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Cisco Powering KDDI's Network Refresh for 5G

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Cisco strengthens its relationship with KDDI as a lead technology partner to ready KDDI's network for 5G

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Mobile World Congress Americas, October 21, 2019 – Cisco today announced its collaboration with KDDI Corporation, a leading Japanese telecommunications company, to support its transition to 5G.

KDDI is using a broad mix of Cisco's 5G Now portfolio beginning with the Cisco Virtualized Packet Core at the heart of the network, and Control and User Plane Separation (CUPS) architecture to offer better, faster services to its customers.

With Cisco's 5G network technology in place, KDDI can accelerate its 5G and IoT innovation with enterprise customers, offering more flexible and competitive pricing. KDDI aims to advance its 5G services business to include smart factory, self-driving cars, remote control, telemedicine and stadium watching with free viewpoint video. KDDI is also passionate to cooperate with venture companies on 5G services to revitalize the local economy, which is facing declines in the overall working population due to declining birthrates and an aging society.

"As a visionary company that contributes to the sustainable growth of society, KDDI is making the right decision to evolve to a virtualized, cloud-powered architecture in prep for 5G," said **Jonathan Davidson, senior vice president and general manager, Service Provider Business, Cisco**. "With this new innovation, KDDI will have the right foundation in place to offer its business, industrial and consumer customers faster, reliable connections and all the new, elevated experiences to come with the 5G era."

Cisco is currently working with over 100 of the nearly 300 operators globally that have either launched, demonstrated, or are field trialing 5G. Our market leadership in mobile infrastructure and trusted software-defined cloud-to-client architecture gives our customers confidence to build innovative 5G networks and services. Cisco is the #1 vendor in both service provider and enterprise networking solutions, and is leading the way in bridging these domains.

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