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## **U MOBILE TO ROLL OUT NEXT GENERATION 5G NETWORK ACROSS 20 IGB PROPERTIES**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- U Mobile will roll out its next generation 5G network across 20 IGB Bhd (IGB) properties in the country, marking the largest in-building coverage (IBC) deployment partnership in terms of buildings to date.

It said in a statement today that 20 IGB properties, including iconic malls such as Mid Valley Megamall, The Gardens Mall in Kuala Lumpur and The Mall, Mid Valley Southkey in Johor Bahru.

"The 20 IBC sites account for more than 70 per cent of its high-traffic locations spanning retail, commercial and hospitality segments in Malaysia.

"Once deployed, IGB will be able to reap the benefits of seamless 5G connectivity to improve building management and operations,

as well as enhance the digital experience for its tenants and customers," it said.

IGB owns and manages an extensive portfolio of malls, offices, hotels and residential developments nationwide.

According to the statement, the partnership will also see U Mobile provide 5G indoor access in these buildings to other telcos so that their respective customers will also be able to enjoy seamless, high-speed mobile connectivity indoor throughout the various IGB properties.

U Mobile deputy chief executive officer Kenneth Chang said that in line with its commitment to supporting Malaysia's broader digital progress, the company will also make its 5G indoor coverage available to other telcos, believing their respective customers will also desire to have the same kind of ULTRA5G experience provided by the next generation network.

"This collaboration is just the beginning of more network deployment partnerships, both indoor and outdoor, that we will drive across various sectors in the months ahead," he said.

Meanwhile, IGB deputy group chief executive officer Tan Mei Sian said the partnership with U Mobile to deploy an advanced 5G network to enhance indoor coverage is a strategic move that not only future-proofs its assets across the retail, commercial and hospitality segments but also sets the company in the right direction in aligning businesses with Malaysia's digital transformation agenda.

"This collaboration marks a major milestone in ensuring the best possible connected experience in our properties, which is now a fundamental expectation across world-class developments," she said.

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