



CMAI Association of India announced the prestigious
7th NTA ICT World Communication Awards

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New Delhi, May 7, 2013: Communication Multimedia Applications Infrastructure- CMAI Association of India (CMAI), the apex organization promoting the Indian IT and Telecom sector, announced the 7th NTA ICT World Communication Awards 2013 honoured the lasting contributions made by IT and Telecom Companies for the betterment of telecommunication services in the country at a gala function held at FICCI Auditorium, New Delhi

To recognize the contribution made by telecom, mobile and ICTE Companies towards nation building and enabling Governmental policies in reaching the common man through Technology, Software and various communication mediums; CMAI has been organizing the National Telecom Awards since the year 2007. Felicitating the best Telecom Companies and Service Operators for their research, development & innovations in this sector, the 6th National Telecom Awards identified and recognized the outstanding contributions to the field of communication, ICT, multimedia and infrastructure while providing greater encouragement and impetus to the players for their contribution in building a robust National Telecom Network.

CMAI NTA ICT World Communication Awards 2013 were graced by Hon'ble Minister Sh Kapil Sibal, Dr Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General, ITU Geneva; Prof. Tim Unwin, secretary General, CTO; Hon'ble Minister Shri Farooq Abdullah; Hon'ble Sh Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya; H.E. Eusebo Saide, Deputy Minister of Transport & Communication, Republic of Mozambique; Sh MF Farooqui, Secretary, DOT; Shri. R. Chandrashekhar, Former Secretary, DOT and Shri. Ravi Sharma,

The Award ceremony was attended by Ambassadors of 37 countries including South Africa, Kenya, Cuba, Trinidad and Tobago, Zambia,

Hon'ble Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications and IT said "CMAI Association of India has been fast emerging as the Forum to represent voice of its 48,500 Members and their Associates, in the Global milieu. It is heartening to know that CMAI is not just popular in India only and has been recognized by more than 54 MOU partners globally. The NTA ICT World Communication Awards has been recognized as the apex event for innovation and talent from the ICT industry. The presence of Dr. Hamadoun Toure, Hon'ble Secretary General of ITU signifies its importance, not only in India but globally." He also said that "It's time for corporate sector to move from CSR to GSR (global social responsibility), so as to bridge the gap," The companies, he said, should ensure India's prosperity, while making successful business out of it. Broadband revolution, he said, would not pick up, unless affordable devices are provided. "It's time to strengthen the bottom of the pyramid. The corporate sector has a stake in India's growth story," added Sibal.

Dr. Hamadoun Toure, Secretary General ITU while presenting the NTA ICT World Communication Awards on this occasion said, "CMAI NTA ICT World Communication Awards have been running since 2007, and play an important role in recognizing the contributions made right across the ICT sector towards nation-building and enabling Governmental policies in extending the benefits of Communications technologies to every man, woman and child in this great Country. As you will know, the CMAI covers the entire spectrum as the ICT sector – including fixed and mobile operators; manufacturers; ISPs and broadband operators; infrastructure and telecom and service providers; and businesses which drive applications, innovation, education, healthcare and so much more. The NTA ICT World Communication Awards also play their part-because in recognizing important feats in the ICT sector they also help companies formulate the way forward for the Indian ICT sector."

Adding more on the occasion of NTA ICT World Communication Awards, Dr. Toure, " As we have seen from past Awards, this process does more than simply recognizing great work already done; it also provides encouragement and impetus to players right across the sector to continue working towards building a robust National Telecom Network, and improving the lives of citizens right across India. One of the reasons for India's success, of course, is that it can boast some of the most affordable tariffs in the world for voice calls and text messages- which have created huge opportunities for socio-economic development across the country, and provided the framework for long-term sustainable development."

Dr. Toure further said that "These 7th NTA ICT World Communication Awards will identify and recognize outstanding contributions to the field of communications, ICTs, multimedia and infrastructure, offering well-deserved congratulations to companies which have shown outstanding research, development and innovations in the ICT sector."

Moreover Dr Toure also added that "Women are the bedrock of our societies. They are the pillars of strength in every family and community. We need to ensure that they are fairly rewarded and have the same opportunities as everyone else. Let me therefore urge CMAI, and all the delegates here present, to work sincerely for the empowerment of women and girls both within and through ICT." India should continue to empower girls in ICT, and they would support similar initiatives of the government. "India is the fastest growing ICT markets, and will have largest number of mobile connections soon,"

Hon'ble Shri Farooq Abdullah, Minister of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) said that India is currently importing 80 per cent of its energy needs and still has a deficit. "We have to utilize the natural resources to make a better world to live in. "Prices for renewable energy are coming down and individuals especially the telecom companies should change their mindset,"

Mr. MF Farooqui, Secretary DOT said that National Innovation Centre is one of the government's top priorities, while domestic manufacturing is their ambitious agenda to open up immense opportunities for domestic industry. "Industry and government needs to work together. Preferential Market Access (PMA) policy is fully WTO compliant and offers opportunities for domestic sector,"

Shri NK Goyal, President, CMAI Association of India said, "With the telecommunication buzz being on an all-time high, the time is right to involve more and more players from the sectors which bringing together acclaimed jury members and representations from Indian Associations of Telecom Industry and global ICT associations, is all set to mark India's timestamp on the global communication environment in a big way."

Award Winners

Elitecore Technologies, the global provider of OSS/BSS solutions, has won the “most innovative BSS solutions company” award at the 7th NTA ICT World Communication Award Ceremony, 2013 for its next-generation BSS transformation suite.

The award also recognizes DataWind's breakthrough web delivery platform, covered by 18 U.S. and international patterns. Known for the world's lowest cost tablet computers in the form of Aakash2, the UbiSlate 7C+ represents DataWind's offering as the world's lowest cost phablet. **DataWind's CEO, Suneet Singh Tuli** said, "We're honoured to have received this award, it validates our vision of delivering mobile connectivity to tablet computers, converting them to true access devices." He further thanked the CMAI and its President NK Goyal for establishing the premier internationally recognized telecommunications awards in India, which this year were attended and supported by Union Ministers, Chief Ministers and over a dozen Ambassadors.

About CMAI National Telecom Awards

Started in 2007 to felicitate the best Telecom Companies, Service Operators, research & development and innovations, the CMI National Telecom Awards are instituted by CMAI Association on India. Having the support of the entire Indian Associations of Telecom Industry and global ICT associations, the CMI National Telecom Awards brings on board acclaimed jury members and is considered to be the mother of all telecom events in India.

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