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In the last two years, the government has continuously allocated funds for high speed broadband. Clearly the government continues efforts to spur internet penetration by providing resources for wireless mobile internet with the building of more transmission towers to extend nationwide mobile coverage.

This move definitely helps to improve the overall wired or wireless last mile connectivity especially in underserved areas. Then for the domestic network, government has also budgeted to extend international network connectivity by investing into submarine cables.

We see that the additional capacity provided by the submarine cable will help to drive the Internet charges down and to attract more international telecommunications and regional countries to transit via Malaysia.

However to make the investment more fruitful, the project is preferably undertaken by a neutral party with a fair pricing mechanism. And to make the submarine project more attractive, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission is welcome to review the cable landing station rights to facilitate Malaysia as the preferred communications transit hub.

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