

Fibre to the Home Council Europe

Media Update: December 2010

New FTTH Council to be established in the Middle East

The FTTH Council Middle East will be created in response to the significant growth potential of fibre-to-the-home networks in the Gulf region. Having been incubated by the FTTH Council Europe as an ad-hoc working party since early 2009, the Middle East Group is now ready to become an independent organisation and fully-fledged Council that can respond to the specific needs of its Middle East members. It will become the fourth FTTH Council, working alongside sister Councils in Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America, to promote and accelerate the deployment of high-speed fibre-based access networks to consumers and businesses around the world.

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United Arab Emirates joins the FTTH Global Ranking

The United Arab Emirates has become the first country in the Gulf region to enter the FTTH Global Rankings, according to statistics unveiled at the FTTH Middle East Conference, which took place at the start of the month. To join the FTTH Global Ranking, more than 1% of households in the country must subscribe to broadband over a fibre connection direct to their home or building. The Emirates rocketed past this threshold, recording a FTTH/B penetration rate of 30.7% at the end of September 2010. Globally, only Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong have higher FTTH/B penetration rates.

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FTTH Middle East Conference was a huge success

The second edition of the FTTH Middle East Conference took place on 30 November and 1 December under the patronage of His Excellency Eng. Charbel Nahas, Minister of Post and Telecommunications for Lebanon, who gave the welcome speech. Attendance exceeded expectations with close to 300 delegates, more than 20 speakers and 12 exhibitors taking part in the two-day event in Beirut, Lebanon. Videos and photo highlights from the conference are now available to view online.

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Upcoming Media Events

13—15 December	5th International Next Generation Access Forum http://www.fttx-forum.com/	Berlin, Germany
19—21 December	HONET-10, 7 th Int. Symposium on High Capacity Optical Networks and Enabling Technologies http://honet-ict.org/	Cairo, Egypt
27—28 January 2011	European Telecoms Investment Forum http://www.easteurolink.co.uk/European-Telecoms-Investment-Forum/	Vienna, Austria
9—10 February	FTTH Conference 2010 http://www.ftthconference.eu	Milan, Italy

About The FTTH Council Europe:

The FTTH Council Europe is an industry organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, ultra-high-speed access networks to consumers and businesses. The Council promotes this technology because it will deliver a flow of new services that will enhance the quality of life, contribute to a better environment and increase economic competitiveness. The Council consists of more than 150 member companies. <http://www.ftthcouncil.eu>

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