

InfiniVAN Signs Memorandum of Understanding with APECO, a Government-owned and Controlled Corporation administering the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone in Eastern Luzon, Philippines

InfiniVAN, Inc. (hereinafter “InfiniVAN”), a consolidated subsidiary of IPS, Inc. (hereinafter the “Company”), which operates a telecommunications business in the Philippines, entered into a memorandum of understanding (hereinafter the “MOU”) regarding the provision of fiber-optic networks and cooperation in the development of digital infrastructure in the region with the Aurora Pacific Economic Zone and Freeport Authority (hereinafter “APECO”), a government instrumentality with corporate powers that administers the economic zone in Aurora Province, Eastern Luzon, on March 27, 2026. The details are as follows.

1. Overview of MOU

APECO is a government agency responsible for the development and operation of the economic zone in the eastern Philippines, playing a central role in fostering industrial clustering and attracting investment in the region. InfiniVAN provides high-capacity telecommunications infrastructure throughout the Philippines via a nationwide fiber-optic network and multiple international submarine cable systems, and holds a position as one of the leading international telecommunications providers.

This initiative aims to combine InfiniVAN’s telecommunications infrastructure with APECO’s development capabilities to advance the telecommunications environment and digital infrastructure in the area, with the goal of establishing a next data center hub that will serve as the core of the Philippine ICT Highway.

In addition, InfiniVAN is currently constructing an international submarine cable landing station in Baler, also in Aurora Province, and this initiative is expected to strengthen network infrastructure by leveraging the geographical proximity to the cable landing station.



Front row, center left: Shigeki Nakahara, President of InfiniVAN; front row, center right: Atty. Gil G. Taway

“Our wholehearted support to APECO’s vision is a continuation of the IPS Group’s declared mission of opening doors of opportunity that benefit society at large,” said Koji Miyashita, Chairman of InfiniVAN.

“The convergence of digital and energy infrastructure is expected to create employment opportunities for local communities. As we attract datacenters and energy investments, we also open up opportunities for the people of Aurora. While datacenters themselves are self-sustaining with smaller teams, it has a multiplier effect in the allied industries that provide support to these datacenter facilities. This means more jobs, more skills development, and more inclusive economic growth,” said Atty. Gil G. Taway IV, President and CEO of APECO.

2. Details of MOU

The scope of collaboration between APECO and INFINIVAN are as follows:

- Backhauling of landed international submarine cable capacities in the Baler, Aurora and Claveria, Cagayan internal submarine cable landing corridors
- Provision of reliable internet connectivity to locators, offices, and residents in the Ecozone.
- Provision of other services that can be bundled with direct internet access (DIA) or enterprise broadband such as cybersecurity solutions, SD-WAN, digital document management systems, etc.
- Other fields as may be determined and agreed upon by the Parties.

3. Strategic Significance

The eastern coast of the Philippines boasts the geographical advantage of direct access to the Pacific Ocean. Its importance is expected to grow in the future due to increasing demand for data centers from hyperscalers* driven by the expansion of AI and cloud services, as well as the growth of international data traffic. InfiniVAN is currently building multiple backhaul routes connecting to the Baler area. Through this initiative, InfiniVAN aims to accelerate the development of the region’s telecommunications infrastructure and strengthen its position as a network connectivity hub on the east coast.

*Hyperscalers: Companies like Google, Meta, Microsoft, and Amazon that provide large-scale cloud services, leveraging vast numbers of servers and networks to deliver services to users worldwide.

4. Outlook

This MOU establishes a framework for the consideration and discussion of specific future projects; at this stage, the impact on the Company's performance is minimal. Going forward, both parties will proceed with discussions aimed at finalizing the details. If any material matters requiring disclosure arise in the future, the Company will promptly announce them.

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