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Asia Leading Adoption Of Fibre Optic Technology



Asia is surpassing Europe and the United States when it comes to the adoption of fibre optic broadband technology, a new report suggests.

The FTTH (fibre-to-the-home) Council Global Ranking study by the councils of Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America shows that the Asian countries of South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan occupy the top four positions in the league table.

In South Korea, almost 37 per cent of households enjoy high-speed broadband connections via **fibre leads**, while in Hong Kong the figure is 27

per cent.

Overall Asia accounts for more than 27 million of the estimated 32 million fibre-to-the-home connections across the world, the study shows.

Colin Goodwin, director of the FTTH Council Asia Pacific, said: "There is no doubt that Asia leads the world in high-speed broadband, using FTTH as the fixed-access technology of choice."

In the UK, BT has announced plans to roll out a fibre optic network which it hopes will deliver super-fast broadband to ten million homes by 2012.

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