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Get Ready for GOLD!

The IPv6 Ready Logo Committee Deprecates the IPv6 SILVER Ready Logo!

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Tokyo/New Hampshire/Luxembourg, December 1, 2010 – The IPv6 Forum Ready Logo Committee has decided on a worldwide consensus basis to retire the Silver logo after several months of discussions over the way forward with harmonisation of the higher quality and certification standards. A grace period for new Silver logo applications will be extended until September 2011.

This decision was linked to the handling of embedded devices (including Smart Objects and/or load-balancers). It was concluded that these special devices can be included in the Gold Logo program in order to streamline the program and have one single common certification platform to interoperate with similar programs such as the NIST USGv6, which is based on the IPv6 Ready Logo program going back to the agreement signed with NIST.

“Get ready for Gold! No concessions and no excuses when it comes to quality!”
challenges Latif Ladid, President, IPv6 Forum, Senior Researcher at University of Luxembourg, Security and Trust (SnT) Center. Emeritus Trustee, Internet Society (ISOC)

“The industry needs Gold standards, optimum compliance and interoperable products. After careful analysis and because of the imminent IPv4 address space depletion it is now time for the IPv6 Forum Ready Silver (Phase 1) Logo to be retired. Since its creation in 2003 this Logo has been widely successful and the retirement of the Silver Logo simply recognizing that it is time for vendors to acquire the Gold (Phase 2) Logo. The acquisition of the IPv6 Forum Ready Gold (Phase 2) Logo is (and continue to be) the benchmark of IPv6 readiness for products worldwide.” states Yanick Pouffary, IPv6 Forum (Ready & Enabled) Logo programs chairperson, IPv6 Forum Fellow & NAv6TF Technology Director.

“We have carefully observed the IPv6 products in the market and the status of Ready Logo Phase 1(silver) and Phase 2(gold), to reach the conclusion, i.e., the role of Phase 1 program has successfully completed and will be able to conclude the program. Now, our consensus is that we go into the business implementation, which required Phase 2(Gold) program.’ ’ States Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Esaki, Executive Director of Japan IPv6 Council, Chair of IPv6 Ready Logo program, Emeritus Trustee, ISOC

“The Phase1 (Silver) Logo has encouraged the vendors to improve their interoperability for more than Seven Years. Now there are almost 450 of Silver logo winners! It is a great achievement. However, it is the time to migrate to higher level of interoperability. This is a good message for the vendors and users who are preparing IPv6 network.” States Hiroshi Miyata, IPv6 Ready Logo Regional Officer, IPv6 Forum

“As the movement toward large scale deployment of IPv6 has reached its tipping point, the IPv6 Ready Gold Logo is the next important phase for interoperable networks. This phase is critical for users and vendors to ensure that networks are transitioning to IPv6 will work, and work well, together.” states Erica Johnson, IPv6 Ready Logo Regional Officer, IPv6 Forum Fellow

“Ready Logo Phase 1(silver) was to say “my product implements required functionalities to be able to interoperate with other IPv6 products”. Moving from Ready Logo Phase 1(silver) to Phase 2(gold) is a crystal-clear way to prove that we now have very high level IPv6 products with the guarantee of large scale global interoperability. It is time to move to Phase 2(gold).” States Cesar Viho, IPv6 Ready Logo Regional Officer, IPv6 Forum Fellow

To obtain the IPv6 GOLD Ready Logo, please visit this web site: <http://www.ipv6ready.org/>

About the IPv6 Forum

The IPv6 Forum is a world-wide consortium of leading vendors, Internet service vendors, National research & Education Networks (NRENs) and international ISPs, with a clear mission to promote IPv6 by improving market and user awareness, creating a quality and secure Next Generation Internet and allowing world-wide equitable access to knowledge and technology. The key focus of the IPv6 Forum today is to provide technical guidance for the deployment of interoperability thru its IPv6 Ready& Enabled Logo Programs :

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