



JAPAN UNITED ON 4G

In Japan, KDDI, which presently operates CDMA2000, has decided to adopt LTE technology going forward. This results in all four mobile operators in Japan aiming to start LTE around 2010–2012. KDDI will, in addition to LTE, also have Mobile WiMAX.

PAYING FOR CLIPS

Vodafone tries new business models in Spain, where customers earn money when their uploaded content on Vodafone Live is downloaded by others.

GERMAN OPERATORS PUSH FOR DVB-T

T-Mobile and Vodafone are pushing to roll out digital video broadcasting terrestrial (DVB-T) mobile TV services in Germany, challenging digital video broadcasting handheld

(DVB-H), the standard endorsed by the EU. Broadband News reports that the two operators plan to introduce DVB-T handsets in time for the start of the Euro 2008 football championship.

Japanese handset makers get a break

DoCoMo has changed its handset approach and aligned operating software requirements with the international market. The move will enable Japanese handset manufacturers to expand internationally and at the same time maintain high-segment handsets for domestic distribution based on the same software.