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ISLE OF MAN ESTABLISHES PARTNERSHIP WITH GLOBAL CLEANTECH INFORMATION NETWORK

- UBrain TV looking to establish first Clean Tech Centre on the Isle of Man

As part of its drive to grow its Clean Tech sector, the Isle of Man Government has entered into further discussions with Japanese organization, UBrainTV, to establish the first Clean Tech Centre to showcase UBrainTV energy technology award winners.

The partnership would establish the Island as an R&D Centre of Excellence, where governments and businesses from around the world can come to experience pioneering, sustainable technology and innovative environmental projects in action. The scheme proposes that each year, the award winners will be given the opportunity to showcase their technologies on the Isle of Man, supported financially by UBrain TV and newly formed Manx entities; United Brain Networks International and UBrain Cleantech Opportunities PCC, a news and networking web TV platform specialising in energy and environment.

The collaboration follows last month's successful inaugural **UbrainTV 1st Anniversary Conference and Energy Tech Awards** held on the Isle of Man, which recognize a project's contribution to a more sustainable environment for the local community. Among this year's winning companies who would potentially showcase their technologies on-Island were Revo International, a world renowned biofuel producer; and Micro Energy Co. Ltd, which operates and built Japan's first commercial-scale biomass-to-liquid plant.

The Island is committed to growing its Clean Tech sector and recently launched a 0% Green Business Loan Scheme, designed to help businesses operating on the Isle of Man lower energy costs as well as increase overall operational efficiency.

Minister for Economic Development, John Shimmin commented:

"This latest development in the Isle of Man's continued collaboration with UBrain TV highlights the Government's commitment to supporting and growing the Island's Clean tech Sector. By hosting award winning technologies, the Isle of Man would be continuing to play an important role in encouraging new initiatives that contribute to a more sustainable future."

Kenji Nagoshi of UBrainTV commented:

"We held the successful inaugural Energy Tech Awards ceremony in the Isle of Man, partnering with the Isle of Man Government and Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce. Our experience in working together has been very good. Now we are looking at future collaborations and ways of realising the full potential of this unique relationship. We hope the clean tech centre is established in the Isle of Man and we look forward to introducing new leading clean technology to the island for the benefit of local communities."

Dr Ken Milne, senior manager for energy policy, added:

"We are very excited about the possibility of establishing the Isle of Man as the first clean tech centre for UBrain TV award winners. The Island is a world class centre for clean tech business and provides the ideal location for leading technologies to showcase their work. This latest collaboration would allow both the award winners and the Isle of Man the opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities to businesses from around the world. We look forward to maintaining our partnership and continuing to work with UBrain TV."

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About the Isle of Man:

The Isle of Man is a place where people and business will find the right environment in which to reach their full potential. Firms looking to accelerate their growth can benefit from a range of capital development grants and a clear, simple tax system. This added to a business-friendly environment and world class infrastructure means the Isle of Man is an outstanding location in which to do business.

The Isle of Man has a diverse economy and can be regarded as an international business centre with world-class organisations serving a range of successful business sectors. For example, its long heritage of high quality manufactured products and engineering innovation means that over 2000 people are employed in manufacturing serving a global blue chip customer base within sectors such as space, aerospace, laser optics, industrial diamonds, electronics, plastics, precision engineering and ship-building.

For more information on the Isle of Man go to www.investiom.co.im