

Furuno offers KVH AgilePlans® maritime VSAT connectivity in Japan

It was reported from Middletown, Rhode Island, on 19 November that KVH Industries, Inc. announced that Furuno is offering AgilePlans® maritime VSAT connectivity in Japan.

The KVH AgilePlans programme is a Connectivity as a Service (CaaS) subscription-based model offering a comprehensive solution for maritime satellite communications.

Without a costly capital outlay, the AgilePlans service is said to eliminate barriers to upgrading to VSAT or switching from a competitor. It includes high-speed connectivity with unlimited e-mail and texting via KVH's mini-VSAT BroadbandSM HTS network, TracPhone® HTS-series hardware, with installation in as many as 4,000 ports and locations, cybersecurity protection, KVH OneCare™ maintenance, and no long-term commitment, all for one monthly fee.

In the words of Keisuke Kitamura, general manager of the ICT engineering department for Furuno Electric Co Ltd: *'We are happy to offer KVH AgilePlans to commercial maritime fleets in Japan at this crucial time when the entire shipping industry is accelerating the pace of maritime digitalization.'*

'KVH is honoured to collaborate with a highly regarded company such as Furuno to provide commercial fleets in the area with the all-inclusive, non-commitment AgilePlans offering, which has proven so successful for commercial fleets worldwide,' said Ken Loke, KVH vice president for Asia Pacific.

The AgilePlans service from Furuno is available with the TracPhone V7-HTS, a 60 cm Ku-band antenna featuring data speeds as fast as 10 Mbps down/3 Mbps up.

KVH is a mobile tech innovator that provides connectivity solutions for commercial maritime, leisure marine, and land mobile applications on vessels and vehicles, including the award-winning TracPhone and TracVision® product lines, the global mini-VSAT Broadband network, and AgilePlans Connectivity as a Service (CaaS). The company's KVH Media Group provides news, sports, and entertainment content with such brands as NEWSlink™ and SPORTSlink™.