

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF MIGRATION CHOOSES TACTILIS CARD FOR PILOT PROGRAMMES

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BANGKOK, THAILAND. Tactilis Pte. Limited, developers and manufacturers of a new biometric computer card technology, have entered an agreement for three pilot projects with the International Organisation of Migration (IOM), a related agency of the United Nations.

The pilot activities will evaluate the concepts, performance and viability of biometric system-on-card technology when deployed in three different migrant and foreign worker environments, namely visa card, cross border card and migrant camp card.

There are close to 260 million migrants globally, with 75 million of those across Asia, many of whom are undocumented or displaced and require resettlement and trusted identity credentials.

The Tactilis card offers government grade biometric performance, multifunction capabilities and advanced management of user data and credentials. Aside from irrefutable identity verification, the card enables migrants to access multiple essential services in a simple and convenient way.

Speaking at the 5th Border Management & Identity Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, Tactilis Founder & CEO, Michael Gardiner, explained that the new card technology could play a significant role in securing borders whilst protecting migrants and foreign workers rights.

“We are delighted to work with IOM and honoured that our biometric card is recognised as an effective universal tool for global security and enables migrants’ access to essential healthcare and remittance services.”

Donato Colucci, Senior Regional Immigration and Border Management Specialist for IOM's Regional Office for Asia-Pacific stated "Tactilis offers an exciting technology that we foresee could greatly assist our efforts to facilitate migrants, in particular foreign workers."

He added "IOM continually seeks to leverage technology for the benefit of migrants and the governments that are hosting them. This type of biometric card complements and strengthens our existing and external tools and solutions based around mobile, blockchain, distributed ledger technology (DLT) and data management. We look forward to a successful collaboration with Tactilis."

The initial three pilot programmes will be conducted in Asia and are planned to start deployment from Q1-2019.

ABOUT TACTILIS

Tactilis believes that living in a connected world is a good thing and offers simple, quick and easy-to-scale solutions that make it easier than ever to authenticate and manage identities, protect precious data and create trustworthy environments for citizens, businesses and government organizations. With extensive technological know-how and cutting-edge manufacturing processes, Tactilis helps you get the most out of the open world while securing your interests with just one fingerprint

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ABOUT IOM

Established in 1951, IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration and works closely with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners. With 172 member states, a further 8 states holding observer status and offices in over 100 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing services and advice to governments and migrants.

IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.

The IOM Constitution recognizes the link between migration and economic, social and cultural development, as well as to the right of freedom of movement.

IOM works in the four broad areas of migration management:

- Migration and development
- Facilitating migration
- Regulating migration
- Forced migration.

IOM activities that cut across these areas include the promotion of international migration law, policy debate and guidance, protection of migrants' rights, migration health and the gender dimension of migration.

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