



TPG Telecom and Rakuten Mobile Signs Partnership Agreement to Trial 5G OpenRAN in Singapore

Singapore, February 21, 2020 - Since launch in October 2019 of the world's first end-to-end fully virtualized, cloud-native mobile network, Rakuten Mobile has become the recognised global leader in OpenRAN implementation. OpenRAN delivers fully programmable Radio Access Network (RAN) solutions based on General Purpose Processing Platforms (GPPP) and disaggregated software so that operators can benefit from the flexibility and faster pace of innovation derived from software-driven development.

TPG Telecom is collaborating with Rakuten Mobile on a 5G technology partnership program to trial OpenRAN solutions in Singapore.

The OpenRAN ecosystem is growing rapidly and several major operators have announced OpenRAN implementations globally not only because of the technological advantages, but also the commercial benefits it brings.

Mr. Richard Tan, Managing Director & Acting CEO, TPG Telecom said: "TPG is pleased to partner with Rakuten Mobile for this trial. Such efforts can help to accelerate the adoption of next generation 5G mobile networks with software-defined technology based on open interfaces and community-developed standards running on open hardware."

Mr. Tareq Amin, Chief Technology Officer of Rakuten Mobile said: "The strategic partnership is a validation of Rakuten Mobile's strategy and we are happy to share our innovative end-to-end virtualization solutions built on our vision of an open and multivendor mobile network ecosystem. Singapore's high fibre density makes it uniquely suited for rapid OpenRAN adoption and successful implementation."

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