

# **FRAMEWORK FOR THIRD GENERATION (3G) CELLULAR NETWORK DEPLOYMENT AND SERVICES OFFERING IN SINGAPORE**

## **RESPONSE FROM DDI CORPORATION**

DDI Corporation forms the second largest telecommunications operator group next to NTT Group. Our activities cover nearly all fields of telecommunications, long distance communications, international communications, cellular services, Internet provider services and Iridium satellite mobile phone services. We also intend to provide IMT-2000 services and we will apply for the license in Japan to be announced next year by Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Japan.

The international roaming capability is one of the most important features of IMT-2000. In this regard, we are interested in policies on IMT-2000 of oversea administrations and the comments we are forwarding are limited to that point.

According to your consultation document, the minimum spectrum to be allocated will be 10MHz per operator. I am afraid 10MHz spectrum is not sufficient in order to facilitate seamless international roaming service including wide-band/high speed services. We have been observing rapid increase of data traffic in existing cellular services and we believe IMT-2000 will accelerate this trend. Furthermore, the demand for wide-band/high speed services will increase once such services are offered. It is the DDI's view that wide-band/high speed mobile service will become popular within three to four years after the commencement of IMT-2000 and people may request us to enable them to use their wide-band/high speed mobile terminal everywhere in the world.

In conclusion, we will appreciate it if Telecommunication Authority of Singapore could allocate more than 10 MHz per operator, preferably 15MHz or more, taking international demand for wide-band/high speed services into account. As you may have been aware, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Japan have already announce their intention to license 20 MHz per operator for IMT-2000 system in Japan.