

Milestones

1940's

1 November 1949

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications was established under the People's Central Government of the People's Republic of China.

1980's

February 1987

The first cellular mobile telephone system was introduced in China. The Guangdong Posts and Telecommunications Administration signed the contract for the first phase of the Pearl Delta Mobile Telecommunications Project, the total investment being US\$8.9 million.

18 November 1987

The Guangzhou Exchange, China's first cellular telecommunications exchange, opened with a subscriber base of 150. It had 3 base stations and 40 channels.

September 1988

Guangdong Mobile Communication Corporation was established.

October 1989

The Pearl Delta Mobile network introduced automated roaming service.

1990's

December 1992

Automatic cellular roaming service was inaugurated between Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macau.

9 February 1994

The State Council of the People's Republic of China approved the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications' Three Directions proposal to change the status of the Directorate General of Telecommunications to an independently audited enterprise managing telecommunications networks and services throughout China.

27 April 1995

The Directorate General of Telecommunications was registered as a legal enterprise and was renamed Directorate General of Telecommunications of China Posts and Telecommunications --- China Telecom for short.

June 1995

National analog mobile telecommunications networks A and B were interconnected to provide automatic roaming.

1 January 1996

The GSM network commenced pilot operations, providing automatic roaming service to 15 provinces and cities in China including Guangdong Province, Zhejiang Province and Jiangsu Province.

10 January 1996

Interconnection of national analog mobile networks A and B commenced pilot operations.

February 1996

Zhejiang GSM Mobile Communication Company Limited was established. The name was later changed to Zhejiang Mobile Communication Company Limited.

18 July 1996

China Telecom launched international GSM roaming service and roaming services to Hong Kong and Macau. Automatic roaming service was established with Hongkong Telecom CSL.

21 March 1997

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited was established in Hong Kong. It was later renamed China Telecom (Hong Kong) Group Limited and then China Mobile (Hong Kong) Group Limited.

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1990's (continued)

17 July 1997

The cellular subscriber base of the China Telecom (DGT) system exceeded 10 million subscribers and was ranked the third largest cellular subscriber base in the world.

3 September 1997

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited was incorporated in Hong Kong and later changed its name to China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited.

22 and 23 October 1997

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited raised US\$4.2 billion in its Initial Public Offering, with its shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

4 June 1998

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited completed the acquisition of Jiangsu Mobile Communication Company Limited.

26 June 1998

The China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited Shenzhen Representative Office was established in Shenzhen, P.R. China.

18 August 1998

The cellular subscriber base of the China Telecom (DGT) system throughout China exceeded 20 million.

2 November 1999

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited completed an equity offering of approximately US\$2 billion and an offering of notes due 2004 of US\$600 million.

12 November 1999

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited completed the acquisition of Fujian Mobile Communication Company Limited, Henan Mobile Communication Company Limited and Hainan Mobile Communication Company Limited.

2000's

5 June 2000

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited established Aspire Holdings Limited for the research and development of wireless data business.

9 June 2000

China Telecom (Shenzhen) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited was established.

28 June 2000

China Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited changed its name to China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited.

4 October 2000

China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited entered into a strategic investor placing agreement with Vodafone Group Plc. Vodafone Group Plc. acquired new shares of China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited of US\$2.5 billion. In addition, the parties also entered into a memorandum of understanding which sets forth the cooperation between them in relation to mobile voice and data communications services.

3 November 2000

China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited completed an equity offering of approximately US\$6.865 billion and an offering of convertible notes due 2005 of US\$690 million. China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited also raised RMB12.5 billion by way of syndicated loans.

13 November 2000

China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited completed the acquisition of Beijing Mobile Communication Company Limited, Shanghai Mobile Communication Company Limited, Tianjin Mobile Communication Company Limited, Hebei Mobile Communication Company Limited, Liaoning Mobile Communication Company Limited, Shandong Mobile Communication Company Limited and Guangxi Mobile Communication Company Limited.