

## MEDIA RELEASE

## Conexus to expand LTE roaming services with Vodafone partnership

Conexus Mobile Alliance (Conexus), one of the largest alliances of mobile networks in Asia, is set to expand its Long Term Evolution (LTE) roaming services for its subscribers following a strategic partnership with Vodafone Group, one of the largest telecommunications companies in the world.

From July 2014, the partnership will begin interconnections to allow subscribers under Conexus to make use of Vodafone LTE networks – starting with Far EasTone in Taiwan and shortly followed by KT in South Korea; Hutchison Telecom Hong Kong in Hong Kong; NTT DOCOMO in Japan; StarHub in Singapore; Smart Communications in the Philippines; and True in Thailand.

Currently, the fastest LTE is capable of speeds of up to 150 Mbps, making it ideal for highspeed broadband applications. With LTE on their smartphones and tablets, mobile subscribers are able to upload and download data at blazing speeds, helping them stay in touch with their loved ones not only through calls and texts but also online.

"Our latest partnership with Vodafone to expand our LTE roaming services signifies our shared vision to provide our subscribers with fast, reliable and seamless mobile connectivity not only in their home country but also abroad," said Jeffey Gee, Conexus Board Chairman.

"This move will also greatly benefit the growing number of travelers in the world today, particularly in Europe and Asia Pacific, who rely on constant mobile connectivity whether for work or leisure. As the latest world tourism figures show, we are in the right direction in terms of offering our subscribers a true mobile experience using the latest communications technology," Gee added.

Gee is referring to the latest World Tourism Barometer of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNTWO), that shows the number of international tourists grew to a record 747 million worldwide, up by five percent or 38 million subscribers compared to the same period in 2012, owing to arrivals in Europe and Asia Pacific.

The latest UNWTO report shows that Europe posted a five percent growth in tourism, that translates to an additional 20 million arrivals, while Asia Pacific posted a six percent growth, or an additional 10 million arrivals in the same period.

Conexus has a combined customer base of about 280 million mobile subscribers in its members' markets, and approximately 714 million when combined with its partner, Vodafone. Aside from Far EasTone, NTT DOCOMO, Hutchison Telecom Hong Kong, KT, Smart Communications, StarHub and True, Conexus also includes industry leaders Indosat in Indonesia and Vinaphone in Vietnam.

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## About Conexus

The alliance is formed to primarily develop and enhance international roaming and corporate mobile services for greater convenience and ease of use for its members' customers. The alliance boasts a combined customer base of about 275 million mobile subscribers in members' markets, and approximately 714 million when combined with its partner, Vodafone. The alliance is committed to promoting voice, video and data roaming via its members' GSM, W-CDMA, and LTE networks.

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