

**The initiation ceremony for local phone line and broadband network at Jinlu & Yanglao Tribes, Jianshi Township, Hsinchu County was held on February 8, 2007.**

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Since its establishment, NCCt has always adhered to the spirit of its core missions: facilitate the healthy development of communications, protect the rights of the underprivileged, and provide universal service as stipulated in the Fundamental Communications Act, and is deeply committed to reducing the digital divide.. The completion of local phone network at Jinlu and Yang-lao Tribes in Jian-shi Township is a fine example of its success. NCC has lived up to the expectations of the tribal residents, and they finally, on February 9, 2007, were able to enjoy their first local phone line in their life-time, and discover broadband internet to connect with the world.

From 1986 to 1990, the government worked to promote the policy goal of *Telephones for all Households*, but since Jinlu and Yanglao Tribes are located in remote mountains and confined by difficult transportation links they could not enjoy such privilege. Though local residents had applied for local phone network from telecom service providers, it was difficult for telecom service providers to construct cable works, and conduct maintenance as the limited number of household and their extreme isolation made investment costs impractical. Therefore, the issue has taken a long time to be resolved.

Since 1996, the government has been implementing a policy of liberalization of telecommunications. NCC has promulgated “Regulations on Telecommunications Universal Service” in order to ensure the fundamental communication rights of residents in remote areas as well as implement the social policy of which is to provide all of our nationals with reasonably-priced telecommunications service at a certain acceptable quality.

The construction project of local phone network is being subsidized on project-basis by “The Telecommunications Universal Services Fund” through telecom universal service system; NCC appointed Chunghwa Telecom Company Limited to furnish the construction for this project. The Telecommunications Universal Services Fund” is a virtual funding, with about 18 operators of Type I and II telecom service providers which will, based on law, share on pro rata

basis for the expenditure of universal service, and then the Commission will, according to law, subsidize the operators for loss incurred upon them for their provision of universal telecommunication services they provide to remote areas. For the completion of this project, NCC, aside from giving thanks to the construction by Chunghwa Telecom Company Limited, express gratitude to all contributions of the mobile telecom service providers, Taiwan Fixed Network Company, and some providers in operation of network phone service and voice re-sale service.

With the rapid development of telecommunications technology, the construction of this project has been carried out by Chunghwa Telecom Company Limited with Wi-fi broadband transmission technology as it provides integrated wireless PSTN local phone line and broadband Internet service. Of such technology, it cannot only offer the residents solutions for basic voice communication service, but also provide the need for broadband Internet, helping to achieve the objective for government to reduce the digital divide.

With the initiation ceremony of local phone network, it is hoped that it brings more prosperous development to ecological tourism and travel as well as to the industry of special agricultural products from the tribe of national-level Xiakaluo antiquated pathway. Besides, it should also provide a much more effective learning environment for local students.