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CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED

中國聯合網絡通信（香港）股份有限公司

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0762)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of the Company is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2010.

GROUP RESULTS

China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Company”) is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the three months ended 31 March 2010.

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2010
(All amounts in Renminbi (“RMB”) millions)

| | 31 March | 31 December |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 342,476 | 351,157 |
| Lease prepayments | 7,672 | 7,729 |
| Goodwill | 2,771 | 2,771 |
| Deferred income tax assets | 5,107 | 5,202 |
| Available-for-sale financial assets | 6,709 | 7,977 |
| Other assets | <u>11,271</u> | <u>11,596</u> |
| | <u>376,006</u> | <u>386,432</u> |
| Current assets | | |
| Inventories and consumables | 2,200 | 2,412 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 9,215 | 8,825 |
| Prepayments and other current assets | 4,943 | 4,252 |
| Amounts due from related parties | 50 | 53 |
| Amounts due from domestic carriers | 1,465 | 1,134 |
| Proceeds receivable for disposal of the CDMA business | — | 5,121 |
| Short-term bank deposits | 1,143 | 996 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | <u>8,889</u> | <u>7,820</u> |
| | <u>27,905</u> | <u>30,613</u> |
| Total assets | <u><u>403,911</u></u> | <u><u>417,045</u></u> |
| EQUITY | | |
| Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company | | |
| Share capital | 2,310 | 2,310 |
| Share premium | 173,435 | 173,435 |
| Reserves | (18,905) | (18,088) |
| Retained profits | | |
| - Proposed 2009 final dividend | 3,770 | 3,770 |
| - Others | <u>46,105</u> | <u>45,038</u> |
| | <u>206,715</u> | <u>206,465</u> |
| Non-controlling interest | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Total equity | <u><u>206,717</u></u> | <u><u>206,467</u></u> |

| | 31 March | 31 December |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Long-term bank loans | 732 | 759 |
| Corporate bonds | 7,000 | 7,000 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 17 | 245 |
| Deferred revenue | 2,520 | 2,562 |
| Other obligations | <u>189</u> | <u>187</u> |
| | <u>10,458</u> | <u>10,753</u> |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payables and accrued liabilities | 90,227 | 104,072 |
| Taxes payable | 923 | 912 |
| Amounts due to ultimate holding company | 433 | 308 |
| Amounts due to related parties | 4,643 | 5,438 |
| Amounts due to domestic carriers | 996 | 1,136 |
| Payables in relation to disposal of the CDMA business | — | 7 |
| Dividend payable | 331 | 331 |
| Short-term bank loans | 63,596 | 63,909 |
| Current portion of long-term bank loans | 58 | 62 |
| Current portion of deferred revenue | 1,181 | 1,397 |
| Current portion of other obligations | 2,532 | 2,534 |
| Advances from customers | <u>21,816</u> | <u>19,719</u> |
| | <u>186,736</u> | <u>199,825</u> |
| Total liabilities | <u>197,194</u> | <u>210,578</u> |
| Total equity and liabilities | <u>403,911</u> | <u>417,045</u> |
| Net current liabilities | <u>(158,831)</u> | <u>(169,212)</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | <u>217,175</u> | <u>217,220</u> |

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2010
(All amounts in RMB millions, except per share data)

| | | Three months ended | |
|---|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| | | 31 March | |
| | Note | 2010 | 2009 |
| Revenue | | 40,415 | 37,917 |
| Interconnection charges | | (3,080) | (3,098) |
| Depreciation and amortisation | | (13,168) | (11,653) |
| Networks, operations and support expenses | | (6,228) | (5,304) |
| Employee benefit expenses | | (5,767) | (5,203) |
| Other operating expenses | | (10,290) | (7,965) |
| Finance costs | | (464) | (179) |
| Interest income | | 18 | 26 |
| Other income - net | | <u>44</u> | <u>70</u> |
| Profit before income tax | | 1,480 | 4,611 |
| Income tax expenses | | <u>(351)</u> | <u>(1,045)</u> |
| Profit for the period | | <u><u>1,129</u></u> | <u><u>3,566</u></u> |
| Attributable to: | | | |
| Equity holders of the Company | | 1,129 | 3,566 |
| Non-controlling interest | | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| | | <u><u>1,129</u></u> | <u><u>3,566</u></u> |
| Basic earnings per share (RMB) | 3 | <u><u>0.05</u></u> | <u><u>0.15</u></u> |
| Diluted earnings per share (RMB) | 3 | <u><u>0.05</u></u> | <u><u>0.15</u></u> |

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF
 COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2010
 (All amounts in RMB millions)**

| | Three months ended 31 March | |
|--|--|---------------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Profit for the period | <u>1,129</u> | <u>3,566</u> |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/ income | | |
| Fair value (losses)/gains on available-for-sale financial assets | (1,268) | 34 |
| Tax effect on fair value (losses)/gains on available-for-sale financial assets | <u>315</u> | <u>(9)</u> |
| Fair value (losses)/gains on available-for-sale financial assets, net of tax | (953) | 25 |
| Currency translation differences | <u>(7)</u> | <u>(1)</u> |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/ income for the period, net of tax | <u>(960)</u> | <u>24</u> |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | <u><u>169</u></u> | <u><u>3,590</u></u> |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to: | | |
| Equity holders of the Company | 169 | 3,590 |
| Non-controlling interest | <u>—</u> | <u>—</u> |
| | <u><u>169</u></u> | <u><u>3,590</u></u> |

**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2010
(All amounts in RMB millions)**

| | | Three months ended 31 March | |
|---|-------------|--|---------------------|
| | <u>Note</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | | 18,544 | 22,076 |
| Net cash outflow from investing activities | (a) | (17,153) | (19,462) |
| Net cash outflow from financing activities | | <u>(322)</u> | <u>(4,329)</u> |
| Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | 1,069 | (1,715) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | | <u>7,820</u> | <u>10,237</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | | <u><u>8,889</u></u> | <u><u>8,522</u></u> |
| Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents: | | | |
| Cash balances | | 9 | 9 |
| Bank balances | | <u>8,880</u> | <u>8,513</u> |
| | | <u><u>8,889</u></u> | <u><u>8,522</u></u> |

- (a) Net cash outflow from investing activities for the three months ended 31 March 2010 included the proceeds of approximately RMB5,121 million received in relation to disposal of the CDMA business in 2008.

**NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2010**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated as a limited liability company in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“Hong Kong”), the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) on 8 February 2000. The principal activities of the Company are investment holding and the Company’s subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of cellular and fixed-line voice and related value-added services, broadband and other Internet-related services, information communications technology services, and business and data communications services in the PRC. The Company and its subsidiaries are hereinafter referred to as the “Group”.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The basis of preparation and the significant accounting policies and estimates adopted in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information for the three months ended 31 March 2010 are consistent with those used in preparing the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Going Concern Assumption

As at 31 March 2010, current liabilities of the Group exceeded current assets by approximately RMB158.8 billion (31 December 2009: approximately RMB169.2 billion). Given the current global economic conditions and the Group’s expected capital expenditures in the foreseeable future, management has comprehensively considered the Group’s available sources of funds as follows:

- The Group’s continuous net cash inflow from operating activities;
- Revolving banking facilities of approximately RMB125.7 billion, of which approximately RMB72.4 billion was unutilised as at 31 March 2010; and
- Other available sources of financing from domestic banks and other financial institutions given the Group’s credit history.

In addition, the Group will continue to optimise its fund raising strategy from the short, medium and long-term perspectives and will consider the opportunities in the current capital market to take advantage of low interest rates by issuing medium to long-term debts with low financing cost.

Based on the above considerations, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that the Group has sufficient funds to meet its working capital requirements and debt obligations. As a result, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial information of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2010 have been prepared under the going concern basis.

3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share for the three months ended 31 March 2010 and 2009 were computed by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the periods.

Diluted earnings per share for the three months ended 31 March 2010 and 2009 were computed by dividing the profit attributable to equity holders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the periods, after adjusting for the effects of dilutive potential ordinary shares. All potential ordinary shares arose from (i) share options granted under the amended Pre-Global Offering Share Option Scheme; (ii) share options granted under the amended Share Option Scheme; and (iii) share options granted under the amended Special Purpose Share Option Scheme.

The potential ordinary shares which are not dilutive for the three months ended 31 March 2010 arose from share options with exercise price of HKD15.42 granted under the amended Pre-Global Offering Share Option Scheme and amended Share Option Scheme while the potential ordinary shares which are not dilutive for the three months ended 31 March 2009 arose from share options with exercise price of HKD15.42 granted under the amended Pre-Global Offering Share Option Scheme and amended Share Option Scheme and share options with exercise price of HKD8.26 granted under the amended Special Purpose Share Option Scheme, which are excluded from the weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of computation of diluted earnings per share.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

| | <u>Three months ended 31 March</u> | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> |
| Numerator (in RMB millions): | | |
| Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company | <u>1,129</u> | <u>3,566</u> |
| Denominator (in millions): | | |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding used in computing basic earnings per share | 23,562 | 23,768 |
| Dilutive equivalent shares arising from share options | <u>112</u> | <u>49</u> |
| Shares used in computing diluted earnings per share | <u>23,674</u> | <u>23,817</u> |
| Basic earnings per share (in RMB) | <u>0.05</u> | <u>0.15</u> |
| Diluted earnings per share (in RMB) | <u>0.05</u> | <u>0.15</u> |

4. EVENTS AFTER BALANCE SHEET DATE

Issue of commercial paper and promissory note

On 1 April 2010, China United Network Communications Corporation Limited (“CUCL”, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company), completed the issue of the first tranche of commercial paper for the year 2010 of an amount of RMB15 billion, with a maturity period of 365 days and at an interest rate of 2.64% per annum.

In addition, on 2 April 2010, CUCL completed the issue of the first tranche of promissory note for the year 2010 of an amount of RMB3 billion, with a maturity period of 3 years and at an interest rate of 3.73% per annum.

FINANCIAL OUTLINE

For the first quarter of 2010, the Company carried out its business orderly based on its full-year overall business plan and demonstrated a good trend of business development in all aspects.

Revenue

For the first quarter of 2010, the Group's revenue was RMB40.42 billion. Excluding the effect of deferred fixed-line upfront connection fees of RMB80 million, revenue for the period would be RMB40.34 billion, up by 6.8% from the same period of last year, of which, telecommunications service revenue accounted for RMB38.62 billion, up by 4.6% from the same period of last year.

Telecommunications service revenue from mobile business was RMB18.63 billion, up by 11.9% from the same period of last year. Monthly average minutes of usage ("MOU") per subscriber per month was 257.8 minutes. Average revenue per user ("ARPU") per month was RMB41.5. Out of which, telecommunications service revenue from 3G business was RMB1.59 billion, ARPU of 3G business was RMB139.0. Excluding the effects of deferred fixed-line upfront connection fees of RMB80 million, telecommunications service revenue from fixed-line business would be RMB19.90 billion, down by 1.6% from the same period of last year, of which, service revenue from broadband business was RMB7.13 billion, up by 23.8% from the same period of last year. ARPU of broadband business was RMB59.5.

Costs and expenses and others

As affected by the expansion of networks and the operation of 3G business at an initial stage, the increase in depreciation and amortisation, finance costs, selling and marketing expense and networks, operations and support expenses was relatively significant. For the first quarter of 2010, the Group's costs and expenses and others (including finance costs, interest income and other income-net) was RMB38.94 billion, up by 16.9% from the same period of last year. Of which, depreciation and amortisation was RMB13.17 billion, increased by RMB1.52 billion and up by 13.0% from the same period of last year. Finance costs was RMB0.46 billion, increased by RMB0.29 billion compared with the same period of last year. Selling and marketing expenses was RMB5.69 billion, increased by RMB1.03 billion and up by 22.0% from the same period of last year. Networks, operations and support expenses was RMB6.23 billion, increased by RMB0.92 billion and up by 17.4% from the same period of last year. Handset subsidies relating to 3G business amounted to approximately RMB0.3 billion which had been recorded in the consolidated statement of income for the first quarter of 2010.

Earnings

For the first quarter of 2010, profit before tax was RMB1.48 billion, profit for the period was RMB1.13 billion, down by 68.3% from the same period of last year, basic earnings per share was RMB0.048. Adjusted EBITDA (Note 1) was RMB14.98 billion, down by 7.5% from the same period of last year. Adjusted EBITDA margin (adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of telecommunications service revenue) was 38.8%.

Note 1: Adjusted EBITDA represents profit for the period (excluding the deferred fixed-line upfront connection fees) before interest income, finance costs, other income-net, income tax and depreciation and amortization. As the telecommunications business is a capital intensive industry, capital expenditures and finance costs may have a significant impact on the net profit of the companies with similar operating results. Therefore, the Company believes EBITDA may be helpful in analyzing the operating results of a telecommunications service operator like our Group.

Although EBITDA has been widely applied in the global telecommunications industry as an indicator to reflect operating performance, financial capability and liquidity, it should be considered in addition to, and is not substitute for or superior to, the measure of financial performance prepared under generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) as it does not have any standardised meaning under GAAP. In addition, it may not be comparable to similar indicators provided by other companies.

CAUTION STATEMENT

The Board wishes to remind investors that the unaudited financial information and the financial outline for the three months ended 31 March 2010 are based on the Group’s internal records and management accounts and have not been reviewed or audited by the auditors. The financial information for the three months ended 31 March 2009 are extracted from the unaudited financial information of the Group and the financial information for the year ended 31 December 2009 are extracted from the audited financial statements as contained in the 2009 Annual Report.

Investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on financial data, statistics and comparison for the three months ended 31 March 2010. **In the meantime, investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the shares of the Company.**

By Order of the Board of
China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited
Chu Ka Yee
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 29 April 2010

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises:

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| Executive directors: | Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Zuo Xunsheng and Tong Jilu |
| Non-executive director: | Cesareo Alierta Izuel |
| Independent non-executive directors: | Wu Jinglian, Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, John Lawson Thornton and Timpson Chung Shui Ming |