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TIME TELEKOM INVESTS RM30 MIL ON EARTH STATION AT UNIVERSITI PUTRA

SERDANG, April 3 (Bernama) -- TIME Telecommunications Sdn Bhd (TIME Telekom) has invested RM30 million to set up its Earth Station at Universiti Pertanian Malaysia (renamed Universiti Putra Malaysia today) to provide connectivity and a full suite of telecommunications services for the UPM-MTDC Incubator Park and TIME's customers nationwide.

The UPM-MTDC Incubator Park, a joint effort between UPM and Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC), houses some of the leading multimedia-related and biotechnology companies in Malaysia whose strategic locations provide the synergistic links and opportunities for collaborative networking in science and technology.

"This Incubator Park will be TIME Telekom's "test-bed" for an information infrastructure that will allow the participating companies to conduct their R&D and to gain access to TIME Telekom's customer base nationwide as well as international markets," said its executive chairman Datuk Zaidan Othman.

Zaidan said the key to the success of the Incubator Park is the availability of information infrastructure to support high bandwidth interactive applications.

"As a premier telecommunications provider in the country, TIME Telekom is already supporting the UPM-MTDC Incubator Park in Universiti Putra with its broadband fibre-optic infrastructure," he said at the signing of a lease agreement between Universiti Putra and TIME Telekom here.

The signing of the agreement was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The agreement is for a 20-year lease of 2.4 hectares of land on which TIME Telekom's Satellite Earth Station is sited.

Zaidan said the special collaboration between Universiti Putra and TIME Telekom will result in a win-win situation as it allows Universiti Putra to stand out as an educational institution with advanced and broadband information infrastructure that not only gives it access to the Internet but also to dedicated international connectivity. -- BERNAMA

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