

## Better broadband services on island

HIGH-SPEED wireless broadband services will be available in all residential areas and tourist spots in Langkawi by June this year.

Kedah Public Works, Energy, Environment and Information Communication Technology committee chairman Datuk Nawawi Ahmad said the services were currently available only in Kuah and Pantai Cenang on the island.

He said allocation for the wireless access, to be implemented by Kedah ICT Sdn Bhd and WiNet, came from the RM4mil Langkawi Digital Multimedia Island project.

"We want wireless access to be available at places where there are people. The broadband speed will be upgraded from the current one megabyte per second to two and five megabyte per second, according to the subscribers' subscription plans," he said.

He also said the installation of 90 transmitters across the island would begin immediately after the Chinese New Year holiday.

Nawawi also said subscription cards were available at Langkawi Fair shopping complex at RM10 a day or RM38 a month.

"The cards will be sold at more places once the services are made available throughout the island resort.

"I will also ask Kedah ICT to look into possibilities of allowing subscribers to pay via the Internet using credit cards," he said.