

Vemotion helps Swinfen Charitable Trust develop innovative telemedicine project providing real time video telehealth links over the mobile network in Nepal

Vemotion Interactive, specialists in live video transmission over low bandwidth connections, today announced its participation in an innovative telemedicine trial conducted by the Swinfen Charitable Trust in Nepal.

Speaking at a reception at the House of Lords hosted by Lord and Lady Swinfen on behalf of the Trust, Ian Foxley, Vemotion's Business Development Director described the collaborative trial to provide live video linkage from a remote hilltop village in Central Nepal.

The successful trial proved the ability of medical staff to communicate in real time back to expert healthcare support across the Swinfen network. A Medical Consultant in the UK was able to visually assess and communicate with patients regarding ailments and advise on treatment by nursing staff at the new Telemedicine Centre in the village of Khalte in the Parbat District of Nepal. The clinic which was opened by Lord and Lady Swinfen in April 2013 can now benefit from real-time remote diagnostic capabilities offering a level of medical consultation, advice and support that would otherwise be impossible in the remote region.

“Vemotion is delighted to be working with the Swinfen Charitable Trust to help bring essential healthcare to one of the poorest countries in the world,” said Foxley confirming that Vemotion has donated to the Trust a variety of Android platforms complete with Vemotion's encoders and viewers to allow video communication between remote healthcare workers and hospital based medical experts. These assets are now being distributed to establish an embryonic global video telehealth network as the next step in technical innovation for which the Swinfen Charitable Trust has become so well known. The next phase of the trial will incorporate doctors and nursing staff at Swinfen House Telemedicine Centre, Khalte, Nepal; Patan Teaching Hospital Kathmandu Nepal; and the Burns Unit Zambales, Philippines.

Lord Swinfen, a founder and director of the Swinfen Charitable Trust, said “ We have now proved that the technology works, what we have to do now is make it accessible and intuitive for those remote medical staff who might not be wholly familiar with smart phones and computer tablets and whose main language is probably not English. The secret of success will be to make it easy to use, but we've made a great start with the trial in Khalte.”

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