

NEC opens biometrics centre in Bangalore

NEC India, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Singapore headquartered NEC Asia and NEC Corporation, on Wednesday launched its first 'NEC Biometrics Excellence Centre' (N-BEC) in Bangalore.

"The public safety market in India has huge potential, hence the setting up of this biometric centre. We foresee greater adoption of biometric solutions in India, particularly in civic amenities and various social schemes," said Koji Oda, Managing Director, NEC India.

In February 2010, NEC Corporation announced its mid-term growth plan that targets an increase in the company's public safety business to 100 billion yen through capitalising on group-wide resources. The establishment of N-BEC is regarded as one of the first steps towards realising this goal.

The centre initially employs around 50 people and will ramp-up its operations to meet the market demands in future, the company said.

"Karnataka has been using indigenously developed NEC's biometrics enforcement system since 2003, and this is one of the most accurate forensic system in the market till date. The setting up of this NEC Biometrics Excellence Centre enables us to play an important role in reforming identity lifecycle and bringing about reforms at every level from education, land records, hospitals to being a part of social schemes rolled out by the Government," said Kris Ran-

ganath, Chief Technical Officer, Government and Public Global Solutions Division, NEC Corporation.



N-BEC will support NEC's engineer-

ing operations worldwide and enable the company to respond to wide variety of customer requirements - from proposal drafts and specifications, to product development, customization, deployment, and support engineering, the statement added. NEC India will also develop and deploy solutions for India market.