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As president, Global Network, Cloud and Data Centre Services at Tata Communications, Genius Wong has her hands full. She is responsible for managing the submarine cable and transmission network, which has one of the largest global internet backbones, and a private network that spans over 190 countries where the firm's VPN solution is offered. Wong also leads the global network partnership team and engineering function for all the network services, and oversees the cloud infrastructure portfolio. She works across time zones, managing a team dispersed across Europe, the US and Asia.

Wong, who has over two decades of experience, has spent almost half her professional life with Tata Communications, "front-ending the most exciting and challenging profile in the organisation". "We carry 47.6 billion minutes of international wholesale voice traffic annually – that's one in 10 voice calls globally – and over 13,000 PB of data on our internet backbone monthly. This has given me and my team huge scope to innovate and work on new services and solutions. There is never a dull moment here," she says. One such initiative she is proud of is IZO™. Launched two years ago, this is a cloud enablement platform that provides enterprises with greater predictability, productivity and agility.

A graduate in computer science, Wong also has a master's in electrical engineering from the University of Washington. She has always had a fascination for technology. "The idea of being able to create, change, affect vast portions of our present through technology has always fascinated me," she says. "Technology is the most important element in kindling innovation. It gives a chance to build curiosity, challenge the norm and innovate." She urges young women to look at technology as a viable career option where they can learn, grow, innovate and build things themselves. "Earlier, there were not as many options as today, where one can learn to code and build a usable website and apps with all kinds of functionalities." She feels that the gender gap in tech is reducing with companies like Tata Communications encouraging and nurturing women tech experts to become future leaders.

 Wong joined Tata Communications from Pacnet Limited, where she was responsible for product management and development, and the launch of the company's entire portfolio of products and services for the enterprise and carrier markets. In the past, she has also worked with Wharf T&T and IBM.

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