

18/07/2000

SAINS and Mimos to build 'infostructure' for Sarawak

KUCHING, Mon. - Sarawak's information technology sector received a boost today with the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Sarawak Information Systems Sdn Bhd (SAINS) and Mimos Berhad to build an integrated and solid information communication technology (ICT) "infostructure".

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr George Chan Hong Nam witnessed the signing ceremony at the Kuching Hilton.

Abdullah is attending the 10th National IT Council meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mimos president Datuk Dr Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen signed for his firm while SAINS was represented by its director, Datuk Abdul Aziz Hussain, who is also Deputy State Secretary.

SAINS, fully-owned by the State Government, was set up to spearhead and co-ordinate IT development in the State.

Under the MoU, both parties will look at a few areas to enhance the State's IT infostructure.

One of the areas is the development of highly secure ICT infostructure that is crucial to the growth of e-commerce and e-management.

Virtual Environment for Secure Transaction or iVest, an innovation of Mimos, will be used as the primary Internet security platform to provide online security specifically to the Sarawak Government and business organisations.

Another area being worked on is the creation of a new high speed Internet protocol backbone that runs across the State, Brunei and Sabah.

Mimos and SAINS have also agreed to organise training programmes. One such programme is the use of CD-authoring tools to create smart learning environment in schools.

The agreement is also aimed at developing community projects such as "Desa Digital", which is to promote ICT at various levels of society.

(END)