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Global Mobile Communications Market Giant Huawei Launches its First R&D Centre in Turkey!

CHINA-Shenzhen, 28 June 2009 - Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. ("Huawei"), a leader in providing next generation telecommunications network solutions for operators around the world, today announced the inauguration of its first R&D center in Turkey. The facility will be Huawei's 15th global R&D center and is aimed at transferring skills and sharing expertise in next generation telecom technologies with employees, local partners and the industry. The related Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in Shenzhen, China between Mr. Liang Zhihui, General Manager of Huawei Turkey, and Alpaslan Korkmaz, President of the Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT), with the President of The Republic of Turkey HE Abdullah Gul in attendance.

Huawei Technologies now serves 36 of the world's top 50 operators, along with over one billion users worldwide. The company is committed to providing innovative and customized products, services and solutions to create long-term value and growth potential for its customers. In parallel with its primary objective of making solid contributions to its clients and countries of special interest, Huawei accepts Turkey as one of the "key" countries of the region and within the first year of its operations, 150 engineers will be working in the R&D center. Huawei will transfer its know-how and state-of-the-art technology to Turkey and will provide employment for high-skilled Turkish professionals and new engineering graduates. The R&D center will develop products and technologies both for domestic and global markets.

Delivering a speech during the signing ceremony, Mr. Alpaslan Korkmaz, President of ISPAT, said, **"This investment project is of great importance and is in line with the Agency's core mission to encourage investments that create added-value and high technology. The promotion of Turkey as an information economy supported by innovation is one of the main strategic goals of ISPAT. The 150 Turkish engineers, who will initially work in this R&D center, represent the high quality labor force in our country."**

Special thanks to ISPAT and ICTA

Mr. Liang Zhihui of Huawei Turkey, during the signing ceremony said, **"As a long-term partner of the communities in which we operate, we are committed to offering high quality education and training to help trainees upgrade their skills in line with the latest technologies. We will continue to contribute to the long-term development of the sector in Turkey."** Thanking ISPAT (Prime Ministry Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey) and ICTA (Information and Communication Technologies Authority) for their efficient work and support in helping facilitate the decision making process, Mr. Zhihui went on to say, **"Turkey represents a robust platform for economic expansion in this country, as well as for the entire region. I am impressed with the talented and skilled employee base in Turkey."**

Almost half of the employees of Huawei Technologies are working for R&D efforts and over ten percent of the annual revenue is invested back into R&D activities. Huawei is one of the major 3G equipment suppliers to all of the three mobile network operators in Turkey. Huawei Telekomunikasyon Dis Tic. Ltd. Sti. ("Huawei Turkey"), established as a local subsidiary in 2002, is now the regional headquarters for Central Asia and Caucasus. Huawei continues to invest and play a leading role in provision of ALL IP-based FMC solutions to ensure that end-users are able to experience consistent communication services at anytime, anywhere. The company has built up product portfolios including mobile network, broadband network, IP-based, optical network, telecom value-added service, and terminal. Huawei has an advantage in the transition towards future-oriented development and can provide competitive communication solutions and services for its customers.

Being the choice of 70 percent of the world's top 50 operators, Huawei has been active in the Turkish market since 2002, and currently has over 350 local employees in Turkey offices. Huawei has written some local success stories already cooperating with Turk Telekom, Turkcell, Vodafone Turkey and Avea as the main supplier of equipments and network solutions.

