

China Telecom Global Expands Footprint in Africa and Middle East

(June 8, 2015, Hong Kong) China Telecom Global announced the establishment of China Telecom (Africa and Middle East) Limited as the regional headquarters in the African and Middle East (MEA) region. It is a significant milestone for this China-based global company to reinforce its business expansion in the region, as well as to mark a new page for the company's regional strategically planning in accordance to the Chinese government's "One Belt, One Road" strategy.

In past years, CTG has expanded its network capabilities to maintain a consistently high level of service and improved accessibility in UAE, South Africa, Kenya, Egypt and Nigeria, and will continue the planning and construction of network expansion across the region. Earlier in March, CTG sealed the deal with Wananchi Group, East Africa's leading telecom operator for the 428 km National Optical Communication Infrastructure in Malawi to significantly enhance the information capability and stability.

Africa is the world's second-largest and second-most-populous continent, which accounts for about 15% of the world's human population. With more than 50 countries in the region, Africa is nonetheless the booming new market with the highest development rate just after Asia, despite the underdeveloped basic infrastructure. According to the African Development Bank Group's paper in 2015, most services provided by the public sector in Africa are inefficient and backbone services, including telecommunications, are high in cost, which actually created impediments to the overall growth of the region.

Thus CTG is taking this challenge and opportunity to employ its experience in promoting smart city and information technology to boost the development of ICT in the region with the services including Internet, Value Added Services, operations and maintenance outsourcing and consultation, so as to realize Africa's projection of more than 50% broadband penetration and other development goals including knowledge economy and innovation approaches to mobilization of producers.

Meanwhile, China Telecom (Africa and Middle East) Limited will oversee all the market development, network construction, business development and management of subsidiaries in the region and strive to assist MNCs, in particular the Chinese corporations, to grow their footprint with exquisite potential.

About CHINA TELECOM GLOBAL

China Telecom Global Limited (CTG) is a wholly owned subsidiary of China Telecom Corporation Limited for managing international business. With its headquarters in Hong Kong, CTG has set up branches in 26 countries spanning across Asia, Americas and the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region to offer world-class integrated communication services.

CTG's comprehensive portfolio of Data, IP, Voice, Internet Data Centre and ICT solutions deliver industry-leading resilience, speed,



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and diversity to meet the high level requirements from our customers and partners.

Leveraging on the dominant strength in global network of its mother company, CHINA TELECOM, CTG has firmly taken hold of the market opportunities of the booming mobile Internet and the increasing demand for vertical information technology solutions and has positioned itself as “a leader of smart pipes, a provider of the integrated platform and a participant in contents and applications”.

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China Telecommunications Corporation (China Telecom) was established on May 17, 2000. As one of the three leading telecom operators in China, China Telecom has been on the list of the “Fortune 500 Companies” for many consecutive years. Being an integrated information service provider, China Telecom provides customers with integrated information service solutions, which cover broad-band Internet access, mobile communications, information technology applications and fixed-line telephone services. China Telecom has two main holding companies, “China Telecom Corporation Limited” and “China Communications Services Corporation Limited”. China Telecom Global Limited (CTG) is a wholly owned subsidiary of “China Telecom Corporation Limited” for managing its international businesses. Established in 2012 and headquartered in Hong Kong, CTG leverages on its advantage of abundant resources in Mainland China, bridging the Asia Pacific and connecting the world.

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