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World class RM500m fibre-optic network for Sabah

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INCOFIRM Communications Sdn Bhd, a Sabah company, and Lucent Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd yesterday signed an agreement for the development of a RM500-million state-of-the-art fibre-optic telecommunications network in Sabah.

The network will offer world-class fibre-optic products, solutions and technical expertise for the development of the Sabah Duct System (SDC).

The signing of the agreement was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok in Kota Kinabalu.

Signing for Incofirm Communications was its managing director Mohd Yusof Nair while representing Lucent Technologies was its president David Marinelli.

Marinelli said Lucent optical networking system was the ideal solution for service providers as it helped them manage consumers' rising demand for ever-increasing bandwidth driven by convergence of voice, data and video.

He said the fibre-optic network would provide Incofirm Communications with the opportunity to position Sabah and Malaysia to address the rapidly changing world driven by breakthrough technology and major innovations.

"The network will position Sabah to become a major participant in the communications revolution and evolution that is sweeping across the world right now," Marinelli said.

Mohd Yusof said the successful completion of the SDC would see the establishment of a state-of-the-art fibre-optic telecommunications infrastructure in Sabah.

The SDC, he added, would support the State's progress in the Information Technology era as envisaged in Malaysia's Vision 2020.

In Malaysia, Lucent Technologies has more than 300 employees.

It is a Multimedia Super Corridor-status company and is also represented on the latter's International Advisory Panel.

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