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Huawei Mate 20 Pro: A bundle of outstanding performance

The king of smartphones outperforms all rivals

KUWAIT: As in every race there are predictions and expected winners and in this year's best smartphone race Huawei Mate 20 Pro looks to be in a pole position to pass the finish line first. Everything in Huawei's latest flagship smartphone stands out from Kirin 980-the latest chipset built by Huawei, to the most advanced biometric identification features and the superb gaming performance. Huawei Mate 20 Pro comes equipped with the brand's latest Kirin 980, the first commercial System on Chip (SoC) manufactured with 7nm process. It features top-class intelligence, performance, efficiency and communications features to deliver the richest user experience.

More efficiency, more power

With the capacity to deliver 75% improved performance and 58% improved power efficiency in the devices that it powers thanks to the world's 1st Cortex-A76 based CPU, the cutting edge 7nm processor packs 6.9 billion transistors into a form factor the size of a fingernail. Running at a high clock speed, Kirin 980 enables quicker app launch times, better multi-tasking and a generally smoother user experience. The Kirin 980's

unique configuration of cores are flexibly allocated to tasks depending on the device requirements at that point in time.

Higher gaming level

As graphics in mobile games have become more and more sophisticated in recent years, the Mali-G76 GPU that debuts in the Kirin 980 delivers unparalleled gaming experiences, with 46% greater graphics processing power at 178% improved power efficiency over the previous generation. It also features an innovative clock boosting technology that utilizes AI to intelligently identify gaming workloads and adjust resource allocation for optimal gaming performance. Even when in intensive scenarios, the solution enables the devices to run lag-free. Furthermore, the AI optimization for touch responsiveness lowers touch response delay by 36 percent. A quicker response time lets players always be the one who shoots first in games.

World-class connectivity

To deliver the best connectivity to phones powered by Kirin 980, Huawei integrated the world's first modem supporting LTE Cat.21 with a peak download speed of 1.4Gbps.

Additionally, with carrier aggregation across frequency bands, users will be free to choose their mobile operators and still enjoy the same premium connectivity experience, wherever they are. A user with the HUAWEI Mate 20 series can stream a 4K video without buffering; download a 2GB video in 10 seconds; or swiftly download a game update in a few seconds. HUAWEI Mate 20 series can cache up map information in the blink of an eye, so that users would not be worrying about using too much data when traveling.

Sophisticated 3D face recognition

Stacking more innovations in the HUAWEI Mate 20 Pro, the device is also equipped with a 3D Face Unlock solution which, through mapping a user's face with 30,000 projected infrared dots, enables the device to accurately read the face of a user, complete with depth information. The 3D Face Unlock solution has advantages in infrared depth, field of view, usability and recognition speed compared to competitor devices. It recognizes a user within 600ms, with an error rate below one in a million.

An improved in-screen fingerprint sensor

Furthermore, fingerprint sensor is another



biometric identification method that Huawei has completely reinvented. HUAWEI Mate 20 Pro has an in-screen fingerprint sensor with an evolved design to achieve better speed and success rates. The device displays a prompt whenever it detects a finger is hovering above the

sensor. Once the authentication process is complete, the unobtrusive prompt quickly disappears into the background. In light of how many users today are accustomed to fingerprint sensors, it's only natural that Huawei wants to integrate the sensor more seamlessly into its devices.

Lexus rated most reliable by consumer reports

KUWAIT: Lexus topped the list for the sixth consecutive year in the Consumer Reports annual list of most reliable cars. Lexus took the top spot with an average reliability score of 78 out of 100. Consumer Reports cited Lexus' well-finished interiors, smooth engines, and fuel-efficient hybrids as among the brand's strengths. "Lexus is an excellent example of how technologically advanced luxury vehicles can also be very reliable," Consumer Reports said.

The publication created the list by analyzing survey responses on more

than 500,000 vehicles and used the responses to predict which cars will create the fewest problems for their owners. While the Lexus GX SUV took the top spot, supercharged cross-over NX secured 6th place. Consumer Reports said the GX was fast and quiet for an SUV, offering a smooth ride and a comfortable cabin. Inspired by performance vehicles, the turbocharged NX combines the expertise of racers within the engineering team and the impeccable touch of Lexus luxury through an exciting and sporty design to set a new benchmark in the automotive world.

According to Mubarak Naser Al Sayer CEO AL SAYER Holding "The very foundation of Lexus is to offer our loyal customers highest level of product quality and an experience beyond compare. Lexus new design global strategy was a major success in Kuwait and the region. Additionally, the new technologies that had been introduced into the Lexus model line-

up had given our customers a new feeling for the driving dynamics that had even surpassed the previous Lexus records."

Lexus brand is continuing to evolve with an increased emphasis on technology, performance, art, fashion - to offer "experience amazing". It is successful in launching many first-time technologies in the market including active safety, car manufacturing and on-board premium features. Other innovation includes first premium cross over with the RX. Lexus has also the largest range of self-charging, industry leading hybrids which is testimony of experience amazing, selling over 1.3 million units globally.

"The quietness which was a great feature for Lexus is even better. The interior design had hit a cord with our customers because they think it has taken Lexus to a new frontier of luxury and a feeling of serenity" added Mubarak Naser Al Sayer.

ITS named Critics' Choice Best Digital Banking Solution

KUWAIT: International Turnkey Systems Group (ITS) is a key player in the provision of advanced financial technology solutions (FinTech) and services that are designed to transform banks and financial institutions (Islamic & conventional) to the new digital age. The Company was named the winner of the Critics' Choice Best Digital Banking Solution 2018 for its innovative 'ETHIX' product range at the 4th Islamic Retail Banking Awards (IRBA). The award presented during a prestigious ceremony held at the JW Marriott Marquis Hotel, Dubai, on 21 November 2018.

Esam Alkhesham, Chief Executive Officer of International Turnkey Systems Group (ITS), received the award during the grand Gala Dinner which was attended by VVIPs, CEO's from

Islamic financial institutions from the GCC, the Far East, Africa and the Western hemisphere and members of the press. Winners of the Critics' Choice Awards are selected by the Critics' Choice Committee, which comprises of leading Islamic banking experts from around the world.

Commenting on the announcement, Esam Alkhesham, said: "It is an honor to be awarded the Critics' Choice 'Best Digital Banking Solution' from IRBA. This award is a testimony to our continued success in delivering on the commitment and to continue empowering banks and financial institutions to succeed in today's digital banking age". He added: "The ETHIX Digital Suite delivers next generation online banking services to corporate and retail banking customers and provides financial institutions with competitive advantage."

ITS ETHIX is the Company's award-winning and innovative solutions package that drives the digital transformation of Islamic financial institutions. The ETHIX suite of solutions includes ETHIX (Core, Finance, Branch, 360, Portfolio, Fund, Treasury, Trade Finance, Salary Domiciliation, FATCA, Bad Debts Collection, ETHIX Digital, and Profit Calculation and Distribution), in addition to other extensions that together create an evolved financial operation.

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