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KUALA LUMPUR: Telekom Malaysia Bhd (TM) will invest RM100mil to RM150mil in the next two to three years for research and development (R&D) to be at the forefront in technology, says group chief executive officer Datuk Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa.

"We are operating the most expensive network in the country and by enhancing our technology we hope to fulfil the future market needs apart from becoming more innovative," he said yesterday after the signing of a three-year collaboration agreement between TM and Mimos Bhd.

Zamzamzairani said last year alone, TM had invested RM40mil in R&D through TM R&D Sdn Bhd on enhancing its efficiency and productivity.

He added that TM was also developing an entrepreneurship programme for the commercialisation of technologies developed by local companies as TM was always in support of home-grown technology, especially for the benefit of its cus-

tomers.

Mimos president and chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah said the collaboration would see Mimos transferring the frontier technologies from its laboratories to TM in line with Mimos' mission to grow globally competitive indigenous industries ultimately aimed at moving the Malaysian information and communications technology industry up the value chain.

"Our collaboration with TM is testimony to the uptake and adoption of Mimos' technology platforms and a further demonstration of how Mimos is building up the technology eco-system to address the market needs and demands," he said.

The collaboration would include R&D activities, commercialisation and potential technology transfer of grid computing, semantic, wireless access and Internet Protocol Version 6. TM will also further develop Mimos technology platforms for commercialisation in line with TM's customer demand.



Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah (left) and Datuk Zamzamzairani Mohd Isa shaking hands after the collaboration agreement signing ceremony. Behind them are (left) Mimos technology portfolio management director Ahmad Helmi Abdul Halim and Telekom Malaysia retail product vice-president Azizi A. Hadi.