PCCW Global and Global Switch expand on-demand global connectivity in Asia

HKT (SEHK:6823) – HONG KONG, July 4, 2019 – PCCW Global, the international operating division of HKT, Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider, and Global Switch, a leading owner, operator and developer of large-scale carrier and cloud neutral data centers in Europe and Asia-Pacific, today announced the launch of a new Console Connect point-of-presence (PoP) at Global Switch's Tai Seng data center in Singapore.

The Console Connect Software-Defined Interconnection (SDI) platform delivers a simple, user-friendly and affordable way to connect to cloud-based applications, partners, client IT infrastructure and the world's major cloud hosting services. The platform currently interconnects over 100 data centers in 36 countries on the worldwide PCCW Global MPLS network, which is physically separate to the public Internet and features an uncontended, redundant core network with multiple low-latency paths between countries.

Through the Console Connect SDI platform, Global Switch customers in Singapore will be able to access connectivity on-demand to a global network of key data center ecosystems and major cloud on-ramps through a single dashboard interface, including Alibaba Cloud, AWS Direct Connect, Google Interconnect, IBM Cloud, Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute, QingCloud and Tencent Cloud.

The carrier and cloud neutral Global Switch data center at Tai Seng in Singapore is already widely recognized as being one of the most important connectivity hubs in the Asia Pacific region and beyond, hosting vibrant and ever-expanding ecosystems. Uniquely, Global Switch Tai Seng has a number of submarine cable systems landing directly at the facility, and has direct links with Global Switch Singapore Woodlands, which was launched earlier this year. Through diverse connectivity with the Tai Seng data center, Global Switch's Woodlands facility also offers access to the same rich diversity of telecommunications services.

Mr. Michael Glynn, PCCW Global's Vice President of Digital Automated Innovation, said, "Global Switch hosts a thriving, densely interconnected ecosystem in Singapore, with major connections to other business hubs around the world. The new PoP is a significant addition to our global network, and we look forward to working with new and existing Global Switch customers to simplify and streamline their network service with the same agility they experience with cloud."

Once established on the Console Connect SDI platform, it is a straight forward and easy process for Global Switch customers to set up, change or upgrade a virtual circuit across the network to any connected user or service, for any available period from a day to a year at a time, but importantly only pay for bandwidth rather than data volume, with no lock-in contract.

Mr. Damon Reid, Global Switch's Group Director, Asia-Pacific, said, "PCCW Global is already an important part of the connectivity ecosystem at our Singapore Tai Seng data center, and we are delighted to see their services expand in this location. The availability of PCCW Global's on-demand digital SDI platform is important to our customers as it provides reliability, scalability, performance and economies that are critical in today's fast-moving technological world."

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About PCCW Global

PCCW Global is the international operating division of HKT, Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider, which is majority-owned by PCCW Limited. Covering more than 3,000 cities and 160 countries, the PCCW Global network supports a portfolio of integrated global communications services including connectivity, applications, and tailored solutions facilitated by its on-demand digital software defined interconnection system.

PCCW Global is headquartered in Hong Kong, and maintains regional centers in Belgium, China, France, Greece, Japan, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. To learn more about PCCW Global, please visit www.pccwglobal.com.

About HKT

HKT (SEHK: 6823) is Hong Kong's premier telecommunications service provider and leading operator in fixed-line, broadband and mobile communication services. It meets the needs of the Hong Kong public and local and international businesses with a wide range of services including local telephony, local data and broadband, international telecommunications, mobile, enterprise solutions, and other telecommunications businesses such as customer premises equipment sales, outsourcing, consulting, and contact centers.

HKT offers a unique quadruple-play experience in Hong Kong delivering media content on its fixed-line, broadband Internet access and mobile platforms jointly with its parent company, PCCW Limited.

HKT also provides a range of innovative and smart living services beyond connectivity to make the daily lives of customers smarter, whether they are at home, in the workplace, or on the go. Consumers and merchants alike may also enjoy HKT's financial-related services such as mobile payment, smart mobile point-of-sale solutions, and insurance.

For enterprises, HKT delivers end-to-end integrated solutions employing emerging technologies such as cloud computing, Internet of Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to accelerate their digital transformation, contributing to Hong Kong's development into a smart city.

The Club is HKT's loyalty program and one of the largest of its kind in Hong Kong, not only offering a variety of privileges and benefits to enrich the lifestyle of members, but also increasingly amalgamating merchants and becoming an integral part of a new digital ecosystem connecting consumers and merchants.

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About Global Switch

Global Switch is a leading owner, operator and developer of large-scale, carrier and cloud neutral, multi-customer data centres in Europe and Asia-Pacific. Founded in 1998, Global Switch has a proven business model, demonstrable track record and is the highest credit rated data centre company in the world with investment grade credit ratings from Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

Global Switch is a vital and strategic partner for customers that require secure and resilient data centre services with scalable capacity and a high level customer service. The Company's focus is on highly resilient, central, low latency, network dense locations in prime city centre locations and internet hubs close to its customers on the edge of financial and business districts. Global Switch's data centres operate exclusively in the Tier I markets of Europe and Asia-Pacific to Tier III or higher and currently total around 365,000 sq m (4,000,000 sq ft) of floor space and are occupied by a broad range of customers, global and national, large and small including government organisations, financial institutions, enterprises, global systems integrators, telecommunication carriers, cloud and managed service providers and other hosting businesses. For more information visit: www.globalswitch.com.

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