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Internet surfers go wireless at PWTC

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SURFING the Internet can be fun. However, the fun gets disrupted when the connection is slow.

Those using the wireless broadband or high-speed Internet access at Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur, would not face such problems, though.

The wireless facility, or Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) as it is usually called, was recently installed and launched at the Tun Razak 1 hall and Levels 2 and 4 of PWTC by its management and Airzed Networks Sdn Bhd.

"Wireless broadband Internet access is much sought after by our customers. Now, they have the flexibility of connecting to laptops or PDAs (personal digital assistants) wirelessly. We are excited to bring this new level of convenience through Wi-Fi to them," said PWTC chief executive officer Datuk Yaakob Mohammad.

To use the facility, customers can buy access time in the form of prepaid cards from Riverside Cafe (Level 2) or from the PWTC management office on Level 3.

The prepaid cards come in two denominations: RM100 for five hours and RM250 for 24 hours. Instructions on how to access the Net are given in the starter kit.

"All you have to do is log on to your favourite browser on your laptop or PDA, enter the username and password as shown on the prepaid card, and you will be have high-speed access to the Net. No more slow connections and paying for the high cost of dialling up.

"Because of the large coverage area, we use fibre-optic cables to interconnect the wireless infrastructure," said Airzed executive chairman Mukhriz Mahathir, who demonstrated how easy it was to get on the Net.

To date, Airzed has installed its Wi-Fi service at some 30 hotspots in the Klang Valley, mainly coffee outlets frequented by students and young professionals.