

PRESS RELEASE

280 villagers from Kampung Gusi Ranau to receive High-Speed Satellite Broadband

Kuala Lumpur, 4 January 2021 – Common Tower Technologies Sdn Bhd (“CTT”) and MEASAT Global Berhad (“MEASAT”) have successfully deployed CONNECTme NOW, an innovative, prepaid high-speed WiFi hotspot service for the community of Kampung Gusi Ranau in Ranau Sabah.

Following the plight of the students in Kampung Gusi Ranau, who were recently injured after a bridge had collapsed while they were attempting to obtain mobile broadband signals for online learning, and in ensuring immediate solution to the community; CTT a wholly-owned company of Warisan Harta Sabah Sdn Bhd, an investment arm of the Sabah State Government was approached to provide broadband connectivity through Very Small Aperture Terminal (“VSAT”) service. CTT is a State Government Linked Company and appointed as ‘State-Backed Company’ in 2005 to undertake the TIME 2 project in Sabah. The TIME 2 project was implemented since 2004 to improve mobile coverage in areas with more than 80 people per sq km. The initiative to provide VSAT for the 280 villages in Kampung Gusi Ranau will be part of CTT’s Corporate Social Responsibility efforts.

“In urban areas, networks are being pushed to their limit as more people stay home to work and learn remotely. What more for rural areas like Kampung Gusi Ranau, where infrastructure is a challenge and it would take time/effort to deploy terrestrial communications for connectivity,” said CTT’s General Manager Law Chun Ming. “CONNECTme NOW by MEASAT was the ideal solution to provide quick upgrades to improve Internet communication and reliability, so the students and the community of Kampung Gusi Ranau have the connectivity they need to help navigate the challenges especially during this COVID-19 pandemic,” he concluded.

CONNECTme NOW, is satellite-based and available exclusively in Malaysia. Delivered by employing VSAT and High Throughput Satellite (HTS) technology, the service is a sustainable prepaid business model for rural broadband connectivity. With no contract or fixed monthly charges, subscribers only pay for what they use with Prepaid Access Code (PAC) vouchers at CONNECTme NOW community WiFi hotspots.

“High-speed satellite broadband is a game changer for rural communities, and MEASAT is pleased to be able to rely on our strengths to quickly deploy broadband services in the remote and interior areas of Malaysia” said MEASAT’s Chief Operating Officer, Yau Chyong Lim.

“With CONNECTme NOW, Malaysia’s first prepaid satellite broadband WiFi Hotspot service at Kampung Gusi Ranau, the community can immediately enjoy broadband services with speed of up to 30 Mbps by purchasing affordable prepaid Vouchers which provides users the freedom to choose data packages according to their needs” he concluded.

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CONNECTme NOW has been making waves in providing community-focused satellite broadband services to realize national broadband aspirations. Today, CONNECTme NOW is rapidly connecting the unconnected *Rakyat* with over 100,000 broadband connections nationwide for the *Rakyat* residing outside of 4G or terrestrial coverage, empowering rural communities to be part of the digital economy.

MEASAT's ability to deliver High-Speed Satellite Broadband nationwide makes it a strategic partner to support the Government of Malaysia's aspirations with Jalinan Digital Negara (JENDELA), that aims to achieve 100% 4G coverage in populated areas. Recognizing the importance of access to communications and bridging the digital divide, MEASAT has recently invested RM1.2 billion to build its next generation satellite, MEASAT-3d to support cost-effective high-speed broadband with up to 100 Mbps speeds in areas without any terrestrial network to ensure no Malaysian is left behind in the digital age.

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About Common Tower Technologies Sdn Bhd

Common Tower Technologies Sdn Bhd or CTT is one of the largest independent tower owners and operators in Malaysia, as well as one of the nation's largest providers of professional site development services to companies in the telecommunications industry. CTT owns, operates, and manages 257 communication infrastructure (tower) sites in Sabah following its appointment as the 'State-Backed Company' to undertake the TIME2 Project in Sabah since 2005. For more information, please visit www.cttsb.com.my or contact +6088 260052/260053/260055

About MEASAT/CONNECTme NOW

MEASAT is a premium supplier of communication and video services to leading broadcasters, Direct-To-Home (DTH) platforms and telecom operators. With capacity across five (5) communication satellites, MEASAT provides services to over 150 countries representing 80% of the world's population across Asia, Middle East, Africa, Europe and Australia.

MEASAT is recognized as the Rural Broadband Service Provider in Malaysia, through its CONNECTme NOW satellite broadband service. CONNECTme NOW is a high-speed WiFi Hotspot service leveraging on MEASAT's innovative satellite broadband system. It is best suited for public use in underserved or unserved areas in Malaysia. CONNECTme NOW users can access the Internet by purchasing Prepaid Access Codes (PAC) from Authorized Agents nationwide. The PAC is priced cost-effectively in small packages to meet user needs and affordability without long contracts or high upfront fees.

Soon, the MEASAT fleet will be further strengthened with the addition of MEASAT-3d at 91.5°E in 2021/2022 which will support cost-effective high-speed broadband with up to 100 Mbps speeds in areas without any terrestrial network throughout Malaysia; increase video distribution capacity across the Asia Pacific region; and provide unrivalled in-orbit satellite redundancy for the region. For more information, please visit www.measat.com / www.connectmenow.my

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