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### **Conexus as a pioneer on NB-IoT roaming**

Conexus Mobile Alliance (Conexus), one of the largest alliances of mobile networks in Asia, is forging into the IoT roaming field with one of the first completions of Narrow Band - Internet of Things (NB-IoT) roaming with commercial readiness in Asia between member operators 3 Hong Kong and Far EastTone NB-IoT networks. It represents a major breakthrough and a pioneer on NB-IoT roaming in Asia, which is a heterogeneous market where mobile operators are with various LTE bands and undergoing different stages of technological evolutions.

With robust growth in the IoT market worldwide, NB-IoT is designed for the sake of power efficiency, improved reliability, wider deployment with lower bitrates and global reach. Thus, seamless IoT roaming is in great demand to provide convenience and easy of use for customer's global business applications. In the recent Seoul board meeting in May 2018, Conexus board reaffirmed IoT roaming as one of the key initiatives for the alliance to pursuit virtual home environment for all member operators.

All Conexus members with either NB-IoT or LTE-M network will have IoT roaming go live or pilot run by the end of 2018. IoT Roaming shall extend global mobility capability from human to devices.

3 Hong Kong and Far EastTone successfully launched NB-IoT in Q4 2017. That would enable use cases in NB-IoT roaming with devices including sensors and trackers to access NB-IoT networks in Hong Kong and Taiwan. It has brought the first cross regions show case which demonstrated the close inter-member cooperation.

This initiative to expand roaming capability from LTE to IoT networks signifies one of the alliance's visions to enable their subscribers to enjoy global services with reliable and seamless mobile connectivity at home and abroad.

"Conexus as an alliance shall embrace its vision to endeavor common interest in technology evolution and continuous service development among member countries to enable seamless global mobile connectivity environment." said Katsuyuki Takagi, Conexus Board Chairman.



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## About Conexus

The alliance is formed to primarily develop and enhance international roaming and corporate mobile services for greater convenience and ease of use for its members' customers. The alliance boasts a combined customer base of about 321 million mobile subscribers in members' markets. The alliance is committed to promoting voice, video and data roaming via its members' GSM, W-CDMA, LTE and IoT networks.

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