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Building affordable Internet infrastructure – How?

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Building Affordable Internet Infrastructure



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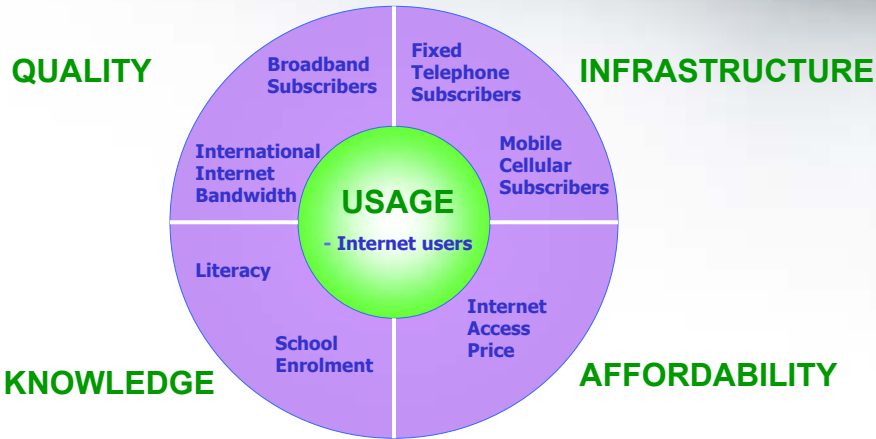
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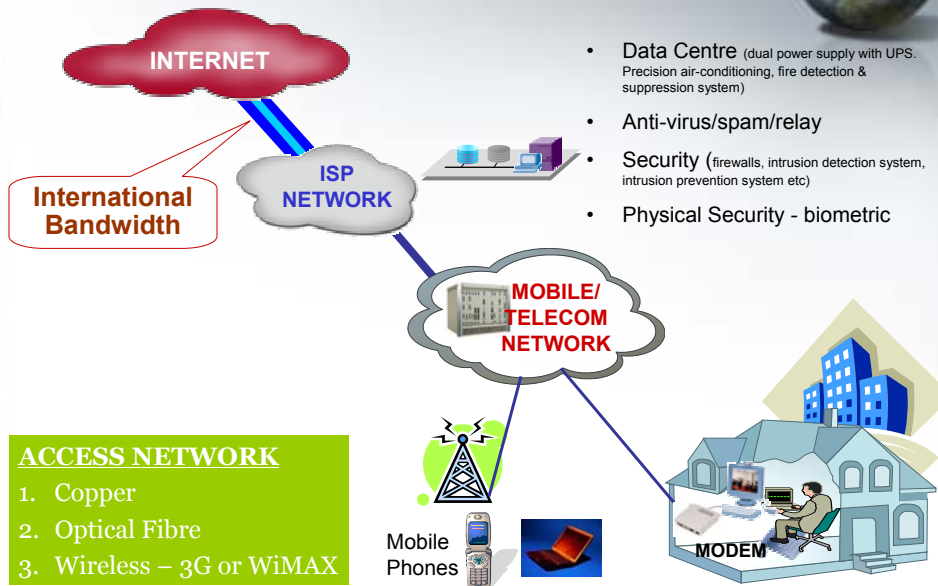
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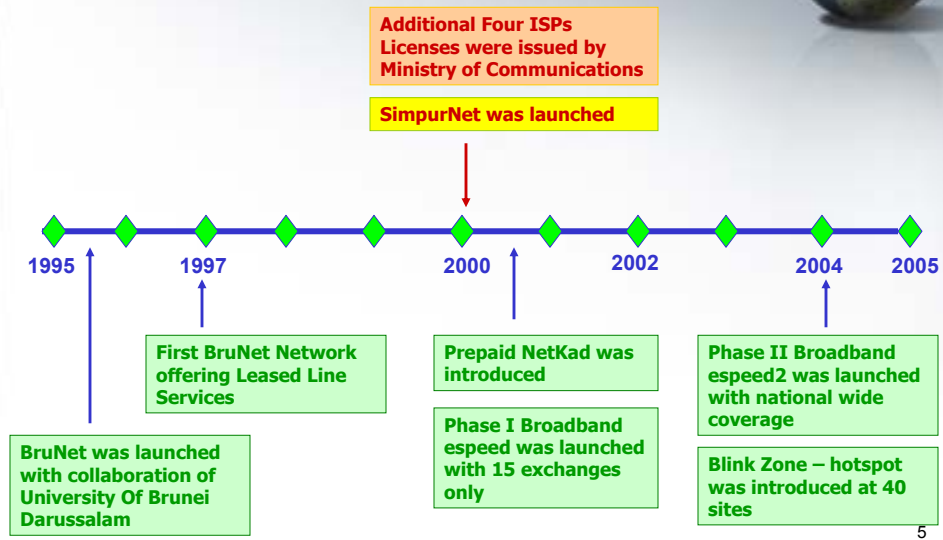
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Internet Infrastructure Overview



Internet Development Milestones in Brunei



Fixed and Mobile Phone Density

	Main Telephone Lines Per 100 inhabitants	Mobile Subscribers Per 100 inhabitants
Brunei Darussalam	25.57	40.06
Malaysia	18.16	44.20
Singapore	45.03	85.25
Philippines	4.12	9.7
Indonesia	3.94	8.74
Thailand	10.49	39.42
Australia	54.23	71.95
United Kingdom	59.06	91.17
World Average	18.66	68.1

Source : ITU Statistics

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Rural Communications



- Under the 8th national development plan, JTB has implemented rural communication at Tutong and Kuala Belait District that allows basic telephony services i.e. voice services.
- JTB is also currently in the process of upgrading this network to broadband network by 2006.

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Internet Tariff



	20 Hours of Use	% of GNI per capita	
Brunei Darussalam	US\$16.39	1.4%	High Income
Singapore	US\$11.04	0.6%	
Australia	US\$18.13	1.1%	
United Kingdom	US\$23.87	1.1%	
Malaysia	US\$8.42	2.9%	Upper Middle Income
Thailand	US\$6.98	4.2%	Lower Middle Income
Philippines	US\$17.05	20.1%	
Indonesia	US\$22.26	37.6%	Low Income
World Average	US\$36.91	88.7%	

Source : ITU Statistics

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Affordability Issues



- Economy of Scales
 - High investments for infrastructures
 - High operation and maintenance cost
 - High cost for international bandwidths

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How to Move Forward



- Service providers and operators to work closely with all stakeholders e.g. policy and funding
- Explore new and cheaper technologies
- Negotiate better prices for international bandwidth and equipment cost
- Improve productivity and efficiency of the service providers and operators
- Introduction of new packages such as time based or volume based services

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