



Huawei Technologies Co.

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Huawei Technologies, a rapidly growing top global networking and telecommunications equipment supplier

The Chinese telecom equipment supplier Huawei Technologies Co. has clients in over 100 countries and employs over 70,000 people worldwide.

Huawei set up its first site in France in 2003 and currently has 150 employees.

A state-of-the-art training centre was opened in Suresnes (Ile-de-France region) to provide employees with technical training courses and includes a training lab and training areas.

Creation of two European research centres

Huawei has opened two new R&D centres with 350 new positions to be created over the next three to five years, tripling its initial number of employees.

One centre will be a laboratory devoted to high-speed fixed networks based in Lannion in the Brittany region and the second, based in Paris, will focus on 3G, fixed mobile convergence (FMC) and ALL IP research.

Why choose France?

France was in competition with the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and other European sites. Huawei chose France for the following reasons:

- ✓ The French telecommunications market has registered very high growth in the past four years and is one of the most competitive in the world;
- ✓ Huawei had very good long-term partnerships with French telecom operators;
- ✓ France has the necessary telecommunications expertise. In the IT sector, France boasts internationally renowned research bodies - for example CNRS, CEA and the French National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control - and also globally recognized top French schools (Polytechnique, les Mines, TELECOM Paris Tech);
- ✓ France has a reliable supply of leading-edge technological skills. Nearly a third of IT sector employment is composed of engineers and managers;
- ✓ Convenient geographic access to the European market, which is the first in the world with 493 million consumers.

"France is not only one of the most competitive telecom markets in the world; it is also one of the most innovative markets and produces numerous experts. It is for these reasons that Huawei France has seen important growth in four years. With the opening of these two centres, Huawei reaffirms its long-term commitment alongside the operators with which it has a solid and enduring partnership."

Patrick Wen, CEO of Huawei France