



SmarTone-Vodafone launches “BlackBerry® from Vodafone”

SmarTone-Vodafone Mobile Email enables professionals to stay on top and move ahead in business

(Hong Kong & Waterloo, ON – 22 June 2005) SmarTone-Vodafone and Research In Motion (RIM) (Nasdaq: RIMM; TSX: RIM) today launched ‘BlackBerry® from Vodafone’ to customers in Hong Kong.

BlackBerry from Vodafone provides professionals with always-on, wireless access to key information and communications. With its unique ‘push’ technology, BlackBerry from Vodafone enables customers to receive, read and respond to emails and view attachments instantly, wherever they are. Customers can also make phone calls, send and receive text messages, access personal organisers, corporate intranets and data applications as well as surf the web. For customers who want a hard copy of an attachment to work on, they can also use the unique feature of attachment via fax* to send it instantly to a fax machine wherever they may be. With BlackBerry from Vodafone, professionals are able to keep in touch and stay in control of their businesses.

“SmarTone-Vodafone Mobile Email provides the most comprehensive range of mobile email solutions in Hong Kong, offering customers the widest choice of mobile digital assistants, with BlackBerry from Vodafone the latest addition,” said Mr. Douglas Li, Chief Executive Officer of SmarTone-Vodafone. “BlackBerry from Vodafone delivers instant emails to customers wherever they are. This changes the way they work by keeping them up to date and helping them to be more responsive, efficient and productive.”

“We are very pleased to bring the BlackBerry wireless solution to SmarTone-Vodafone customers in Hong Kong,” said Don Morrison, Chief Operating Officer, at Research In Motion. “SmarTone-Vodafone customers will join over three million BlackBerry users around the world who enjoy the productivity and freedom of wireless connectivity in their personal and professional lives.”

**attachment via fax is a unique value-added service provided by SmarTone-Vodafone*

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Leveraging Vodafone's global footprint, BlackBerry from Vodafone offers always-on connectivity in 107 destinations worldwide, with coverage in Asia, Europe, North and South America, Australasia and Africa. Customers can enjoy the top quality service, technical support and customer care that they would expect as part of the world's largest mobile community. SmarTone-Vodafone's award-winning customer service provides dedicated 24-hour, 7-day technical support and care.

SmarTone-Vodafone now offers the BlackBerry 7100v™ from Vodafone and the BlackBerry 7290™ from Vodafone, both of which are designed to be extremely easy to use. Both wireless handhelds feature an easy-to-navigate user interface, quad-band functionality, 32 MB of memory and Bluetooth® support.

Available exclusively from SmarTone-Vodafone, the stylish and lightweight BlackBerry 7100v™ from Vodafone also features SureType™, an innovative keyboard technology that effectively converges a phone keypad and a QWERTY keyboard to fit elegantly within the size constraints of a traditional 'candy bar' phone design. In addition, the thumb-operated trackwheel promises fast and convenient navigation and the dedicated Send and End keys makes phone calls easier than ever. Its high quality speaker-phone function also allows for convenient calling and hands-free dialogue.

There are two versions of BlackBerry from Vodafone – BlackBerry Enterprise Solution and BlackBerry Internet Solution. For corporate customers, BlackBerry Enterprise Solution supports Microsoft® Exchange, IBM Lotus® Domino™, Novell GroupWise® and works with existing enterprise systems to enable secure, push-based, wireless access to email and other corporate data.

For individuals and smaller businesses, the BlackBerry Internet Solution allows users to access up to ten corporate and/or personal internet-based POP3 email accounts (including Microsoft Exchange, IBM Lotus Domino and many popular ISP email accounts) from a single device.

The BlackBerry 7100v™ from Vodafone and BlackBerry 7290™ from Vodafone are offered to SmarTone-Vodafone customers at HK\$2,888 and HK\$3,488, respectively.

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