



NOTICE

ISSUANCE OF FIRST INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF DRAFT PLANS FOR PROVISIONING OF PUBLIC CELLULAR AND MOBILE BROADBAND SERVICES

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) today announced the issuance of the first invitation for the submission of draft plans for the provisioning of public cellular and mobile broadband services at 1,661 sites nationwide under the JENDELA Phase 1 initiative. This initiative is part of the aspiration to enhance the nationwide coverage of 4G from 91.8% to 96.9% in populated areas nationwide.

The improved specifications for provisioning of service for 2G and 4G services will cover 12 states and one (1) Federal Territory in Malaysia namely Johor, Kedah, Kelantan, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Pulau Pinang, Selangor, Terengganu, Sabah, Sarawak and the Federal Territory of Labuan.

Out of the 1,661 locations identified by the Commission, a total of 1,020 locations or 61% are located in Labuan, Sabah and Sarawak respectively, whilst the remaining 641 locations or 39% are located in Peninsular Malaysia. 78.75% or 1,308 sites are located in rural and remote areas. This is important towards ensuring the parity of services for the *rakyat* nationwide as an effort to bridge the digital divide.

Following from the surge in demand for broadband after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has made an effort to enhance the technical specifications of this project, which will see end-users enjoying average speeds from 25Mbps to 35Mbps. These speeds will enable people to work from home, and enjoy a variety of services from live streaming to e-sports. All sites will be fiberised as far as is possible, where the terrain allows for this, as this will significantly improve the quality of the broadband services in terms of speed, reliability and user experience. Fiberising these areas will also allow for future expansion of fibre based services.

The deployment of services for the benefit of the general public here is fully funded by the Universal Service Provision Fund, which is governed by the Communications and Multimedia (Universal Service Provision) Regulations 2002.