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Hello, MAK-CIK!

MIMOS is currently working on a Proof-of-Concept device, codenamed MAK-CIK PC, which is a low cost digital device that acts as a mediator to the Internet, thereby bringing Internet content to the TV. The Proof-of-Concept device is designed to be lightweight and mobile and to work with any TV. The device is also equipped with Wi-Fi (and soon WiMAX) capabilities to enable remote connectivity. It also has built in flash memory (instead of a large hard disk capacity) to achieve the desired form factor and lightness.

The content/applications currently built into the MAK-CIK PC device are divided into four categories — Communication, Information, Community and Learning. Studies are also being conducted to gauge the response to the MAK-CIK PC by the group most affected by the digital divide — the rural elders.

This is in line with MIMOS' objective to penetrate areas populated by those with low-education, non-professional occupations and low incomes in rural areas, thus bridging the digital divide between those in the city and the rural areas.

To achieve effective market penetration, MIMOS is working closely with telecommunication operators, technology providers and businesses. The target retail price is expected to be less than US\$160.

MIMOS is also working on a low-cost, mobile and functional

Tablet PC — CyberTablet — to cater for primary and secondary school students. MIMOS CyberTablet, which is the thinnest in the world, is envisioned to house the latest communication and knowledge technology developed by MIMOS.

The device serves to enhance the teaching and learning experience in the smart-school environment by providing interactivity, on-demand, customised and personal information retrieval. To achieve this aim, MIMOS, in tandem with MOSTI, is working closely with the Ministry of Education and content providers to make the content accessible via MIMOS Grid.

By providing an easy to use and personable device, it will enable students to be more involved, leading to more active participation in the construction of knowledge which creates an environment for their high level cognitive processes i.e. analysis synthesis and evaluation.

The product version of MIMOS CyberTablet will be equipped with: Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and WiMAX connectivity, Flash memory, softphone (VoIP Phone), virtualisation software to allow software applications to be downloaded on the fly from MIMOS Grid Computing and personalisation software developed by MIMOS.

MIMOS tablet PC is expected to retail between US\$160 to US\$300.