

18-02-2008: P&O's bankable wireless security system

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SUBANG JAYA: Pacific & Orient Bhd (P&O), which has been awarded a RM1 million contract to revamp Bandar Sunway's Safe City Initiative, is enhancing its wireless surveillance system in the township with state-of-the-art security features.

The company will introduce a licence plate recognition feature next month, and later, a facial-recognition component, its chief executive officer Chan Thye Seng told The Edge Financial Daily.

Chan said the licence plate recognition feature would allow the CCTV cameras to monitor and track vehicles that entered and exited the township. "This would be part of the law enforcement programme to make Bandar Sunway safer."

The Sunway Group launched its Safe City Initiative in 2001 by installing CCTVs at selected locations in the township. It also partnered with the police to provide monitoring in efforts to reduce the crime rate in the township.

Last November, it roped in insurance company P&O Global Technologies Sdn Bhd, which is wholly owned by P&O, to convert its CCTV system into a fully wireless surveillance system.

To date, P&O Global Technologies has installed six wireless CCTVs in Bandar Sunway with a central monitoring system located at the local police station. Three additional CCTV cameras will be installed later, said Chan, who is also CEO of P&O Global Technologies.

P&O Global Technologies, which has offices in the US and Thailand, contributes between RM5 million and RM10 million annually to the group's revenue. Its customers range from government and law enforcement agencies to corporations and security organisations.

Asked if the company would venture into the banking sector, Chan said: "We are getting there, as we will soon be carrying out a (CCTV surveillance) test on a bank in Thailand, which is keen to look into our facial recognition features that would enable it to identify customers. We would probably deploy that in two months."

He said the company was also on the lookout for other security-related projects locally. "We are looking at several possibilities, such as tendering for projects under the Housing Ministry and some property developers."

Chan also said the company would be collaborating with an associated company, intelligence surveillance systems provider Reka Niaga Resources Sdn Bhd, in its future surveillance projects.

In addition to surveillance solutions, P&O Global Technologies provides workflow solutions, disaster recovery, insurance and telephony solutions.

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From left: Selangor Police Chief Datuk Khalid Abu Bakar, Gapurna Technologies Sdn Bhd director Imran Salim, MCPF deputy chairman Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye and Subang Jaya state assemblyman Datuk Lee Hwa Beng taking a closer look at the CCTV in Police Station Bandar Selamat, Bandar Sunway.



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