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KUALA LUMPUR: VADS Bhd, a wholly-owned unit of Telekom Malaysia Bhd (TM), aims to capture a bigger slice of the cloud computing services market in Malaysia, which

is expected to grow up to RM230 million by 2015.

Its chief executive officer Ghazali Omar said the market for cloud computing services is between RM50 million and RM100 million now but annual growth is some 45 per cent.

Cloud computing involves offering a service through the Internet. This helps companies save on costs of buying computer servers or software as services are normally hosted on data centres owned by cloud providers.

The most popular cloud service is Facebook, for example, while Microsoft has started to offer its Office software such as Word and Excel, through the cloud.

“We aim to be the leading player in providing cloud computing services in the country,” he told reporters after the signing of a technology

partnership between VADS and Mimos Bhd yesterday.

Mimos will help develop a platform for VADS’ cloud computing services, which will be offered to the government and companies.

Ghazali said VADS has put aside about RM6 million to carry out the first phase of its cloud computing project.

“Our cloud computing services will be carried out in several phases. We are in the first phase, which is on the infrastructure platform, with an investment of about RM6 million.

“We are currently at the testing stage and we expect to launch this cloud computing services either in August or September,” he said, adding that VADS will make further announcements on its investments in cloud computing business from time to time.