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TOP STORY

ST Telemedia welcomed Qatar Telecom as new shareholder of Asia Mobile Holdings

ST Telemedia welcomed Qatar Telecom (Qtel) as a new shareholder of Asia Mobile Holdings (AMH), at an official ceremony held on 9 March 2007 at the National Museum of Singapore. The event marks the successful completion of the strategic alliance between the two companies, which was announced on 12 January 2007.



ST Telemedia's President and CEO, Mr. Lee Theng Kiat, and Qtel's CEO, Dr. Nasser Marafih, exchanged statements of intent and was witnessed by Minister Lim, ST Telemedia's Chairman and Qtel's board members.

The event was officiated by Guest-of-Honour Mr. Lim Hng Kiang, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry. The event programme included a guided tour of the museum, Singapore's oldest museum with a history dating back to 1887.

Commenting on the Middle-East's growing importance in the global economy and the significance of the ST Telemedia-Qtel alliance, Mr Lim Hng Kiang said, "The Middle-East is a fast growing market with increasing opportunities for growth, collaboration and sharing of knowledge exchange between our governments and companies. Qatar is an important partner for Singapore in the Middle-East. The strong friendly ties between Singapore and Qatar continue to grow from the numerous bilateral visits by leaders from both sides. The strategic alliance between ST Telemedia and Qatar Telecom will lead the way for companies in our two countries to work and grow together in the Asia-Pacific and Middle-East regions." [>](#)

CORPORATE NEWS

ST Telemedia hosts VNPT delegates

ST Telemedia hosted 25 Directors, Deputy Directors and Heads of Departments from Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications (VNPT), and its subsidiaries for an afternoon of discussion on ST Telemedia's group companies' Internet-based services. Given Vietnam's rising economic importance in the region, the visit not only provided VNPT delegates an opportunity to learn more about Singapore's Internet-based services, but also enabled the forging of closer relationships between ST Telemedia and one of Vietnam's leading telecommunications operators.

BUSINESS SCORECARD

Global Crossing wins US\$10 million Government contract

Global Crossing (GC) has inked its first major deal with the United States Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). The company has signed a five-year contract of a total value of US\$10million, with NRL for private line services, which will connect two of the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD) Large Data Joint Capability Technology Demonstration (JCTD) sites. The contract with NRL under the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) 70 Schedule helps GC build their credentials as a prime contractor to the U.S. Government. The GSA 70 Schedule, which falls under the GSA's Federal Supply Service, gives GC the ability to sell directly to all U.S. Government agencies regardless of their geographic location. Currently, GC is the only GSA Schedule 70 telecommunications provider that offers Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) capabilities that are ready for installation. [>](#)

VALUE CREATION

Nexwave Telecoms launches SunPage Internet Call Service

TeleChoice's wholly-owned subsidiary, Nexwave Telecoms, has launched SunPage Internet Call Service, an innovative international calling service on the Nokia N80 Internet Edition (or VoIP-enabled) mobile device. With this new service, SunPage customers can make international calls over WiFi broadband at home and abroad at competitive rates. [>](#)

Indosat launches 3.5G

Indosat is the first 3G operator in Indonesia to provide 3G with High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSPDA) technology. Indosat has launched its 3.5G service in the Jakarta and Surabaya area. Indosat's 3.5G service uses 3G technology which allows its customers to enjoy better quality voice service, video, and data access/internet service of high speeds up to 3.6Mbps, which is nine times faster than the 3G service. [>](#)

StarHub Customers Get Free Wireless Broadband Access (WBA)

Starting January 2007, StarHub customers will enjoy free wireless broadband access at over 300 StarHub hotspots in Singapore. StarHub has also doubled the coverage of WBA hotspots with new partners such as VSNL (India) and T-Com/T-Mobile (Europe), adding 12,000 hotspots to the company's existing wireless broadband global roaming footprint. [>](#)

INNOVATION

StarHub Becomes the First Company in the World to Commercially Launch 100Mbps Residential Broadband Service Nation-wide Using DOCSIS 3.0 Technology

StarHub is the first company in the world to commercially launch 100Mbps residential broadband services nation-wide. A network upgrade with VELOCITY, StarHub's content-collaboration programme, was implemented to ensure that all its broadband (MaxOnline) customers can experience the full capabilities of DOCSIS.30 and access ultra-high broadband speeds. [>](#)

COMMUNITY

ST Telemedia donates Rupiah 650 million to Jakarta flood victims and community programmes

Following the floods that devastated Jakarta in February, ST Telemedia has promptly responded with a donation of Rp 500 million to Indonesia's Cabinet Ministers Wives' Club or Solidaritas Istri Kabinet Indonesia Bersatu (SIKIB) and a further [Rp 150 million](#) to Indonesian Medical Association (IMA). The contribution to SIKIB was donated by ST Telemedia, its employees, and ST Telemedia's subsidiaries, such as StarHub, TeleChoice and Global Crossing, and their employees. In an



Mr Sio presenting a cheque to Indonesia's First Lady. Looking on are Singapore's past and present Ambassadors and Indonesia's Cabinet Ministers' wives.

official ceremony, ST Telemedia's Executive Vice President, Mr Sio Tat Hiang, handed the cheque to Indonesia's First Lady, Ibu Hadjah Ani Bambang Yudhoyono, at the Istana Merdeka in Jakarta. The donation to SIKIB would not only be utilized for the flood victims and for SIKIB's education outreach programmes to the less privileged children in Indonesia.



Mr Jaffa Sany (middle), ST Telemedia's SVP of International Operations, presenting a cheque to IMA's Immediate Past President (right), with Mr Edward Lee looking on (left).

StarHub launches StarHub Corporate Volunteerism Programme

To promote the volunteerism spirit, StarHub has launched StarHub Corporate Volunteerism Programme. The company's employees will be given two days of paid leave every year to do voluntary work. In conjunction with the launch of the programme, StarHub is donating \$200,000 to Club Rainbow, an organisation which offers financial assistance to needy families in Singapore, for its new Rainbow Family Care Centre. The Rainbow Family Care Centre will offer sustained support services to 420 chronically ill Rainbow children and their families. [>](#)

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