at cyberdefense, and it also is one of the best incubators of new technology and innovation”.