



MACAU LAUNCHES 100Mbps HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND

CTM, Cable & Wireless Communications' joint-venture business in Macau, has launched a new 100 megabits per second (Mbps) broadband service, providing Macau with amongst the highest speed residential broadband access available in the world.

The super high speed broadband is more than eight times faster than the maximum speed (12Mbps) previously available to Macau residential customers. The new broadband service will enable much more rapid downloading and uploading of high-bandwidth content such as music, online games, television programmes and movies. 100Mbps broadband services are currently only available in a small number of countries including the US, Japan, South Korea, Italy and France.

The service is provided via CTM's fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) optical fibre network, which has been rolled out to the most densely populated areas of Macau, and will be available throughout the territory by 2015.

CTM has nearly 150 customers already pre-registered for the service and provisioning is well underway. CTM is the sole provider of fixed-line broadband services in Macau and has over 130,000 customers using its network.

Tony Rice, Chief Executive of Cable & Wireless Communications, commented:

“Macau is our first business unit to offer 100Mbps broadband and we expect others to follow. The roll-out of a FTTH network is a remarkable achievement for Macau, as super high speed services are only available in a handful of countries, all of which are larger markets. It supports our view that Macau is one of the most sophisticated markets for telecom services, and CTM is clearly leading the ongoing development of the market.”

Commenting, Thomas Lei, Vice President of Network Services of CTM said:

“CTM has been actively developing its local broadband technologies since 2000 and started to introduce fibre broadband services to business customers in 2003. This new service not only provides the highest internet speeds to Macau residential customers but also lays an important foundation for development of advanced multimedia services in Macau.”

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Fibre to the Home

Fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) is a technology delivered via a fibre optic cable network. Optical fibre is free from the electromagnetic interference that afflicts copper wire networks, ensuring stability and security during data transmission. CTM's FTTH broadband network is directly linked into the user's premises and connected via a fibre broadband modem.

CTM Fibre Broadband

The CTM Fibre Broadband Service is available in two package plans with download speeds of 50Mbps and 100Mbps. The 50 Mbps service is currently available for a promotional price of 488 Macau Pataca (MOP) per month (about \$61). The 100 Mbps service is currently available for a promotional price of 588 Macau Pataca (MOP) per month (about \$73).

Each CTM Fibre Broadband service plan will include a main account and two supplementary accounts for customers to share the unlimited WiFi usage at over 200 CTM WiFi host spots in Macau. In addition, each account will have an email box with 4GB free storage. The main account holder will also have 1GB free online storage of CyberCTM V Storage as online back-up space to store personal photos, video, music and data for upload/download any time at ease.

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About CTM

CTM is a joint venture between Cable and Wireless Communications PLC (51%), Portugal Telecom (28%), CITIC 1616 (20%) and the Macau SAR Government (1%).

CTM's vision for the future is to further strengthen its position as Macau's telecommunications provider of choice by continually expanding its already impressive technological capabilities. For more information visit www.ctm.net