

## **Huawei creates A\$100,000 Pacific Islands CSR fund Solomon Islands school receives A\$10,000 grant**

**- Mercy Learning Centre to receive new desks and chairs, classroom materials,  
water tanks and training for 3 teachers**

**Honiara, Solomon Islands, August 31, 2010:** Huawei Technologies has announced the creation of a A\$100,000 fund for Corporate Social Responsibility work throughout the Pacific Islands, with a volunteer school in the Solomon Islands the first project to benefit from the fund. Huawei has now partnered with a list of operators throughout the Pacific Islands, and today announced it will donate new equipment, school materials and teacher training to Mercy Learning Centre at a total cost of \$A10,000 (approx SBD\$70,000). Huawei staff have forged links with the school while working in the Solomon Islands, and hope to see Huawei's contribution to Mercy Learning Centre create new opportunities for underprivileged children in the area.

"With every new project we undertake in the Pacific Islands, Huawei is increasingly a part of local communities and we've been overwhelmed by the way locals welcome our staff," said Huawei Australia CEO Guo Fulin. "At Huawei, our motto is 'enriching life through communication,' and this fund has been created to ensure that Huawei gives something back to communities around the region – to help enrich people's lives throughout the areas we work in."

Mercy Learning Centre was started five years ago by Beverly Komasi. A trained teacher, Ms Komasi said she was struck by the plight of young children who spent their days sifting through rubbish at the nearby Ranandi dump, and decided to create a school staffed by local volunteers. Today, Mercy Learning Centre has 438 students from Kindergarten to Form 5 (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), and 15 unpaid, untrained teachers on hand operating from just one classroom. Three new classrooms are currently under construction.

With Mercy Learning Centre, Huawei will use the funds to pay for:

- New chairs and desks to fill three new classrooms
- A new computer, printer, and photocopier
- Formal training for three teachers
- Two new 1000 gallon water tanks to provide children with clean drinking water
- New books and learning materials for students

“Huawei staff have been welcomed by the local community in the Solomon Islands, and this is just one small way we can help give something back,” said Huawei’s Solomon Islands Project Manager Brett Seriani. “Mercy Learning Centre is a volunteer organisation which is making a huge difference to the lives of young Solomon Islanders, and the Huawei team hopes this donation will help Mercy Learning Centre continue its valuable mission.”

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