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Fortinet Secures Internet Data Center for Taiwan's Tamkang University

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 28, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that Taiwan's Tamkang University, a large educational institution with over 27,000 students, has implemented Fortinet's FortiGate™ Antivirus Firewall systems to secure all Internet traffic in and out of the organization's network.

With 7,000 nodes internal to the University and a total of 110,000 connections including those used within the University and for remote access, Tamkang chose the FortiGate solution, which includes the multi-gigabit FortiGate 3600 model, to provide firewall, antivirus, Web and email filtering, and network intrusion prevention functionality, to the University's Internet data center.

“Tamkang University's communications load is extremely heavy, including daily Exchange email that sometimes exceeds 400,000 messages, so we were looking to build a multi-tier network security system that provides complete network protection

without affecting our high throughput,” said Mr. Ming-Chin Hsiao, network management section group leader at Tamkang University. “We chose to work with Fortinet to improve network service quality, protect our Internet data center server, and secure the confidential information of our students, faculty and administration. The FortiGate solution handled everything we could throw at it during our testing, and its superior performance and stability highly impressed the University.”

Tamkang’s Internet data center is central to the University’s drive to provide the most attractive e-learning environment available. By using information technology and the Internet, Tamkang University's Cyber Campus is pioneering the use of innovative educational strategies such as exchange courses with other universities in Taiwan, and is also enabling leading universities and professors abroad to offer co-operative online programs.

“Tamkang University’s computer center and staff are highly respected in the Taiwan education sector and beyond,” said Matt Young, Fortinet’s vice president for Asia-Pacific. “The University has consistently pushed the envelope in terms of both applications and bandwidth, which as a result provide significant challenges to all network equipment providers. The applications that have been successfully tested by Tamkang University constitute a key benchmark for large organizations of all kinds throughout Asia who are looking to deploy Fortinet’s integrated, high-performance network protection solutions.”

The FortiGate 3600 deployed by Tamkang University is the multi-gigabit model in the family of FortiGate antivirus firewall products designed to meet the needs of large enterprises and service providers. FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls are based on a

groundbreaking architecture designed specifically to deliver application-layer security and content processing services, in addition to network-layer services, in real time.

All models in the 10-member FortiGate product family employ Fortinet's unique FortiASIC™ content processing chip and the powerful, secure, FortiOS™ operating system to achieve breakthrough price/performance. The unique, ASIC-based architecture analyzes content and behavior in real time, and delivers a combination of services and performance that cannot be matched using conventional layer 3/layer 4 networking architectures or by deploying software applications on conventional computer systems.

About Tamkang (www.tku.edu.tw)

Established in 1950, Tamkang University developed from a junior college of English into a comprehensive university that today has 10 colleges comprising 45 departments and divisions, offering 11 bachelor's degrees, 43 master's degrees and 16 doctoral degrees with total student enrollment of 27,000.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate™ series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls, winner of the 2003 Networking Industry Awards Firewall Product of the Year, are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. FortiGate systems, the only ICSA quadruple-certified security products (antivirus, firewall, IPSec, NIDS), also deliver a full range of network-level services – including firewall, VPN and traffic shaping – in addition to application-level services in integrated, easily managed platforms.

Tamkang University Selects Fortinet Security/4

Fortinet, named to the “Visionaries” category in the 2003 Gartner Enterprise Firewall Magic Quadrant, is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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