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RM5m gateway will allow unlimited online access



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BUKIT JALIL: Amax City, the first virtual city within Technology Park Malaysia (TPM) and costing about RM5 million, will allow unlimited online access to services and facilities through a convenient Internet gateway, was launched here this morning.

The innovative virtual project was set up by Asiaspace Wimax Sdn Bhd and introduces the Mimos WiWi Technology Platform, which integrates WiMax and Wi-Fi technologies.

Information, Communication and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim, who officiated the launch, said the development and use of innovative technology will propel the country into the next digital generation and for a betterment of life.

“Such communication initiatives also covers cultural aspects and incorporate iMalaysia values that will bring great

benefits to the community. It addresses the need for high speed, low costs and wide service coverage broadband,” he said.

Amax City hopes to advance the country’s international competitiveness through the adoption of city-wide wireless networks. It will also serve as a major launch and test pad for new technologies and development trials for wireless services.

The virtual city comprises media agencies, content providers, online game developers, IT companies and software developers. The first phase of the development of Amax City will cover many prime areas in TPM as well as universities and colleges. The coverage zone will be over 700 hectares of the park.

The launch also marked the official commencement of the partnership and collaboration between Asiaspace Wimax, Mimos Bhd and TPM.

The take up rate for Amax City up till now is only about 20 per cent or 162 tenants, and with about 3,000 more subscribers including colleges and universities, expected to come in soon.

INTERNET GATEWAY: Dr Rais Yatim (right) and Asiaspace chairman Datuk Abdul Ghani Abdullah at the Amax City launch at Bukit Jalil. — Pic: RAZAK GHAZALI