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JAPAN'S UNIVERSITY OF ELECTRO-COMMUNICATIONS BUILDS 10 GIGABIT ETHERNET CAPACITY INTO CAMPUS BACKBONE WITH FORCE10 NETWORKS

MILPITAS, Calif., June 13, 2006 – Force10 Networks® today announced that the University of Electro-Communications (UEC), Japan's national science and technology school, is upgrading its campus network to 10 Gigabit Ethernet with the TeraScale E-Series family of switch/routers as part of its e-Campus Initiative as well as to support other research and computing needs across the campus. The Force10 TeraScale E-Series brings the high capacity and resiliency UEC needs to roll out new advanced online and distance learning applications to its more than 7,000 students and faculty.

"With our e-learning initiative well underway, we expect that traffic on the network will grow quickly over the next couple of years, and we needed an infrastructure that could support that growth," said Masayuki Takada, assistant professor at UEC. "The Force10 E300 is both resilient and provides us with the network-level security we require to not only implement our initiatives but to also provide our students with the most advanced learning experience possible."

The Force10 TeraScale E300 anchors and interconnects networks in both the east and west sides of the campus with the Science Information Network (SINET) from the National Institute of Informatics. Supporting 288 Gigabit and 48 Ten Gigabit Ethernet ports per system, the TeraScale E300 delivers the density that enables UEC to efficiently and seamlessly scale its network as traffic continues to increase. In addition to providing a robust infrastructure that can support future growth, the high density of the TeraScale E-Series also simplifies the network architecture, reducing capital, operational and management costs.

With many students relying on the network for online learning, maximum network uptime was essential. The unique three CPU architecture of the TeraScale E-Series, which distributes

switching, routing and management functionality between distinct processors, provides UEC with a high level of network resiliency.

The protected memory and processing power of the switching, routing and management functionalities also ensure predictable and consistent performance as access control lists are activated. Supporting more than 240,000 access control lists on a single system, the Force10 TeraScale E300 enables UEC to protect against the distributed denial of service attacks that were significantly impacting its network prior to the upgrade.

“UEC understands how it can extend learning through the network and is laying the infrastructure to make that happen,” said Mark Cooper, senior vice president of worldwide sales at Force10 Networks. “With the TeraScale E-Series, UEC is building a secure and resilient infrastructure that delivers the scalability for long-term future growth.”

E-learning is a crucial pillar to the e-Japan initiative that was introduced in January 2001. The initiative, which was designed to achieve an information technology-based society that enables everyone to freely exchange digital information, set specific goals for the nation’s infrastructure, including tripling the number of Japanese universities using e-learning.

About Force10 Networks

Force10 Networks is the pioneer in building and securing high performance networks. Based on a revolutionary system architecture that delivers best-in-class resiliency and massive scalability, Force10’s TeraScale E-Series switch/routers ensure predictable application performance, increase network availability, and reduce operating costs. Today, many of the world’s largest Gigabit Ethernet and 10 Gigabit Ethernet networks depend on Force10 Networks. For additional information, please visit the company’s website at www.force10networks.com.

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