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5G is here

At this year's Mobile World Congress, 5G took center stage with all the latest industry trends present and on show, including plans, modems, devices, spectrum, and trials.

On the eve of the event, Huawei unveiled Balong 5G01, the first commercial 5G chipset supporting the 3GPP standard, and the first commercial 3GPP-based 5G device empowered by the chipset, giving us a glimpse at the astonishing possibilities for technological development that it will bring in the future. According to Richard Yu, the CEO of Huawei's Consumer Business Group, "Huawei's first 3GPP-standard commercial 5G chipset and device is a key breakthrough for the global 5G industry. It means the 5G era has arrived."

5G networks and devices are the two basic requirements for 5G commercialization. And when it comes to devices, chips are central to the industry's development and maturity. Balong 5G01 makes Huawei the first company to smash through the bottleneck to 5G commercial use, making a significant contribution to the growth of the 5G industry. It also makes Huawei the first company with capabilities in 5G chipsets, devices, and networks, and the first that's able to offer an end-to-end 5G solution.

As we approach 2020, the growth of 5G-based enhanced mobile broadband networking (eMBB) and IoT applications will skyrocket, including VR/AR apps, industrial Internet, driverless technology, and the Internet of Vehicles.

Huawei began researching 5G in 2009 and has so far invested US\$600 million in 5G R&D, establishing 11 5G research centers around the world and partnering with over 30 telcos on 5G, including China's big three plus Vodafone, SoftBank, T-Mobile, BT, and Telefonica. In 2017, Huawei was the first company to launch pre-commercial 5G networks with its partners. And in 2018, Huawei will push forward the completion of the industrial chain, complete interoperability testing, and support the first round of commercial 5G network launches.

The future is partnerships, the future is 5G.

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