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The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), he said, would install 300 very-small-aperture terminals (VSATs) next year to overcome connectivity problems in rural areas.

"The MCMC is always trying to implement various initiatives to improve the coverage and quality of broadband services through the implementation of the National Digital Network (Jendela) Plan Phase 1," he said in his Ministry's winding-up speech at the State Legislative Assembly sitting, here.

"The Jendela plan aims to improve the level of connectivity and the quality of the broadband service experience through the initiatives that have been identified and prepare the country towards 5G technology."

He said the Phase 1 target was to expand 4G mobile broadband coverage to 90 per cent in populated areas.

"Currently, 4G coverage in populated areas in Sabah has increased to 88.06 per

cent, while 154 of the 611 new towers planned had been completed, 3,810 towers have been upgraded to 4G services out of 3,984 towers planned, 134,116 premises out of 251,165 premises have been provided with Gigabit speed fibre optic connections, and 138 completed satellite broadband projects," he said.

As for science, technology, and innovation (STI) encouragement, Yakub said the Ministry was also implementing coding, robotics, and innovation programmes so that the science, technology, innovation and economic (STIE) ecosystem in Sabah can be empowered.

Among the programmes are RoboNeo, Sabah Data Fest, Borneo tech Summit, Digital IoT Sandbox, My Reskill IOT Programme, and Malaysia Techlympic.

Aside from that, he said, the Ministry would intensify collaboration with various Federal ministries and agencies as well as private parties to provide future workforce.

"The Ministry has already started a deeptech and upskilling programme in the field of IR 4.0, AI, blockchain, electronics and advanced materials with the Federal Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministry (Mosti) as preparation towards a high-tech country through the National Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (DSTIN 2021-2020) and the MySTIE Framework," he said. - **Ricardo Unto**



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