

Press Release

BROADBAND ACCESS SERVICE VIA SATELLITE FOR 839 LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE UNDER THE JENDELA INITIATIVE

CYBERJAYA, 15 March 2021 --- The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has issued an invitation for the installation and provisioning of broadband access services via satellite at 839 locations nationwide in Johor, Kelantan, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Selangor, Sabah and Sarawak.

These locations comprise of Orang Asli settlements in Peninsular Malaysia, and remote areas in Sabah and Sarawak where the provisioning of public cellular services and mobile broadband will take a considerable time to deploy, given the consideration of population density and geographical terrain. Peninsular Malaysia has 178 locations (21%), whilst Sabah has 138 locations (17%) and Sarawak has 523 locations (62%).

This service, which is expected to be successfully deployed by October 2021 this year, serves as an expedient solution for connectivity while waiting for the completion of permanent solutions. The population at each location will get to enjoy free WiFi at an average speed of 35Mbps. This is yet another initiative under JENDELA to expand coverage nationwide, complementing earlier announcements.

All eligible and interested Licensees can register their interest and submit draft universal service plans under Regulation 5 of the Communications and Multimedia (Universal Service Provision) Regulations 2002.

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