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Heads of Agreement Signing Ceremony  
between  
Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd. and Theta Telecoms Sdn. Bhd.

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#### SABAH NET & THETA TELECOMS UNITE TO STRENGTHEN SABAH'S DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY & RURAL DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

**13 March 2025 | Kota Kinabalu, Sabah** – In a groundbreaking move to **bridge the digital divide** and accelerate **telecommunications infrastructure development**, **Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd.** and **Theta Telecoms Sdn. Bhd.** have officially formed a **strategic collaboration** to drive digital transformation across Sabah.

**YB Datuk Dr. Hj Mohd Arifin Bin Datuk Hj Mohd Arif, Minister of Science, Technology & Innovation Sabah** was the distinguished Guest of Honour at the Heads of Agreement Signing Ceremony at the Sabah International Convention Centre.

Also in attendance were:

- **YBhg Datuk Mohd Hanafiah Bin Mohd Kassim**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation Sabah
- **YBhg Datuk Azman Bin Ruslan**, Chairman, Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd.
- **Mr. Chin Kah Yi**, CEO, Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd.
- **YBhg Datuk Nuraslina Zainal Abidin**, Group Managing Director & CEO, Theta Edge Berhad
- **YBrs En. Effie Rizal**, Head of Strategic Business & Consulting of Theta Edge Berhad
- Along with **esteemed industry leaders and stakeholders**.

This collaboration is a crucial component in realizing the ambitions set forth by **Jalanan Digital Negara (JENDELA) Phase 2**, the **MyDIGITAL blueprint**, and the **Sabah Maju Jaya (SMJ) Development Plan**—ensuring **inclusive, high-quality digital connectivity** for all Sabahans, particularly to underserved communities.

## **Bridging the Digital Divide: A Commitment to Sabah's Rural Future**

Digital access is no longer a luxury—it is a necessity for education, healthcare, and economic development, particularly in remote regions. With the world shifting towards a digital-first society, ensuring equal opportunities for all Sabahans is critical.

Through this initiative, rural communities will gain enhanced connectivity, unlocking opportunities in e-commerce, telemedicine, and remote education—paving the way for a truly inclusive digital Sabah.

## **Strategic Alliance: Strengthening Sabah's Position in Malaysia's Digital Transformation**

With nearly three decades of experience in digital infrastructure development, Sabah Net, a state-owned enterprise, has been instrumental in advancing Sabah's ICT ecosystem. Collaborating with Theta Telecoms, a specialist in large-scale telecommunications deployment, brings together expertise and capabilities to implement next-generation connectivity solutions across the state.

YBhg Datuk Azman Bin Ruslan, Chairman of Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd., highlighted that this collaboration is a vital step in ensuring everyone is connected, providing meaningful and impactful digital access to Sabah's underserved communities.

## **Complementary Strengths: A Future-Ready Collaboration**

YBhg Datuk Nuraslina Zainal Abidin, Group Managing Director & CEO of Theta Edge Berhad, emphasized the strategic roles of both organizations in ensuring the success of this collaboration. The design and implementation of the telecommunications infrastructure, along with ensuring seamless project execution, regulatory compliance, and effective stakeholder engagement, will be collaboratively managed. The combined expertise of both organizations will create a strong foundation for next-generation connectivity solutions that will benefit communities across Sabah and Malaysia.

## **Impact Beyond Connectivity: Driving Economic Growth, Education, and Healthcare**

This collaboration is more than just about internet access—it is a catalyst for economic and social progress:

- **Empowering SMEs and Entrepreneurs** – Providing businesses with the digital infrastructure needed to compete in the e-commerce and global digital economy.
- **Strengthening Education** – Enhancing online learning for students and teachers, particularly in rural communities.
- **Enhancing Healthcare Services** – Expanding telemedicine capabilities, ensuring that even remote villages gain access to medical consultations and essential health services.

With **improved digital infrastructure**, Sabah will witness **more job opportunities; increased technology adoption; and a stronger, more resilient digital economy**. This initiative reinforces **Sabah's long-term digital growth strategy**, ensuring that **no one is left behind**.

## **A Call to Action: Uniting for a Digitally Empowered Sabah**

The success of **Sabah's digital transformation** requires **continued collaboration between the government, private sector, and local communities**.

This collaboration marks the beginning of a **transformative movement** that will **redefine connectivity, drive innovation, and accelerate economic growth** across the state. By ensuring that **every Sabahan**, regardless of location, has **access to digital opportunities**, fosters an **inclusive, technology-driven future**, positioning Sabah as a **digitally empowered state** where **EVERYONE IS CONNECTED**.

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### **About Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd.**

Sabah Net Sdn. Bhd. is a government-linked company under the Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation Sabah (KSTI). Established in 1996, Sabah Net plays a key role in managing and developing government digital infrastructure, providing ICT solutions, and promoting digital inclusion across the state.

### **About Theta Telecoms Sdn. Bhd.**

Theta Telecoms Sdn. Bhd., a subsidiary of Theta Edge Berhad, specializes in telecommunications infrastructure development and network solutions. With a strong track record in nationwide deployments, Theta Telecoms is committed to supporting Malaysia's digital transformation agenda.

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