

Huawei backs Australian Government's NBN rollout as regional neighbours follow lead

*Huawei Awarded Exclusive Contract to Build FTTH
Next-Generation Broadband Network in Brunei*

Sydney, Australia, October 26, 2010: The announcement of a yet another National Broadband Network in the region shows the Australian Government's NBN plan is the right move, according to Huawei Australia. With Huawei winning a new contract to roll out Fibre-to-the-Home services in Brunei, Huawei Australia CTO Peter Rossi said that countries around the Asia-Pacific region have backed FTTH as the future-proof technology of choice – with Huawei now deploying next-generation fibre services in Singapore, Malaysia, and now Brunei, as well as globally with BT in the UK, Etisalat in the UAE, and more.

"This latest announcement once again shows that the Australian Government has made the right choice in deploying Fibre-to-the-Home technology," said Huawei Australia CTO Peter Rossi. "Our neighbours around the region have chosen FTTH as the technology which will enable next-generation services such as e-health and e-education. Around the world it's a similar story: in the UK, Singapore and Malaysia, Huawei is already deploying fibre services which will be the bedrock of the digital economy in those countries."

"The NBN in Australia will be a key enabler of the services which will keep us competitive both regionally and globally. Without the NBN, we risk being left behind in a world which is rolling out Fibre-to-the-Home services today." Rossi said. "Huawei's first FTTx services are already online in the UK and Singapore, and we're forging ahead with deployments in Malaysia, the UAE and now Brunei – Huawei believes Australia's NBN is central to the future of our economy."

Huawei has been selected as the exclusive supplier for the Brunei Next-Generation Broadband Network (BNBN) project of Telekom Brunei Berhad using FTTH (Fibre-to-the-Home) technology. The BNBN project entails the largest investment of its kind ever made

by Telekom Brunei Berhad. BNB will cover four major areas in Brunei and will offer subscribers a maximum data transfer rate of 150 Mbps.

Telekom Brunei Berhad, the only fixed network operator in Brunei, provides subscribers nationwide with a full array of services, including voice, broadband, transport, and ISP services. As subscribers' demands for data services continue to grow, Telekom Brunei Berhad aims to update its legacy network by developing its FTTH BNB infrastructure to best meet the growing demand for ultra broadband services such as high-speed Internet and high-definition TV.

Under the agreement inked with Telekom Brunei Berhad, Huawei will deliver an end-to-end turnkey services package that includes active and passive equipment, holistic ODN (Optical Distribution Network) network designs, and construction management. This project will be carried out in four phases and the resulting network will serve over 40,000 subscribers in Brunei after its completion.

Rasidi Hj Osman, Project Director of Telekom Brunei Berhad, said, "This is an important strategic project for both Telekom Brunei Berhad and for Brunei, as it will offer nationwide residential and business subscribers a premium service experience. We are confident that Huawei will deliver innovative and high-quality solutions and services quickly."

"We are pleased to collaborate with Telekom Brunei Berhad on this project. As broadband deployments continue to blossom around the globe, Huawei will use its expertise to help operators worldwide succeed in business with Huawei's industry-leading broadband solutions that can flatten networks, facilitate deployment, and improve profitability," said Liu Jiangfeng, President of Huawei's South Pacific Regional Division.

Huawei is a leading IP and optical access player that is actively working on various broadband initiatives for operators worldwide, including NBN projects in Britain, Singapore, Malaysia, and Qatar. Huawei has been engaged in more commercial FTTx projects than any other provider, and its products and solutions are currently servicing

many of the world's major operators, including China Mobile, China Unicom, China Telecom, Vodafone, France Telecom, British Telecom, and Telecom Italia, offering users new high-speed Internet and fixed-mobile convergence services and enriching people's lives through communication.

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