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HGC launches School Wi-Fi Managed Service to enhance school Wi-Fi infrastructure in line with the education sector's "Support Scheme for eLearning in Schools"

19 May 2014, Hong Kong - Hutchison Global Communications Limited (HGC), the fixed-line division of Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited (SEHK:215), today announced launch of HGC School Wi-Fi Managed Service for the education sector.

This has been designed to provide schools with one-stop Wi-Fi infrastructure, network deployment, system maintenance and web-filtering services. Teachers and students alike will be able to use mobile devices to learn in a carefree manner via high-speed, secure and reliable Wi-Fi in a classroom environment. HGC also offers technical support and customer service to facilitate implementation of eLearning throughout schools to boost teaching and learning efficacy.

Serving schools in the "WaaSchool Project"

HGC serves some of the schools taking part in the "Wi-Fi as a Service School Partnership Project" (WaaSchool Project) launched last December by Hong Kong Education City Limited (HKEdCity) and the Association of IT Leaders in Education (AiTLE, www.aitle.org.hk). The project was designed to provide participating schools with a one-stop Wi-Fi managed service and Wi-Fi deployment for free. HGC's role tied in with the education sector's "Support Scheme for eLearning in Schools", with the overall aim of encouraging interactive class environments through teacher and student use of mobile devices.

Victor Cheng, Executive Director of HKEdCity, said: "eLearning is a global trend in education, and a managed school Wi-Fi service can facilitate eLearning popularity. The Single Sign-On service provided by HKEdCity can further simplify management procedures and reduce overall operational cost. The 'WaaSchool Project' provides free Wi-Fi service for partnering schools and implements the new Wi-Fi managed service model. We are very pleased to have HGC as one of our partners, working together for the successful launch of the project."

AiTLE Chairman Albert Wong said: "As the Internet becomes increasingly important, issues such as information security and privacy are of growing concern. In fact, it is time-consuming for teachers to handle and follow up on school Wi-Fi infrastructure. They should instead focus their time on providing learning guidance and dealing with students' growth and personal development. It is wise to have the school Wi-Fi infrastructure handled by professionals."

Experience shared by a “WaaSchool Project” school

St Stephen's College is involved in the “WaaSchool project” and launches eLearning this September. In order to tie in with the school's eLearning plan, HGC installed Wi-Fi in designated classrooms and provided a one-stop School Wi-Fi Managed Service in mid-March.

Patrick Yuen, eLearning coordinator at St Stephen's College, said: “Activation of the recently-deployed Wi-Fi will help the school to promote eLearning. By September, our students can bring their own tablets and connect them to HGC's Wi-Fi network in classrooms. They can participate in real-time voting, perform online assessments and collaborate in various learning activities. We firmly believe this will make lessons become more interactive, while boosting student interest in learning and helping teachers to monitor learning progress.”

He added: “With HGC School Wi-Fi Managed Service, our school can save on the staffing requirements of Wi-Fi network deployment and management, along with hardware installation and technical support, so teachers can concentrate on teaching.”

HGC's Managing Director, Jennifer Tan, said: “Over the years, HGC has been devoted to promoting IT education. As well as deploying Fibre-to-the-School networks for primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong in the early years, we have partnered with content providers to build a cloud platform for schools, along with cost-effective IT education solutions. Given increasing demand to enhance school Wi-Fi network infrastructure from public and direct subsidy scheme schools - all reinforced by growing popularity of the bring-your-own-device concept - we believe that School Wi-Fi Managed Service will accelerate development of eLearning and enhance the efficacy of teaching and learning.”

HGC School Wi-Fi Managed Service details:

HGC's strong technical support team holds a wealth of experience in deploying telecoms networks to provide schools with high-quality and reliable Wi-Fi network solutions and managed services. These include:

1. Provision of 100M to 1G fibre-optic broadband, so mobile devices benefit from high-speed Internet connectivity.
2. Provision of comprehensive Wi-Fi equipment, network planning, deployment and infrastructure.
3. Deployment of stringent security systems, such as web-filtering functionality to block inappropriate content.
4. Provision of Wi-Fi managed services, comprehensive and reliable system maintenance and automatic firewall software updates to ensure security.
5. Provision of 24/7 professional technical support, network monitoring and customer service.

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