

Hong Kong Broadband starts free movie site

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A novel site that offers free legal movie downloads was launched Tuesday by a Hong Kong broadband provider.

Hong Kong Broadband Network Ltd. will make five movies available free of charge to users in the city regardless of their Internet service provider.

The only restriction on the service is an 18-minute download time, which the company said in a news release was easily obtainable by Ethernet with a symmetric upload-download speed of 100 megabits per second. Legacy DSL users can only hit about 640 kilobits per second, a speed that would require 15 hours to accommodate a feature film.

HKBN said its Metro Ethernet service was being expanded to nearly 2 million homes, or about 80 percent of Hong Kong's total population.

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