



Mindful of the fact that broadband has a direct impact on a nation's competitiveness and economic strength, SKMM has made high speed broadband a priority focus area. We have been entrusted by the Government with the task of coordinating and spearheading the various initiatives identified under the National Broadband Initiatives.

Its importance cannot be overstated. High speed broadband brings the promise of a new lifestyle experience for Malaysians from all aspects. It is creating new platforms for businesses and at the same time opening up tremendous opportunities for entrepreneurs and industries growth. From telehealth to infotainment, shopping to education, life going forward will be shaped by high speed broadband.

We are pleased to put together in this Special Edition a host of initiatives that are being undertaken to realize the vision of a connected Malaysia. This is in conjunction with the launch of the National Broadband Initiatives and High Speed Broadband service.

You will find information and insights into what is essentially a plan to bring broadband services to the residents of Malaysia. The framework of the national broadband strategy is covered in the first section of this issue. The second section fleshes out the details. We have selected an interesting collection of articles that lay down the key components of the Initiatives.

We also showcase the efforts being undertaken under the Universal Services Provision (USP) programme that ensure no one will be left out of the digital age. From school students to rural broadband citizens, SKMM's USP programme has initiatives that will ensure everyone has access to broadband. Adding to that are two articles that detail how broadband is leveraged for entrepreneurship and how a city is being transformed from its rural background into a vibrant connected city.

The final section is perhaps the most important. SKMM is engaged in various initiatives to spur the creation and adoption of positive local digital content. The articles here give a glimpse of the breadth of the actions being taken to create and sustain a vibrant local content industry. Also in place is a national level network security undertaking that are keeping our networks and users safe from threats.

I trust that you will enjoy reading this Special Edition of .MyConvergence. I believe that, together, they present a fascinating picture of how an entire nation is going online and providing the Rakyat a window to the world.

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