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KUALA LUMPUR: The police Command, Control, Communications and Computer Integration (C4i) system, which has been in use for the past decade, is to be upgraded in phases next year at a cost of RM1.5 billion.

The upgrade will see the police equipped with state-of-the-art automated communications systems operating at greater speed and high efficiency similar to that used in the US and other developed countries.

The upgrade, to be undertaken by government-owned company Mimos Berhad, will kick off in January for the Klang Valley, Sabah and Sarawak before being carried out in other states.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar said yesterday that although the current

C4i system installed in 2002 by a foreign company at the cost of RM66 million had gained international recognition in 2008, the automation had become obsolete with changing times and the upgrading was crucial for the police to be up to the mark in policing matters.

He said with the C4i, police response time to distress calls had speeded up and centralised data sharing was more efficient.

Ismail said among the features of the upgraded system would be the quick retrieval and channelling of information from social websites such as Facebook, short message service (SMS) and other sources.

He said closed-circuit (CCTV) cameras would also be installed in police patrol cars for the purpose of real-time transmission to Bukit Aman and recording crime scenes to enable more efficient control and command from superiors at the police headquarters.