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MyIX full statement on Budget 2016

Malaysia Internet Exchange (MyIX) or also known as Persatuan Pengendali Internet Malaysia, Deputy Chairman, Lim Chee Meng (picture) comments on Budget 2016.



MCMC to provide RM1.2 billion to increase rural broadband speed from 5 Mbps to 20 Mbps

MyIX welcomes the RM1.2 billion budget allocation from MCMC to boost up the Internet infrastructure in rural areas. This is in line with the governments' aim to increase the internet penetration level amongst Malaysians. Malaysians household broadband penetration rate currently stands at 67.2 percent as of MCMC 2013 Annual Report.

We should see a significant increase in Internet subscription and usage within these areas especially in East Malaysia where the the infrastructure and operating cost is not comparable to Peninsulas’.

Besides increasing Internet exposure, the allocation will play a part in boosting the e-commerce sector. More SMEs in the rural areas will be able to benefit from going online.

Although it was not mentioned, we believe that significant efforts to develop better Internet infrastructure in urban areas will continue.

MyIX will continue to work with MCMC and explore ways to facilitate the execution of their plans especially in areas where MyIX operates regional nodes, which include Penang, Johor Bahru, Kuantan, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.