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True Group Enhances Its International Connectivity with Southeast Asia-Japan 2 (SJC2) Submarine Cable True Group and the members of the Southeast Asia – Japan 2 consortium (SJC2) signed an agreement with NEC Corporation to build a high performance submarine cable connecting Singapore, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Taiwan, mainland China, Korea and Japan.

The latest submarine cable to be constructed by True Group, the 10,500-kilometre cable, has links to 11 cable landing stations in the region and is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2020.

The cable will feature up to eight pairs of high capacity optical fibre with initial design capacity of 144 terabits per second, roughly the equivalent of simultaneously streaming 5.76 million ultra-high definition videos per second. Its high capacity allows it to support high bandwidth intensive requirements such as video streaming, higher definition video, 5G, virtual reality applications, artificial intelligence, cloud services, analytics, robotics and the Internet of Things.

“SJC2 submarine cable project is another significant step of True Group in building key infrastructure for True Group and Thailand. As a member of the private sector, it is our ongoing commitment to support the Government’s policy in relation to the nation’s economic development. Submarine cable is one of the several projects that will enhance Thailand’s international connectivity and support Government’s digital economy policy. This cable is deploying state-of-the-art technology and its high capacity will truly enhance our position as market leader in mobile and fixed broadband internet” said Mr. Vichaow Rakphongphairoj, True Corporation Plc’s Group President (Co).

Mr. Supoj Mahapan, Managing Director of International Carrier & Alliance Management at True Corporation Plc said “the SJC2 project reinforces our position as the leading telecommunication service provider in Thailand and the region. It reflects our determination to continuously enhance our gateway networks, to support the Group’s visions to be the leading digital infrastructure, to fulfill broadband consumers’ dynamic demands, and to serve digital transformation needs of our enterprise customers. Together with the global leaders in submarine cable industry in the consortium and its intra-Asia route, SJC2 offers a perfect opportunity for True Group to invest in a submarine cable system which does not only align with our requirement to serve our customers well, but also use the most advanced technology in the industry and the expertise from the consortium members to ensure the success of the project.”

“SJC2 would answer our gateway expansion plan. The SJC2 cable system will not only add sizable bandwidth capacity into our network but also enhance its diversity and robustness. With the growing demand for telecommunication services in Thailand and the region, Group would be able to aggressively expand and strengthen its business operations, contribute greater values for Thailand, and help propel the country to become another regional hub of AEC.” he added.

The SJC2 will be built and operated by a global consortium comprising telecommunications and technology companies, including China Mobile International, Chunghwa Telecom, Chuan Wei, Facebook, KDDI, Singtel, SK Broadband, True Group, and VNPT.

True Group has chosen SJC2 submarine cable project to add more international connectivity and diversity for the Group and Thailand. True Group has been committing to its best network and believing in demand from convergence and digital services, ranging from lifestyle needs such as data and streaming services to digital platform offerings including IoT solutions. True Group continues to strengthen its leadership as Thailand's number 1 broadband operator and country's market leader in wireless broadband data services as well as to seek to elevate Thailand's telecommunications infrastructure in international connectivity.

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Incorporated in November 1990, True Corporation Plc is the principal company of True Group, Thailand's only fully-integrated, nationwide telecommunications provider and leader in convergence. True Group's strength is its ability to deliver the convergence benefits of its networks, products and services. Its three core business segments are: True Mobile business under TrueMove H brand offers 4G, 3G and 2G services with the largest network coverage in 77 provinces across Thailand and encompasses the highest frequencies, comprising 900/1800/2100 MHz and CAT Telecom's 850 MHz, along with the country's widest bandwidth of 55 MHz, TrueOnline, the largest broadband and WiFi operator offering True Super Speed Fiber services with the most comprehensive nationwide network using DOCSIS 3.0 cable modem, VDSL, and FTTH technologies; and TrueVisions, the largest nationwide pay TV operator and first to offer HD quality content in the country. True's major shareholders include the Charoen Pokphand Group, one of Asia's largest conglomerates, and China Mobile, the world's largest mobile telecommunications company by market capitalization. For more information, please visit www.truecorp.co.th