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Wireless Technology Summit – Dharamsala 2006

*Dharamsala's Tibetan Technology Center Partners With International Experts
To Present the 'Air Jaldi Summit' And Extended Training Workshops*

Dharamsala – April 28th, 2006 – Today the Tibetan Technology Center (TibTec), a world leader in wireless mesh network development, announced that it will host the Air Jaldi Summit on wireless technologies in Dharamsala, India in October 2006. TibTec has partnered with the Djursland International Institute of Rural Wireless Broadband (DIIRWB), the European leader in community-based WiFi development, and will join the World Summits on Free Information Infrastructure (WSFII) to deliver a conference and extended wireless training workshops in October. The conference proper will be held from October 22nd through 25th in Dharamsala, India. The training workshops will span a two-week period directly after the conference. Further details on the workshops will be supplied in a separate press release.

“We’re delighted to host such a significant event”, said Phuntsok Dorjee, Chief Information Officer with the Tibetan Technology Center. “As a result of developing the Dharamsala wireless mesh network, we were approached by global technology leaders to share our research, and one thing led to another. We accepted an invitation to host an international conference to bring the best and brightest wireless experts to Dharamsala. We’re really looking forward to the conference, especially the training workshops portion of the summit. This is going to be a fantastic event for the region, and for all of India”.

The Air Jaldi Summit will attract wireless technology experts and community activists from India, Europe, North America, Israel, and Australia. The presenters list for the conference will be finalized shortly and posted on the conference Web site. Keynote speakers are currently being confirmed and will be announced in a separate press release in the coming weeks. Expect some surprises.

The Air Jaldi Summit comes in direct response to international interest in the Dharamsala Community Wireless Mesh Network. It was developed in cooperation with the Dharamsala Information Technology Group (DITG), an organization chaired by the Tibetan Computer Resource Center (TCRC) and some of the region’s leading information technology professionals. Mesh networks are a kind of decentralized networking infrastructure that are inexpensive, and very reliable and resilient, as each node need only transmit as far as the next node. Nodes act as repeaters to transmit data from nearby nodes to peers that are too far away to reach, resulting in a network that can span large distances, especially over rough or difficult terrain. Mesh networks are also extremely reliable, as each node is connected to several other nodes. If one node drops out of the network, due to hardware failure or any other reason, its “neighbours” simply find another route. Extra capacity can be installed by simply adding more nodes. Mesh networks may involve either fixed or mobile devices.

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Air Jaldi Summit Website

<http://summit.airjaldi.com>

About The Tibetan Technology Center (TibTec)

<http://www.tibtec.org>

The Tibetan Technology Center is a charitable organization dedicated to harnessing modern technology and assisting the Tibetan community in India. The center is located at the Tibetan Children's Villages School (TCV) which hosts and supports it. TibTec's first project is the Dharamsala Community Wireless Mesh Network.

About Djursland International Institute of Rural Wireless Broadband (DIIRWB)

<http://diirwb.net/>

Djursland International Institute of Rural Wireless Broadband is dedicated to the establishment of wireless networks, both for rural landscapes but also for towns all over the world. Using the experiences gained in building and establishing The DjurslandS.net

About the World Summits on Free Information Infrastructure (WSFII)

<http://www.okfn.org/wsfii/>

WSFII, is an ongoing international process of multiple, local action oriented events which provide space for people to come together, to share experiences, present practical solutions, to learn and to build, all kinds of Free Information Infrastructures.

Friends of the Air Jaldi Summit

The following organizations are supporting the Air Jaldi Summit. Please visit their websites for more information.

Tibetan Children's Villages (TCV)

<http://www.tcv.org.in>

Wire.less.dk

<http://wire.less.dk>

One Village Foundation

<http://onevillage.biz/ov/>

Champaign-Urbana Community Wireless Network (CUWiN)

<http://www.cuwireless.net/>

Dalai Lama Foundation

<http://www.dalailamafoundation.org>

NYCWireless

<http://www.nycwireless.net>

Israeli Friends of the Tibetan People (IFTIP)

http://www.tibet.org.il/eng_home.htm

Freifunk

<http://freifunk.net>

Melbourne Wireless

<http://melbourne.wireless.org.au>

IleSansFil
<http://www.ilesansfil.org>

Toronto Wireless
<http://www.torwug.org>

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