

AT A GLANCE

MCOT ready for trial of pay-TV service

MCOT yesterday said it was ready to conduct a trial of a pay-TV service using its 2.6GHz spectrum.

The National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) board agreed on Wednesday to grant the so-called network code to MCOT. The code enables the company to test provision of the pay-TV service on the broadband wireless technology.

MCOT president Kematat Paladesh said that the granting of the network code paved the way for the company to prepare provision of the pay-TV service on the 2.6GHz band. It will enter into the talks with its pay-TV service marketing partner Playwork on possible collaboration for the launch of the service, said Kematat, adding that the business plan would become clearer in the next few months.

He said that after the start of the service trial, the company would wait for a period before entering into the talks with the NBTC over whether it would have to hand over part of the 2.6GHz to the watchdog for reallocation at auction.