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MCMC-DOMESTIC ROAMING

DOMESTIC ROAMING GOING WELL, SAYS MCMC

CYBERJAYA, March 13 (Bernama) -- The implementation of domestic roaming by mobile phone operators is progressing well with 25 places being provided with extension coverage, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission chairman Tan Sri Nuraizah Abdul Hamid said today.

She said the commission was evaluating the services given by operators in those areas which were based under the location guidelines stated by MCMC such as along highways, resorts and islands.

Nuraizah said although domestic roaming services were done on commercial basis among the service providers, MCMC was obliged to monitor its progress as it was a directive from the Energy, Communications and Multimedia Ministry.

However, she said, MCMC was not involved with all the arrangements between the said operators.

She said this to reporters when asked on the latest development in domestic roaming in view of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's comments early last month that the coverage of cellular service in the country was still poor.

Nuraizah was met after the ground breaking ceremony here today for MCMC's new headquarters. The event was officiated by Energy, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Amar Leo Moggie.

When asked whether MCMC had set a specific target for the operators to get wider network coverage, Nuraizah said although there was a target, the operators had other ways to increase their network penetration.

She also said that MCMC was in continuous discussions with industry players to draw their attention towards providing improved services for their customers.

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