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Thaicom partners with ONIE; Strengthens education via satellite for 25 years

Nonthaburi, 15 February 2016: **Thaicom PLC** continues to drive social progress through its “Thai Kid Thaicom” project. Engineering staff volunteered their time to train 50 teachers who work for Thailand’s Office of the Non-Formal and Informal Education, or ONIE, on how to install satellite dishes. Trainees were also given dishes to install at their local Mae Fah Luang Highland Community Learning Centers. In total, trainees installed dishes at 55 learning centers across the 4 provinces of Chiang Mai, Nan, Tak, and Mae Hong Son. The training was held recently at Royal Park Rajapruek in Chiang Mai during a conference on the development of children and youth in remote areas, an initiative of H.R.H. Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

Sustainable Development

In its 25th year, Thaicom is approaching sustainable development holistically to improve quality of life for all stakeholders and continue to grow as a leading Asian satellite operator.

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Thaicom aims to create value alongside society by providing connectivity, innovation, and responsible services under the guiding principles of corporate governance. Such efforts not only cover the quality satellite equipment, technology, and signal, but also extend to the development of expert personnel. In addition to preparing to support the growth of the Digital Economy, Thaicom looks after society and the environment, particularly in the area of education. Believing that a strong education system is the foundation for a strong nation, Thaicom leverages satellite technology to deliver distance learning to communities across Thailand through "Thai Kid Thaicom". Thaicom also works to provide reliable communications services following disasters to ensure aid and recovery efforts can effectively reach disaster victims in areas throughout Asia-Pacific.

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About Thaicom

Thaicom Public Company Limited, a leading Asian satellite operator, was established in 1991 with unique proposition in providing integrated solutions for satellite broadcast and broadband. The Company houses high profiled engineering teams to provide leading-edge innovative solutions on telecommunication and satellite that answer every need with a full spectrum of services. Until now, Thaicom has launched seven satellites into the orbit; four satellites are in operations. THAICOM-5 and THAICOM-6 are a "Hot Bird" broadcasting satellite for Thailand and SE Asia, boarding more than 600 TV channels, coverage over Thailand, SE Asia and Africa (by the name "Africom-1"). THAICOM-4 (IPSTAR) is the world's first broadband satellite and is providing broadband services to 14 countries across Asia-Pacific region. With the unique performance and technology of THAICOM-4, the Company has provided its solutions to many countries in the region to enable the broadband connectivity everywhere, also to recover communication networks at the time of disasters.

In September 2014, THAICOM-7 was launched in addition to existing satellite while THAICOM-8 has been under the production process which will finally also be launched to the "Hot Bird", 78.5 degrees EAST around the first half of 2016. The new bird will increase more transponders that serve the countries in Asia and Africa.

Thaicom PLC is listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) under the trade symbol "THCOM".

About THAICOM-8

THAICOM-8 will have a total of 24 Ku-Band transponders, covering Thailand, South Asia and Africa. THAICOM-8 will serve customers' needs for increased Ku-band capacity and also strengthen THAICOM's Hot Bird platform at 78.5 Degrees East. Orbital Sciences Corporation will be the manufacturer of the satellite and Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SPACE X) will be the launcher of the satellite.

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