

# Taiwan:

# **A Ubiquitous Network Society**

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### **Outline**

- **♦** Introduction of NCC
- ◆ Market Status
- ◆ National InfoCom Development Plan
- Wireless Broadband Access(WBA)
- Challenges and Opportunities in Taiwan



# Introduction





# **Brief History**



- Established in Feb. 2006 by merging
  - ✓ Directorate General of Telecom of MoTC
  - ✓ Department of Broadcasting Affairs of GIO
- Independent regulatory authority that oversees telecom and media enterprises



### **Commission**

- Directed by seven commissioners
  - ✓ Appointed by Premier, upon approval of legislators
  - √ 4-year term, with possibility of consecutive terms
  - ✓ Background: telecom, media, economics, law
- Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are determined by internal election among Commissioners
- ◆ At least one Commission Meeting is held every week



## **Commissioners**



(From left to right) Commissioners Chin-Nan Hsieh, Chorng-Jian Liu, Chi-Hui Chung, Chairperson Bonnie Peng, Vice Chairperson Cheng-Tsang Chen, Hsiao-Ling Weng and Ta-Sung Lee

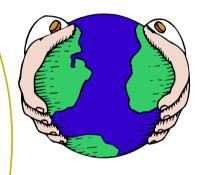


### Role of the NCC

# **MoTC**

#### **Policy Maker**

- Overall planning of communications resources
- ✓ Opening of new communications services
- ✓ Spectrum allocation





# NCC

### Regulator

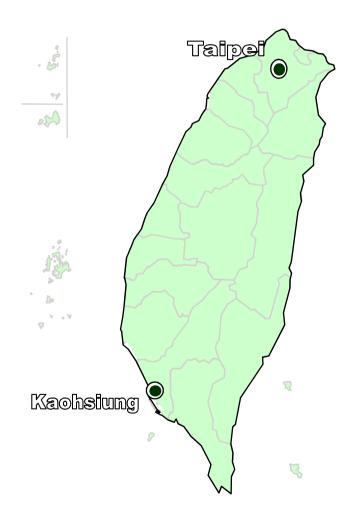
- ✓ Regulation of communications resources and services
- ✓ Implementation of regulatory policies
- ✓ Licensing and spectrum assignment



# Market Status



### **Taiwan Profile**

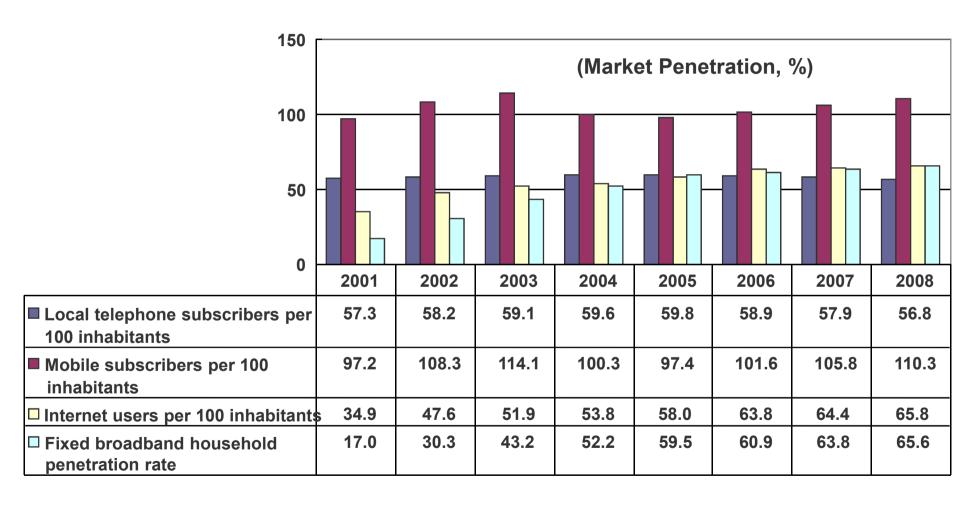


Items	Figures	
Population	23 million	
No. of Households	7.65 million	
Geographic Size	36,188 km <sup>2</sup>	
GNP Per Capita	US\$17,542	
Household Broadband Penetration*	81%	
Major Broadband Service Bandwidth	2 Mbps	

\*Including fixed & mobile



## Penetration of Major Telecom Services



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# **Leading ICT Products**

Product	Worldwide Market Share (2008)	Product	Worldwide Market Share (2008)
PC	99.0%	Cable Modem	90.2%
Notebook	92.5%	WLAN NIC	89.0%
Motherboard	92.5%	DSL CPE	77.8%
LCD Monitor	67.2%	VoIP Router	76.1%
Smart Phone	22.4%	IP Phone	69.1%
Cell Phone	8.8%	IP STB	44.3%



# **Taiwan: World Rankings**

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#### **ICT Manufacturing Industry**

2008 survey on global ICT industry competitiveness, Economist Intelligence Unit

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**Broadband Infrastructure and Usage** 

2008 global user penetration rates, released by FTTH Council

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**Household Broadband Penetration: 81%** 

Strategy Analytic June 2009

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**Digital Opportunity Index, DOI** 

World Information Society Report 2007, published by ITU



# National InfoCom Development Plan (NIDP)



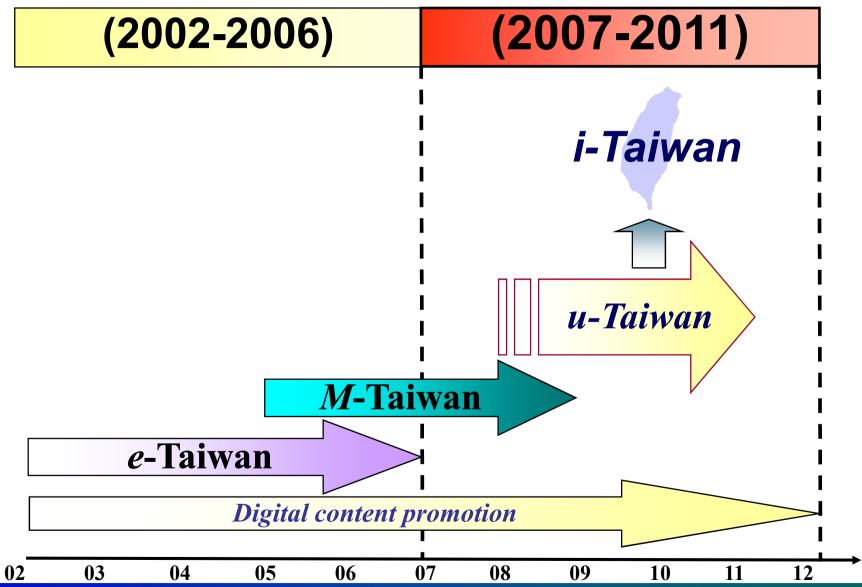


### **Goals of NIDP**

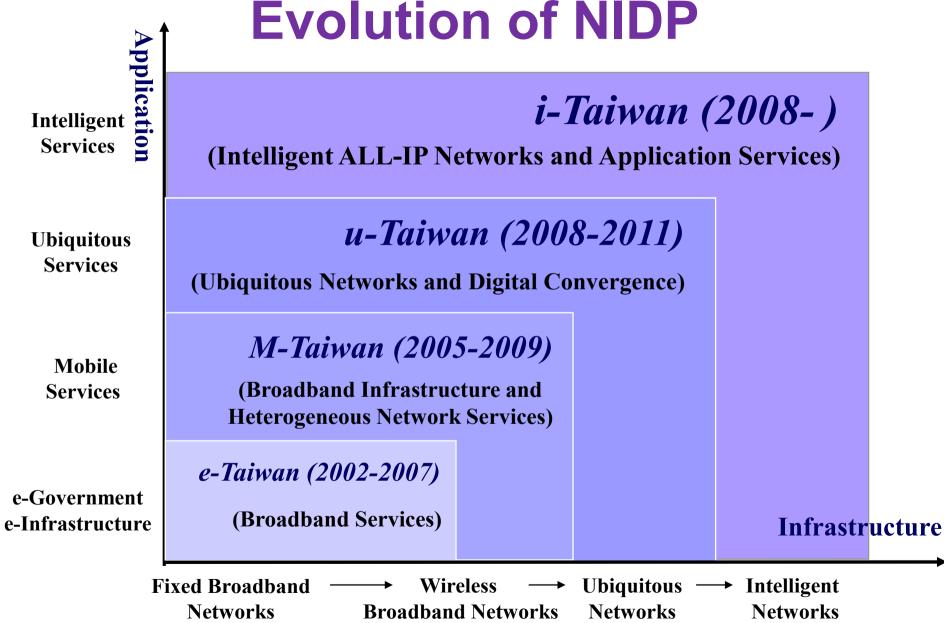
- Create a technologically advanced island with superior broadband service
- Construct a sound, convenient, cultural and healthy ubiquitous network society
- Enhance national competitiveness



### **Timetable of NIDP**

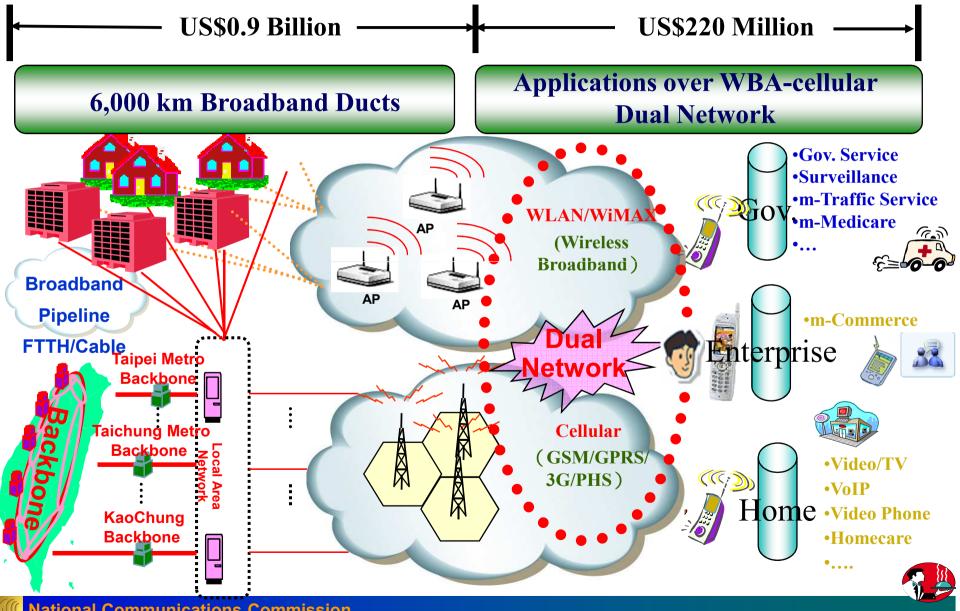








### **M-Taiwan**





### i-Taiwan

**2009 funding: USD\$5.2B** 

- Wireless & Broadband Convergence
  - I Cultural & Creative Industry
- Superior e-Government
- **Demand-driven Applications**
- Equal Digital Opportunity
- Manpower Cultivation

Intelligent Taiwan





# Wireless Broadband Access(WBA)





# **Purpose**

- ◆ A Key Enabler for M-Taiwan
- Create a communications market based on a hightech and mature industry chain
- Support for domestic industries to advance in international markets
- Dedicated funding is allocated to subsidize R&D on related ICs, CPEs and base station equipment
- Build a mobile island with "broadband everywhere"



### **Milestones**

2005-2006 Policies Promote

✓ Government support✓ Industries inputR & D and production

2007 Growth

- ✓Industrial chain began to take shape
- ✓ Productions both in OEM and own brands∕

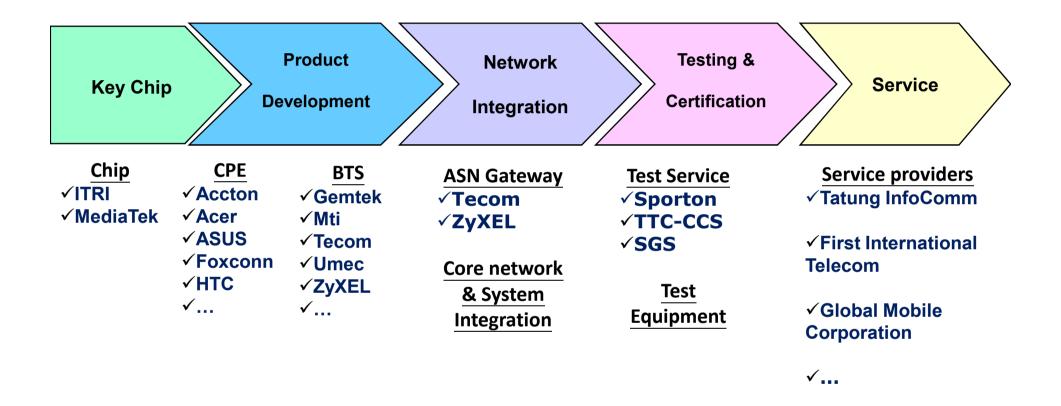
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Commercial development

- **√6 WBA licenses**
- **√**Formal operation



### **Industry Structure and Manufacturers**



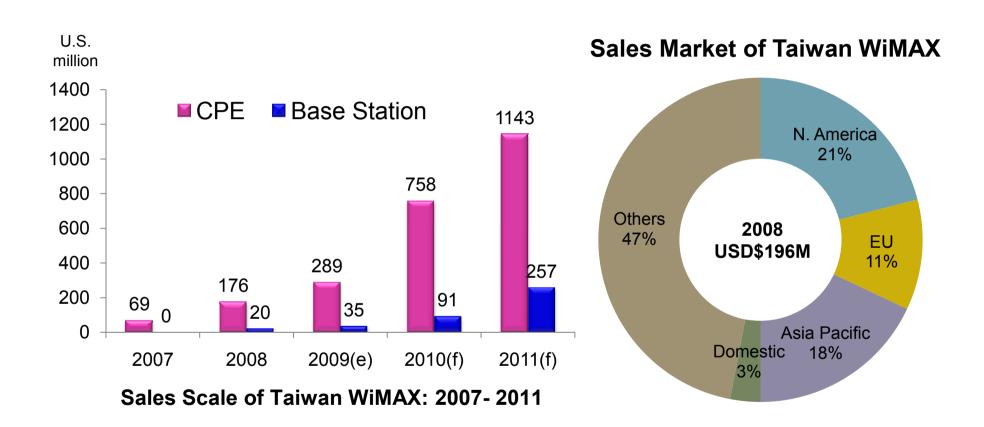


# Development

- ◆ 6 WBA licenses were awarded in July, 2007 via a 2stage licensing procedure: beauty contest / auction
- Each operator was granted 30MHz at 2.5GHz band
- ◆ By January 2010, three operators had launched WiMAX services in 4 cities
- ◆ Deadline for commercial operation: March, 2010
- Combine voice, internet, IPTV and WiMAX to form a viable Quadruple play Service



### **Statistics**



Source: Industrial Technology Research Institute IEK



# **Application**

- ◆ Since 2005, WiMAX network has been set up in 15 cities and accommodates more than 80 applications in areas such as VoIP, mobile, entertainment, healthcare, mobile learning & mobile security:
  - ✓ Mobile Vehicles Position Location Service: real-time monitoring of gravel trucks to reduce illegal mining, dumping, and speeding violations
  - ✓ WA! M-Living: provided hearing-impaired mobile video communication services for the 2009 Deaf Olympics in Taiwan to offer real-time services, effectively solving the lack of resources of sign language interpreters



# Challenges and Opportunities in Mobile Taiwan





# Challenges

- The development of WiMAX and LTE is still changeable globally.
- How do WBA service providers compete with original broadband service providers?
- ◆ Effectively enhancing mobile network coverage while addressing public resistance due to health issues.
- Value added contents often incur disputes between consumers and operators.



# **Opportunities**

- The development and technology of WiMAX have matured enough to move forward to 4G
- Ubiquitous high-speed networking and value-added application services increase national competitiveness
- ◆ The successful commercial experiences and the communications chain of WiMAX in Taiwan may offer support to developing regions and remote areas globally



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