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Telekom-Challenge

TELEKOM TO BE ECO-CHALLENGE COMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER

KOTA KINABALU, July 24 (Bernama) -- Telekom Malaysia Berhad will be the provider of telecommunications equipment and infrastructure for the Sabah Eco-Challenge 2000 scheduled from Aug 21 to Sept 2 under an agreement signed here today.

The agreement, signed with the Sabah Tourism Promotion Corporation (STPC), will see Telekom Malaysia providing telephones, satellite and atur cellular telephones and Internet facilities, among others, said company's regional general manager for Sabah Ramsah Mohamed Tahir.

The company would supply 16 satellite telephone channels to enable expedition members communicate when in the interior.

" A Telekom subsidiary, Mobikom Sdn Bhd will supply 65 Mobikom atur units," Ramsah said at the signing ceremony.

Expedition members could use free of charge the facilities worth RM49,000, besides the services of Telekom staffers working on shifts during the expedition days, said Ramsah.

Telekom Malaysia also donated another RM1.2 million to the Sabah Eco-Challenge project, said Ramsah.

In his speech, STPC chairman Datuk Tengku Zainal Adlin said the event would bring Sabah into world focus from next month, earning Malaysia the distinction of being the first Asian country to host the event.

Tengku Adlin signed for STPC and Ramsah for Telekom.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the event during his visit to Sabah on Thursday.

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