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ADVANCING THE COMMUNICATIONS FRONTIER: MALAYSIA'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ITU IDI 2023

CYBERJAYA, 7 FEBRUARY 2024 --- The latest publication from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU): <https://www.itu.int/itu-d/reports/statistics/IDI2023/> for the 2023 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Development Index (IDI 2023) firmly positioned Malaysia as a front-runner in telecommunication development on the global stage.

Malaysia scored 94.5 points out of the total score of 100, surpassing the global average at 72.8, demonstrating remarkable achievement towards achieving Universal and Meaningful Connectivity targets. An analysis of the report shows that **Malaysia is positioned 15th globally and 3rd within the ASEAN region.**

The IDI 2023 index consists of 10 indicators. Among these, the IDI 2023 highlights that Malaysia has achieved near-universal coverage of 4G/LTE mobile network, a high level of mobile-broadband subscriptions, and low prices for mobile and fixed-broadband services. Malaysia also boasts high rates of Internet usage, mobile phone ownership and Internet traffic per subscription. These achievements collectively demonstrate robust access to digital services and widespread digital engagement in Malaysia.

Minister of Communications, Fahmi Fadzil said, “This achievement underscores the Government’s continuous commitment to achieve Universal and Meaningful Connectivity for all Malaysians, with inclusivity as the primary driver for ensuring communications services are ubiquitous”.

With the strong support and collaboration with various quarters, the deployment of digital infrastructure has been expedited with the adoption of *Garis Panduan Perancangan Infrastruktur Komunikasi (GPP-I)* by the respective state governments and the establishment of *Jawatankuasa*

Penyeragaman Kos Caj dan Fi Pembangunan Infrastruktur Komunikasi approved by Mesyuarat Menteri Besar dan Ketua Menteri (MBKM).

The support of all stakeholders has enabled MCMC to advance the planning and rollout of 5G and satellite coverage to address connectivity challenges in rural and remote areas. As of 31 December 2023, the 5G rollout in Malaysia has reached 80.2% coverage in populated areas.

The Government through MCMC will continue to engage all stakeholders and the Rakyat to ensure that Malaysia achieves universal and meaningful connectivity for all.

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