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21Vianet Announces General Availability of IBM Bluemix Services in China

BEIJING, Oct. 20, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- 21Vianet Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:VNET) ("21Vianet" or the "Company"), the largest carrier-neutral Internet data center services provider in China, today announced that IBM Bluemix cloud services, which are operated by 21Vianet, are now generally available in China.

With a rapidly growing population of developers, industries in China continue to progress the ways in which they use and build with advanced technologies via the cloud. The potential is tremendous across China's vast network of enterprises and startups, including its manufacturing and financial services industries.

Since 21Vianet and IBM Cloud joined forces to bring IBM Bluemix to China in 2015, this partnership has helped to place technology at the center of a new wave of entrepreneurship and innovation throughout the country. With today's news, the deepening partnership now brings a comprehensive set of blockchain and IoT services to China's burgeoning developer community.

"Strategically, with China's domestic cloud, the international cloud and high performing data centers as the starting point, 21Vianet Group is committed to creating an open hybrid cloud ecosystem. IBM Cloud has long been a vital partner for 21Vianet's cloud strategy, and in the future we will work together to facilitate a wider range of cooperation. We also plan to continue working with IBM to build a robust and comprehensive cloud ecosystem in China, combining our 20 years of experience in data center operations with IBM's advanced cloud services and deep technical expertise. This will give Chinese businesses the right mix of tools to innovate and succeed," commented Mr. Steve Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of 21Vianet.

Mr. Ernie Hu, China General Manager of IBM Cloud, stated, "Providing the infrastructure of Bluemix, combined with the latest technologies from both IBM and a growing roster of partners and Chinese service providers, will equip our country's developers with the set of tools they need to fuel more intelligent and advanced innovations across the fastest-growing industries in China, including manufacturing and financial services."

For more information, please refer to [*IBM Cloud Expands Bluemix Ecosystem in China to Fuel Blockchain and IoT Innovation*](#).

About 21Vianet

21Vianet Group, Inc. is a leading carrier-neutral internet data center services provider in China. 21Vianet provides hosting and related services, managed network services, cloud infrastructure services, content delivery network services, consumer broadband services and business VPN services, improving the reliability, security and speed of its customers' internet infrastructure. Customers may locate their servers and networking equipment in 21Vianet's data centers and connect to China's internet backbone through 21Vianet's extensive fiber optic network. In addition, 21Vianet's proprietary smart routing technology enables customers' data to be delivered across the internet in a faster and more reliable manner. 21Vianet operates in 44 cities throughout China, servicing a diversified and loyal base of more than 2,000 customers that span numerous industries ranging from internet companies to government entities and blue-chip enterprises to small- to mid-sized enterprises.

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offerings; and general economic and business conditions in the regions where 21Vianet provides solutions and services. Further information regarding these and other risks is included in 21Vianet's reports filed with, or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission. All information provided in this press release and in the attachments is as of the date of this press release, and 21Vianet undertakes no duty to update such information, except as required under applicable law.

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