



MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
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MEDIA STATEMENT

MINISTRY WELCOMES TNB'S VENTURE INTO HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS

I welcome remarks by Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) chairman Tan Sri Leo Moggie that TNB is considering venturing into the high speed broadband telecommunications business.

I also take note that it will do so cautiously as the company is a public listed organisation and being a national electric utility provider, it must ensure that the security and reliability of its grid infrastructure is intact at all times.

The Ministry of Communications and Multimedia has worked together with TNB in its pilot project in Jasin, Melaka earlier this year and we are pleased that the outcome has been very successful.

We look forward to working closely with TNB in enhancing our efforts to provide quality connectivity to everyone in our country at reasonable prices, soonest possible.

We believe TNB's participation will be a game-changer to the National Fiberisation and Connectivity Plan (NFCP). The pilot project in Jasin shows that the national electric utility corporation's existing infrastructure can offer Malaysians open access network and bandwidth services through telecom players. It also indicates that efforts by the government to connect the country can be done in a faster and more cost effective manner.

It will also provide a much-needed boost to our fibre infrastructure as Malaysia gets ready for 5G implementation. This is necessary to enable Malaysia to hasten its efforts to bridge the digital divide and encourage more Malaysians to participate in the digital economy. Eventually, we will be able to keep up with the world in embracing the challenges, opportunities and benefits anticipated from the boom of the 4th Industrial Revolution in the near future.

The Ministry of Communications and Multimedia is therefore looking forward to engaging with TNB and to discuss ways in which it can participate in this sector in order to realize the objectives of the NFCP and achieve nationwide connectivity soonest possible.

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