



Indonesian Govt Launches \$23b Broadband Access Plan

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Visitors look at new mobile phones during a computer and mobile phone exhibition in Jakarta, Indonesia, on March 10, 2013.
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Jakarta. The Indonesian government unveiled on Wednesday a Rp 278 trillion (\$23 billion) broadband connectivity plan over the next five years in order to boost economic growth.

The plan, called Indonesia Broadband Plan, aims to provide by 2019 fixed broadband access to all government offices, hotels, hospitals, schools and public spaces across Indonesia with Internet connection speed of at least 2 megabytes per second.

The plan also targets 80 percent of buildings and 49 percent of houses in rural areas to connect to the broadband network over the next five years. In urban areas, the proportion would be 100 percent for buildings and 71 percent for houses.

“Study shows that for every additional 10 percent of the population using the Internet, the economy would grow by 1.38 percentage points,” said Armida Alisjahbana, minister of development planning on Wednesday.

Armida said that 80 percent of the plan would be financed by the private sector.

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