



Internet Providers, Govt Chief Information Officer and TRR's Ron Box seal the agreement with handshakes.

Vanuatu establishes Internet Exchange Point

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VANUATU IS THE FIRST COUNTRY in the Pacific to establish the Internet Exchange Point (VIX) as agreed upon and signed by Internet Providers in Vanuatu to create a more vibrant and affordable local internet.

This simply means that people

who are using internet will no longer wait for slow and painful delays when surfing on net, either by using their mobile phones or computers and laptops, as in the coming months the road for the local internet travels will get a lot shorter.

By signing the agreement, the internet providers would be able to

connect their information networks at a single point. It was noted that the key addition to the national communications infrastructure will now allow providers of Internet Services to send and receive local data directly to one another, rather than using up scarce, expensive satellite bandwidth.

Benefits that consumers would get from VIX include avoiding costly satellite fees, local providers not only achieve huge cost savings, and they can also improve the speed and level of service to their customers. On the other hand, providers expect lower costs for local traffic and better performance than ever

before.

The VIX project is receiving financial, technical and material support from a number of key internet agencies, including the Asia-Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) and Packet Clearing House, who have also assisted numerous countries in establishing such facilities.