

Broadband for INTI

SUBANG JAYA: TM Net Sdn Bhd (www.tm.net.my) and INTI Universal Holdings Bhd have signed an agreement to create total broadband solutions to facilitate online learning and other Internet and multimedia initiatives at INTI International Group of Colleges' campuses and hostels nationwide.

The collaboration will make INTI College the first private college to implement TM Net's seamless and integrated enterprisewide network connectivity solution for multiple sites.

The agreement is part of INTI's "eCampus" masterplan to web-enable all its academic and administrative processes.

TM Net will provide the broadband infrastructure to serve INTI campuses in Subang Jaya, Nilai, Penang, Sabah and Sarawak.

In addition, the Subang Jaya campus and all its buildings will be linked via fibre optic lines, while all five campuses will have wireless local area networks (WLANs) to enable its staff and students to be connected to the INTI

intranet and Internet from anywhere within the campus.

"INTI's main network server for eCampus will be located in TM Net's datacentre in Brickfields," TM Net chairman Datuk Dr Mohd Khir Abdul Rahman said at the signing last week.

The plan also includes the creation of an "e-community" that would improve communications and interaction, as well as enable students to access e-learning content from anywhere.

To enhance the e-community, TM Net will also provide its recently launched "TM Net Hotspot" WiFi-based wireless broadband Internet access service, which would allow students to access the Net using their laptops and PDAs anywhere within the campus.

Other facilities provided include unified communication services and campus SMS (Short Message Service).

INTI has about 14,000 students in its five campuses nationwide, of whom 2,300 or 17% are from overseas. - **AHMAD ZUBER IBRAHIM**