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## WiWi solution offers affordable and wider broadband coverage

KUALA LUMPUR: WiWi solution, a combination of WiFi and WiMax technologies developed by Mimos Bhd, is the cheapest way to provide wider broadband coverage in the country compared with the current networks which need high cost and maintenance.

Mimos' head of wireless communications cluster Dr Mazlan Abbas described WiWi as a hybrid solution that provides WiFi as a hotspot and WiMax as a backhaul – meaning, connecting WiFi users to an Internet service provider and the backbone of the Internet.

He said the solution is part of Mimos' effort as a strate-

gic agency under the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation to champion information & communications technology (ICT) advancements for the nation.

"WiWi technology will offer a low cost solution towards the last-mile connectivity issue prevalent in many rural and underserved areas," he told Bernama recently.

Explaining further on how the WiWi operates, Mazlan said the technology will provide a WiFi access where a user needs to have a WiFi device such as a laptop or personal digital assistant (PDA) to gain access to it. – Bernama