Ericsson presents world's first live demo of GPRS, EDGE and WCDMA wireless networks working together

At CommunicAsia 2000 in Singapore, Ericsson is presenting the world's first live demonstration of interactive, multimedia communications involving three of the new wireless technologies that will carry Mobile Internet services – GPRS, EDGE and WCDMA – working together.

Participants in the demonstration are able to chat in real time with other participants, search for friends, browse the Internet or listen to MP3 music over the wireless networks – regardless of whether they are using a GPRS, EDGE or WCDMA network. They can also communicate with each other via hand-written notes written directly onto a terminal screen, in a chosen language, for example Chinese or English, or even use symbols.

Powering this demonstration are three wireless installations, each creating a 'mini' mobile network for one of the wireless technologies. The full radio coverage at the exhibition site allows people to walk around freely as they trial the GPRS, EDGE or WCDMA services, always on line.

"In communications, connectivity is everything," says Mikael Halén, Director of Product Marketing, Wideband Radio Networks at Ericsson. "This live demonstration confirms the compatibility between the new wireless standards on which the Mobile Internet will be based. We have proved that the standards will work together seamlessly, and validated the migration strategies that today's wireless operators will use as they move forward to more advanced mobile data and multimedia services."

Ericsson is the leading communications supplier, combining innovation in mobility and Internet in creating the new era of mobile Internet. Ericsson provides total solutions covering everything from systems and applications to mobile phones and other communications tools. With more than 100,000 employees in 140 countries, Ericsson simplifies communications for customers all over the world.

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