

3G "Open Network" Regulatory Framework

Industry Workshop - Invitation

The Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA) will conduct a one-day industry workshop on "open network" regulatory framework for the third generation (3G) mobile services on Friday, 5 January 2001 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details of the programme are given in the attached leaflet.

In the second consultation paper on the licensing framework for 3G mobile services issued by OFTA on 3 October 2000, the Telecommunications Authority (TA) proposed a "hybrid" approach for the selection of licensees for the operation of 3G services including, among others, the element of "open network" requirement. Responses to the second consultation paper generally called for more clarity in the "open network" regulatory framework and how the "open network" requirement should be defined and enforced. Today, OFTA issues a discussion paper entitled "'Open Network" Regulatory Framework for Third Generation Public Mobile Radio Services in Hong Kong", giving more details of the TA's proposals on the 3G "open network" regulatory framework. The paper can be downloaded from OFTA's website www.ofta.gov.hk under 'What's New' and 'Industry Forum – 3G Licensing'.

The purpose of the workshop is to facilitate discussions with and invite views from the industry and other interested parties on the proposals outlined in the discussion paper so as to enable the TA to finalize the "open network" regulatory framework for the 3G services. The workshop will be conducted in English.

Interested parties who wish to participate in the workshop are requested to register with OFTA by sending an email message to 3g@ofta.gov.hk **before noon Wednesday, 3 January 2001** with the following details for each participant:

1. Participant's name
2. Position/title
3. Company name

4. Email address
5. Telephone number
6. Presentation at workshop [maximum 15 minutes] (Yes/No)
(If yes, please submit presentation material by noon 4 January)

OFTA will confirm all registration for participation and/or presentation **via email** by noon Thursday, 4 January 2001.

As the number of seats is limited, there may be a requirement to limit the number of seats allocated to each organization.

Enquiries on the workshop can be directed to 3g@ofta.gov.hk or Ms Grace Cheng/Miss Connie Sze at 2961 6333.

For those who cannot attend in person, a recorded broadcast will be available on OFTA's website www.ofta.gov.hk after the Industry Workshop.

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Industry Workshop Programme

Date: Friday, 5 January 2001

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm; and 2:00pm – 5:00 pm

Venue: Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Meeting Rooms 606 - 607
1 Expo Drive, Wanchai
Hong Kong

Programme:

9:30 am – 10:45 am	Presentation from OFTA
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Coffee break
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Presentation from interested parties
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch break (lunch not provided)
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Presentation from interested parties (continued if necessary) or discussions
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Coffee break
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Discussion period
