

Connect the Unconnected with solution BIRD* in a Phased Manner

***Broadband Infrastructure for Rural-Area Digitalization**

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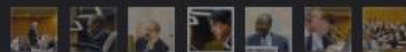
ITU-T SG15 ex. v-chair (2001-2004), TSAG ex. v-chair(2005-2012)

IEC SC86C chair (Fibre Optic Systems/Active devices) (2016-present)

-Developer of Solution BIRD* and Corresponding Standards

“BIRD” is the Affordable All-Terrain Optical Cable Connectivity

→ Meeting ITU-T Recommendations L.1700, L.110 and L.163
(Dr. Okamura was the Editor)



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Optical Cable Solution BIRD*

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Project BIRD

A WSIS 2022 Champion

Under Information and Communication Infrastructure



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Project BIRD (Broadband Infrastructure for Rural Area Digitalization)
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L.1700

(06/2016)

Affordability-First Concept for Closing Digital Divide

EFFICIENCY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY;
CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND PROTECTION
OF CABLES AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF OUTSIDE
PLANT

Requirements and framework for low-cost
sustainable telecommunications infrastructure
for rural communications in developing
countries

ITU-T Recommendations Affordable and Reliable DIY Fibre Connectivity

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L.110

(08/2017)

Lightweight Robust Opt. Cable for Direct Surface Application

EFFICIENCY,
CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND PROTECTION
OF CABLES AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF OUTSIDE
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Optical fibre cables for direct surface
application

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L.163

(11/2018)

L.110 Cable Installation in DIY (Do-It-Yourself)

CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND PROTECTION
OF CABLES AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF OUTSIDE
PLANT

Optical fibre cables – Guidance and installation technique.

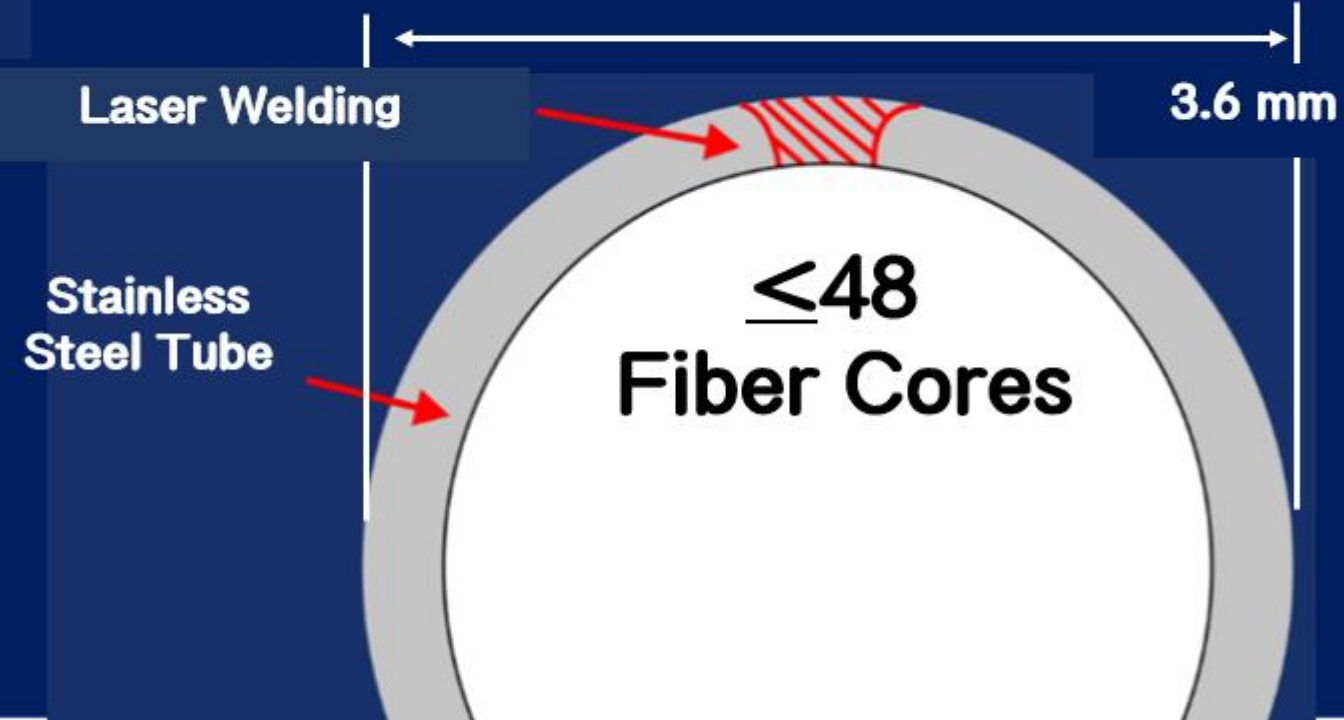
Criteria for optical fibre cable installation with
minimal existing infrastructure.



All-Terrain Optical Cable, for BIRD

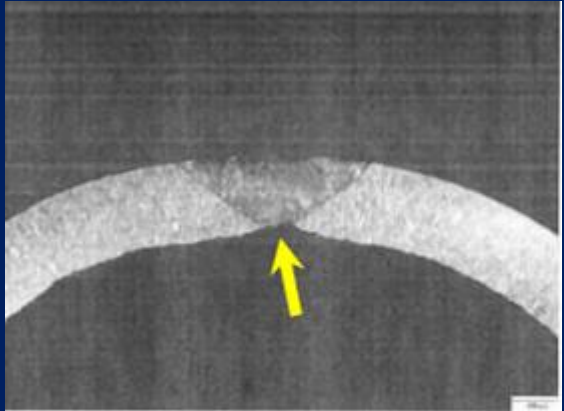
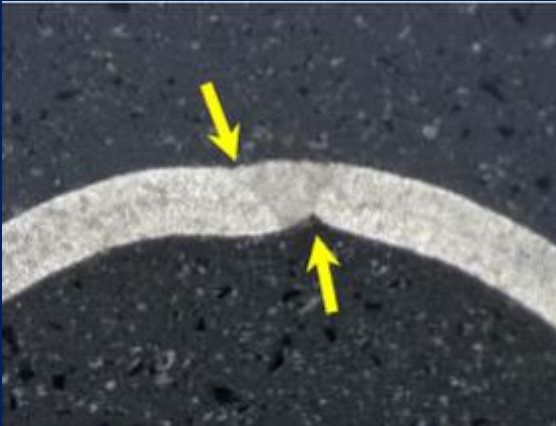
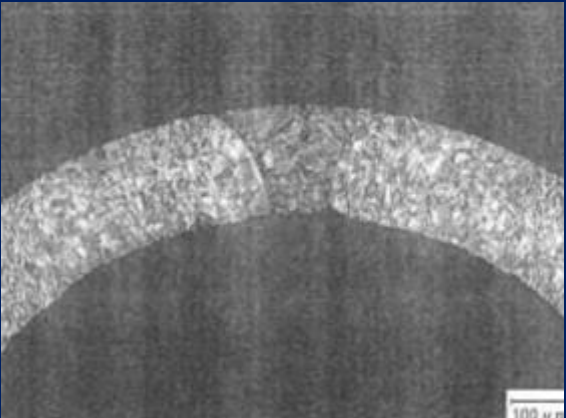


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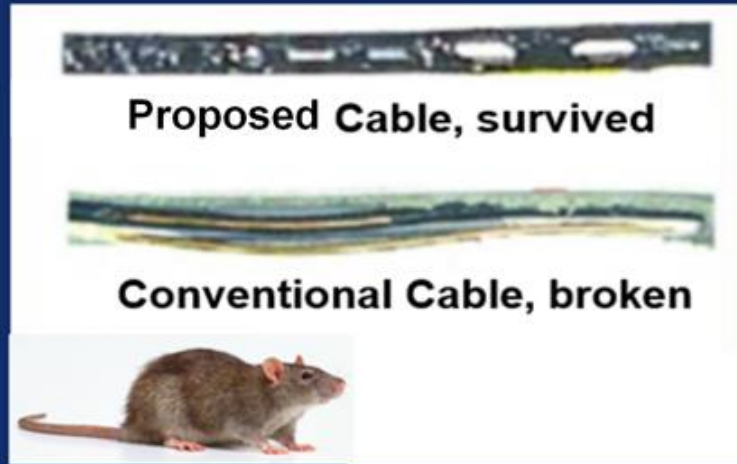
Japanese Cable Quality

Non-Japanese



L.110 BIRD Cable Durability

Rodent Proof Test



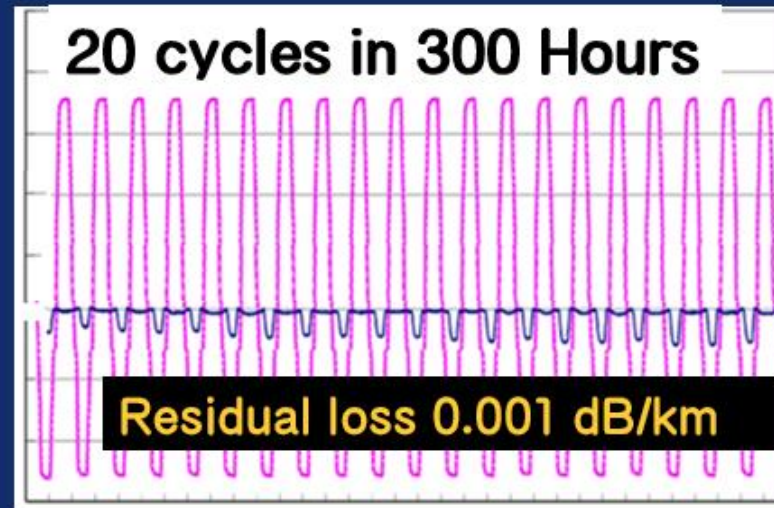
After 1180°C, 15 min
Loss <0.05 dB



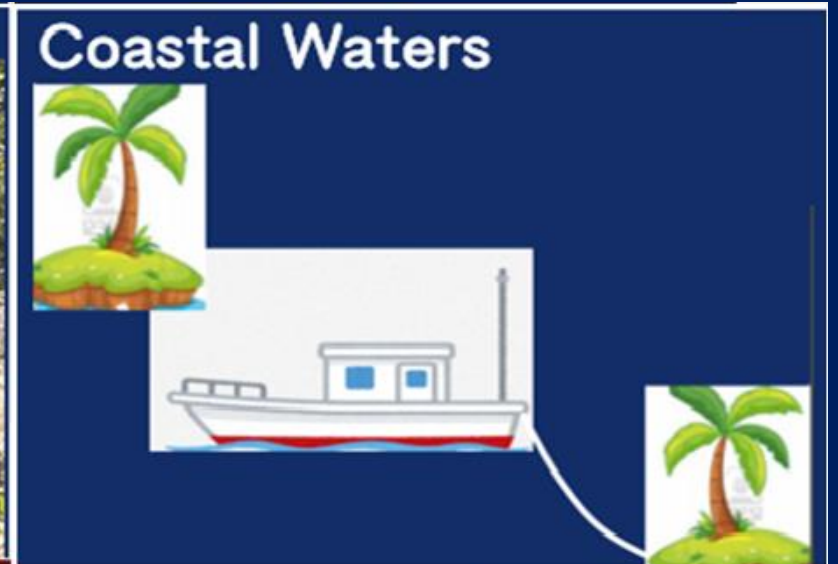
Crush Resistance (2 tons/10 cm)



Heat Cycle -50 °C to +70 °C



Easy, Affordable DIY Installation of BIRD



L.110 BIRD Cable installation in Himalayas, 2019





**BIRD Cable 20km
in
Mongolia Terelj
National park**

Sept. 20, 2022

BIRD Cable to the base camp of Mt. Everest



Mt. Everest Base Camp Area, March 2023 @ 5300 m



Cable Drum

Mt. Everest B.C., March 2023



CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED
ITU-Standard Solution BIRD*
Affordable All-Terrain Fibre Broadband



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Discussed laying the BIRD Cable on the White Nile River Bed



August 8, 2023
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South Sudan

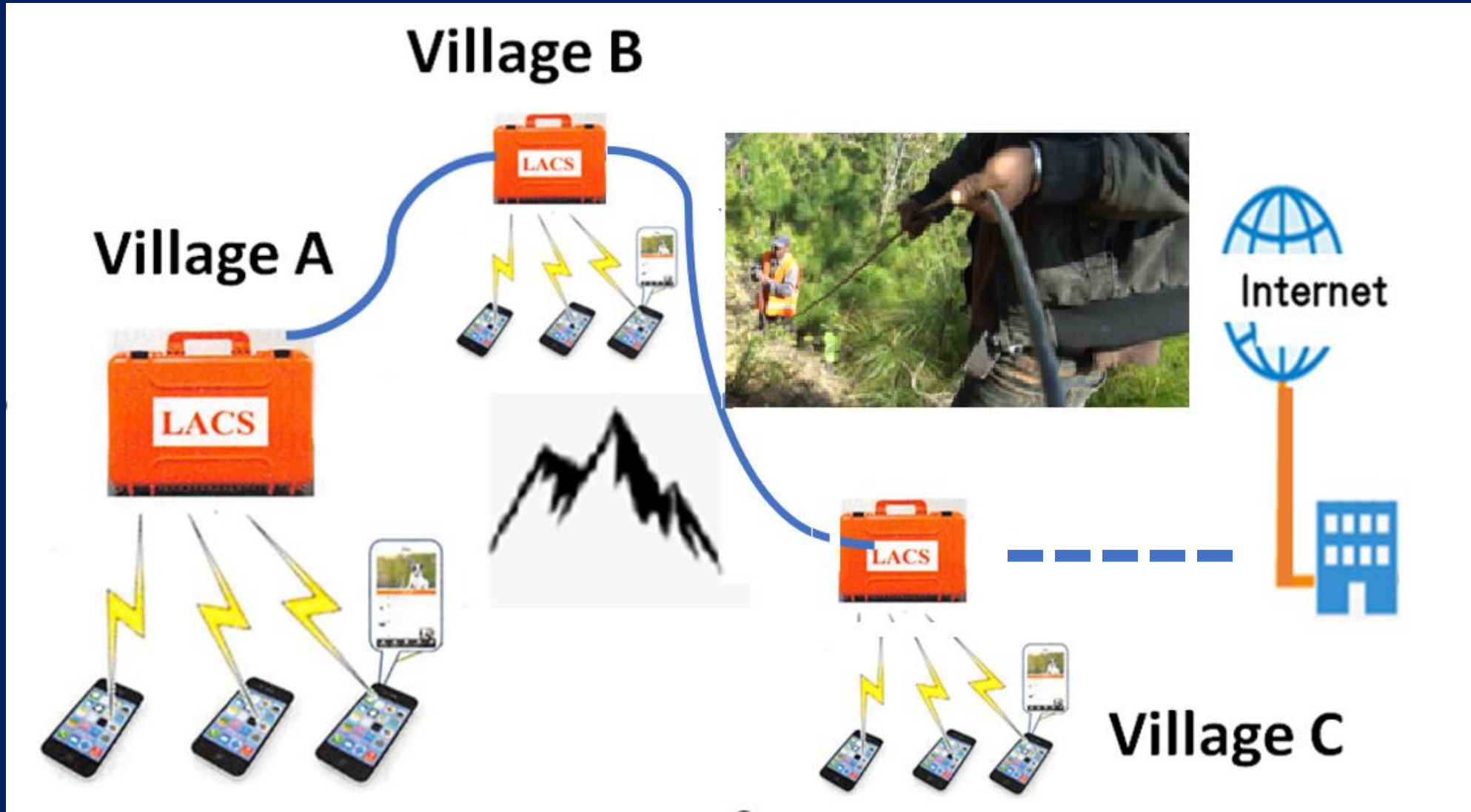
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Phased Approach; Intra-Net to Inter-Net

Today → Tomorrow → Future to connect the unconnected



What is “Phased Approach” with LACs

- (1) Create a small Wi-Fi community with a LACS
LACS shares local contents; educational, medical,,,,,
- (2) Interconnect multiple LACSs with optical cables to generate a wide Wi-Fi intra-net community
- (3) Connect one of the LACSs to the Internet
- (4) A Large Inter-net-Capable Wi-Fi Community emerges



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Connecting the unconnected is often described as an unprofitable exercise. My view is quite different. The Information Society cannot be truly global, a true digital reflection of humanity's knowledge, without connecting all the world's people. Our profit motive? Preventing social loss and inequality.

Broadband has the potential to bring rural communities within reach of education, healthcare, financial services and new opportunities to do business and improve their



quality of life. But advanced countries also have a great deal to learn from distant cultures, which have preserved values, traditions and knowledge now forgotten by many modern societies.

Connecting the unconnected is not a transfer of knowledge and opportunity from developed to developing countries;

it is a reciprocal exchange of knowledge, one that benefits us all.



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Summary

(1) The top priority for ITU is **Connect the Unconnected**

(2) **LACSs with ITU-compatible solution BIRD**
affordably, reliably and swiftly brings broadband Wi-Fi
HotSpots phasewise across difficult terrain in DIY

(3) **CAPEX of BIRD Cable laying, e.g., <10,000 US\$/km**
(Cable Cost : FOB Japan, Labor Cost : Varies)

(4) **The Criteria for BIRD cable and its deployment comply**
with ITU-T Recommendations L.1700, L.110 and L.163