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# Hong Kong Institute of Education deploys Cisco data center

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Cisco announced Friday the Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIED) has deployed Cisco data center products to power a high-speed network with 10-Gigabit Ethernet ports.

The products include the Cisco Catalyst 6500 Virtual Switching System 1440 and Cisco Application Control Engine Module.

“Cisco’ s next-generation data center solution helps us build power-saving, resilient and efficient networks while optimizing network resource usage,” said Francis Fong, information technology manager, Office of Information Technology and Services, HKIED.

“We selected Cisco because it has proven track record in the education sector that we believe will help us become a leading tertiary institute in the Asia Pacific region.”

According to Cisco, the products help maximize the available bandwidth for the 10-Gigabit Ethernet ports in the network infrastructure to as high as 1.4 Tbps, providing the Institute with massive capacity to accommodate media-rich applications over the network, as well as reducing the capital expenditure required to add capacity.

The increased network capacity will help the HKIED prepare for the 3-3-4 education reform in 2012, its plans to support mobile learning by providing netbooks to all full time students and multimedia e-learning applications including high definition video broadcast, said Cisco in a statement.

The products will also allow the Institute to support IPv6 which is progressively adopted in academic and research networks, including the China Education and Research Network (CERNET/CERNET2), Cisco added.

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