

Huawei and IBES collaborate to strengthen ICT research in Victoria

Melbourne AUSTRALIA, 15 January, 2010: Huawei Australia today announced it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Melbourne's Institute for a Broadband-Enabled Society (IBES).

The MOU was witnessed by Victorian Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Minister John Lenders and verifies that both parties will collaborate to strengthen research into broadband technologies, services and applications in the State of Victoria.

"Huawei is proud to be supporting vital Australian ICT research. As a platinum sponsor, we will work closely with the Institute to establish collaborative research projects in broadband technologies and applications that will enhance and make use of the NBN," said Huawei's Chief Technology Officer, Peter Rossi.

Minister Lenders said the Brumby Labor Government is taking action to support industry collaboration and strengthen research into broadband technologies in the state.

"The signing of the MOU further highlights Victoria's leadership in supporting and developing innovative and job creating technology, demonstrating why Victoria is the natural home for the National Broadband Network," Mr Lenders said.

Welcoming the MOU, IBES Director Professor Rod Tucker said, "The commitment from Huawei, as well as the continuing support of the State Government of Victoria, ensures that IBES will play a key role in the development of an Australian society that is ready for a broadband-enabled future."

"Huawei has long demonstrated a commitment to R&D. The MOU with IBES further attests to our commitment to investing in local R&D and local job creation," said Mr Rossi.

Huawei and IBES will also explore the potential of establishing a joint Research and Development Centre in Melbourne.

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About Huawei

Huawei is a leader in providing next generation telecommunications networks, and now serves 36 of the world's top 50 operators, along with over one billion users worldwide. The company is committed to providing innovative and customized products, services and solutions to create long-term value and growth potential for its customers. Visit www.huawei.com for more information.

About the Institute for a Broadband-Enabled Society (IBES)

IBES is a cross-disciplinary research institute at the University of Melbourne dedicated to technologies products, services, and innovations that maximize the benefit of broadband technologies to society. The Institute's activities cover a

wide range of fields including advanced broadband technologies, energy-efficient networking and cloud computing, content creation and delivery, delivery of remote health services and education, business and service transformation, social networking, and entertainment. For more information about IBES, please visit:

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