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PETALING JAYA: Green Packet Bhd subsidiary Packet One Networks (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (P1), a leading 4G WiMAX provider, has teamed up with Mimos to start live testing of Jen-ii (Jendela Informasi Internet) in Chini Timur, Pahang.

In a statement yesterday, P1, which is currently the only one to be given the green light to deploy WiMAX nationwide by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), said the collaboration would enable it to expand its reach beyond its proof-of-concept P1 community

broadband centre (CBC) into selected homes of Chini Timur.

"As Malaysia moves closer towards our aspiration to become a developed nation, we all must understand how broadband is no longer a privilege but a right, no longer a luxury but a necessity.

"To achieve this, it is more important than ever to look deeper within

rural communities, to ensure that none of its members are left behind. This collaboration is a good example of how the private and public sector can address the needs of underserved communities," said P1 CEO Michael Lai.

UKM Pararunding has been commissioned to conduct an impact study on the programme for both Mimos and P1 to respond to the cyber anthropology needs of the community.

Lai said the data collated would enable P1 and Mimos to measure the impact of broadband on this segment of the community. He added that it would also drive a better understanding of the makeup of a successful telecentre and how devices like Jen-ii could help accelerate broadband adoption in rural communities.

"The Mimos Jen-ii and Mimos WiWi technology platforms are two prime examples of how Mimos frontier technology platforms are revolutionis-

ing and impacting the lives of all Malaysians in line with our ultimate goal of driving technology from a tool to an enabler and subsequently as a sector," said MIMOS president and CEO Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah.

Jen-ii is a low-cost icon-based information access device and literacy tool designed to spur user adoption of information and communications

technology (ICT) targeted at the rural communities and elderly population to bridge the digital divide.

The content for Jen-ii was developed by Mimos technology recipient, Nadi-Ayu Technologies. Mimos WiWi is the world's first WiMAX and WiFi hybrid solution which operates on 2.3 GHz frequency designed as an alternative for last mile broadband connectivity.

Pernec Integrated Network Systems Sdn Bhd (PINS) is the technology recipient of Mimos WiWi technology platform.