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Fatfish hooks big stake in promising Malaysian mobile games provider

AN Australian-listed company that invests in internet ventures has bought a majority stake in Malaysian-based mobile games provider AppXplore.

Fatfish Internet Group, which has headquarters in Melbourne and Singapore, has bought a 70 per cent stake in AppXplore through its High Joyful International subsidiary and is expecting big things from the games maker.

Chief executive Kin-Wai

Lau said the company hoped to double downloads of AppXplore's products in the next year.

"Mobile games developed by AppXplore will be downloaded by more than five million smartphone users by the end of this year," he said.

"With the resources and support we are throwing behind the studio, we expect these download numbers to double over the next 12 months."

AppXplore is one of a handful of mobile games "studios" in South-East Asia to have produced several games that have passed the one million

downloads mark. It developed the first Malaysian iOS game to be featured in Apple's App store and its most popular titles include *Mobfish Hunter*, *Alien Hive*, *Sporos* and *Lightopus*.