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SHARING OF TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE EXPEDITED

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- The Communications and Multimedia Commission will ensure that immediate measures were taken towards expediting the sharing of infrastructure among telecommunication companies (telcos).

Its Chairman, Tan Sri Nuraizah Abdul Hamid said that in view of this, telcos were urged to provide the necessary cooperation to materialise the objective.

She said this in her speech during a seminar on telecommunication towers and structures here today. Her text of speech was read out by the Commission's General Manager, Nasaruddin Che Abu.

Recently, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had made a call to telcos to create a single company to build and manage towers.

He said the proliferation of towers and structures in recent years had tarnished the aesthetic beauty of towns and cities.

At present there are five telcos in the country -- Telekom Malaysia Bhd, Maxis Communication Bhd, Celcom Bhd, Digi.com Bhd and Time dotCom Bhd.

The mushrooming of telecommunication towers has been a source for complaints among city dwellers and architects.

While some claim that the towers are a public eyesore, others have voiced concern on the safety on the structure.

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