

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell announces Huawei partnership with Macquarie University

*Contract to offer Electronic Engineering student training and scholarships,
Huawei Australia CTO Peter Rossi to sit on University's Industry Advisory Committee*

Australia, 20 July, 2011: NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell has announced a new contract between Huawei Australia and Macquarie University to establish a scholarship program for Electronic Engineering students. Announced via high-definition telepresence between Huawei's Shanghai R&D centre and Sydney office, the agreement marks Huawei's third University partnership in Australia and will allow students to gain real-world experience working with Huawei on a range of major infrastructure projects, and will also offer scholarships to two students in their final year of the degree.

"Macquarie students will be hosted by Huawei as part of the University's Industry Internships Program and Industry Work Experience Process," Mr O'Farrell said. "As part of the agreement, Huawei joins Macquarie University's Engineering Industry Partnership Program and Huawei Australia's Chief Technology Officer Peter Rossi is appointed to the University's Industry Advisory Committee."

"Huawei will also support an intern and scholarship program at Macquarie University for talented NSW electronic engineering students including two \$5,000 annual scholarships," he said. "This will provide exciting opportunities for some of our State's most innovative students each year on a range of major electronics infrastructure projects and will give them invaluable contact with Huawei as they move ahead in the sector."

The contract follows Huawei joining Macquarie University's Engineering Industry Partnership Program (EIPP), alongside other industry partners including Optus, CSIRO, Cochlear, Commonwealth Bank, and more. Huawei has committed to hosting students as part of the University's Industry Internships Program and Industry Work Experience Process, along with offering two \$5,000 scholarships which will go to deserving students in the final year of their degree.

“This partnership is a real win for both parties – Macquarie University students in NSW will gain real-world telecoms industry experience on internships and will benefit from two annual scholarships, and Huawei will have access to Australia’s best new electronic engineering graduates,” said Huawei Australia CTO Peter Rossi, who has been appointed to the University’s Industry Advisory Committee. “With 80% of Huawei’s staff now locals, we can now work with Macquarie University to ensure that Huawei’s world-leading innovation is powered by Australia’s best and brightest students.”

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at Macquarie University, Professor Jim Piper said the partnership cemented many informal ties between Huawei and the University.

“We’re very pleased that our relationship with such a leading industry partner is growing, both here and in China, and are excited to think of future possibilities as our two organisations come together to meet national and international challenges in engineering and telecommunications.”

The agreement with Macquarie marks Huawei’s third partnership with an Australian University. During 2010, Huawei joined the University of Melbourne’s Institute for a Broadband Enabled Society (IBES), contributing GPON (gigabit passive optical network) equipment to the IBES National Broadband Network-test bed environment. Additionally Huawei has partnered with RMIT University, creating the *Next Generation Technology Training Centre* which will see students trained on the latest Huawei equipment.

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