

FIBRE DEPLOYMENT FOR POKÉMON GO SAFARI ZONE EVENT



Image Credit: Sentosa

Southeast Asia's inaugural Pokémon Go Safari Zone landed on the shores of Singapore on 18 April 2019. The five-day event drew an estimated 125,000 local and overseas players to Sentosa's Palawan Beach. The event, organised by Sentosa Development Corporation ("SDC") in collaboration with Niantic and The Pokémon Company, saw some extremely rare Pokémon GO characters that were only available at the event.



Image Credit: Sentosa's Official Facebook Page

For any gamer, on top of being equipped with the necessary tools, having a strong and steady connection adds to the whole gaming experience. Recognising the importance of having a stable connection, SDC spared no efforts in making the playing experience as seamless as possible.

FIBRE DEPLOYMENT

With an expected large turnout, SDC appointed M1 Limited (“M1”) as its internet service provider to enable a stable and seamless wireless connectivity throughout the event, with NetLink rolling out the backbone of the fibre network. As the nationwide operator for fibre network infrastructure, NetLink had the necessary resources, technical know-hows and skillset to do this.

Four NBAP connections were deployed by NetLink in Sentosa, to provide connectivity to wireless and mobile setup deployed by M1 for the event. This helped to support over a hundred outdoor access points broadcasting Wireless@SG, Wireless@SGx and private SSIDs for the players to connect to the Internet on their mobile devices when hunting for the Pokémons.

In spite of the short deployment timeline, NetLink worked closely with M1 who facilitated access with SDC and site surveys, to complete the set-up of the fibre connections in under 10 business days. The relentless support from all working partners was essential and of utmost importance in ensuring a smooth and successful deployment. This also helped in keeping the turnaround time short for deploying the connections.

THE FIBRE INSTALLATION EXPERIENCE

- Seamless
- Supportive
- Speedy fulfilment
- Experienced Engineers and skilled Contractors
- Equipped with technical know-hows



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“During the early planning stages of the Pokémon Go Safari Zone event, NetLink has been providing M1 with its fullest support. This has greatly smoothed the process in getting the fibre circuits up despite a tight project schedule. The provisioning teams from NetLink and M1 have shown great synergy, teamwork and communications, which contributed greatly to the speedy fulfilment of the required service.”

- M1, Product Development and Corporate Solutions.