

Malaysia Is Ready To Be Pioneer In Hyperconnectivity World

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CYBERJAYA, March 24 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is ready to take on the challenge to be a pioneer in the world of hyperconnectivity, said Communication and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek today.

To achieve this, the nation gave a great focus on coverage and had successfully wired up most of the country, addressing the digital divide between its rural and urban communities.

"Coverage continues to be important and we have put most of our effort on quality, speed and adoption to move forward.

"With the support of industry players, Malaysia will be able to compete more effectively with neighbouring countries," he said at the launch of TSG International Sdn Bhd (TSGi) Cyberport here today.

Owned and operated by TSGi, the RM100 million purpose built data and network facility offers a wide spectrum of telecommunication options and flexibility ranging from satellite communication, teleport, and full service broadcasting capabilities.

The TSGi Cyberport also gives access to the widest range of satellites in geostationary orbit, global connectivity, regional Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) services and server co-location applications hosting on site.

Ahmad Shabery said the development of a nation was measured by its basic infrastructure not long ago, and for the country to attract foreign investments, it must have the prerequisite network of roads, bridges, waterworks, electricity grids and sewers.

"But today, the world judges the progress of a nation by its information and communications technologies (ICT). Broadband, for example is identified as a service that's capable of rocketing a society into a new level of development.

"It opens a whole new world of opportunities to connect with each other, learn new things and generally improve our lives," he explained.

Sharing few stories, Ahmad Shabery said these were just the tip of the iceberg with many more ordinary people had achieved extraordinary success as a result of being connected to the internet in the areas of economy, social and education.

He said a recent study by the Department of Statistics Malaysia showed that 68.5 per cent of urban and 36.2 per cent of rural households have access to the internet.

"This is certainly not great, and there is clearly a need to focus on providing more broadband coverage to the rakyat in the rural and sub-urban areas," he noted.

Apart from domestic connectivity, Ahmad Shabery said Malaysia would also need to increase the capacity of its international connectivity to the rest of the world, which would usually be done through fiber optic submarine cables or satellite.

On TSGi Cyberport, he said TSGi Cyberport, being a satellite communication service provider, had played an important role in helping the nation extend broadband coverage, especially to those beyond the reach of fibre optic cables, 3G (third generation) or 4G LTE (fourth generation long-term evolution).

"Satellite service is a valuable tool for us to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural," he said.

The Cyberport offers a 24/7 Network Monitoring Centre serviced by up to 17 large antennas and a 40,000 square feet (sq ft) nett data centre connected to all major telco/fiber operators.

TSGI is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TS Global Network Sdn Bhd (TSGN), Malaysia's leading satcom technology and solutions provider with an evolving presence in Indonesia, Brunei and the Asean region.

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