



## Press release

DE-CIX goes Asian

# China Telecom is connecting to the German Internet Exchange DE-CIX

Frankfurt/Main (Germany), March 2, 2009 +++ DE-CIX, the central, international Internet exchange in Frankfurt/Main ([www.de-cix.net](http://www.de-cix.net)) has won China Telecom (Europe) Ltd. as a new customer. China Telecom (Europe), is a subsidiary of the telecommunications giant China Telecom (CT) and has been connected to DE-CIX since February where it exchanges Internet traffic with other international carriers. The strategic commitment in Western Europe has become more and more important for China Telecom and ChinaNet, the largest IP network in China and the largest Chinese content platform in the world. This fact is also proven by the new investments made by CT in a new, trans-continental data connection between China and Europe: with their Euro-Asia Network Solution (ENS), China Telecom created a trans-continental fiber optic connection between China and Western Europe via Russia which redundantly goes through the Eurasian continent on two different routes to ensure the highest reliability, differing from the traditional sea cable connections between Europe and Asia.

For David Chen, Director of Network Planning and Operation at China Telecom (Europe) Ltd., peering at DE-CIX is a logical step. "In Europe we are focusing our activities currently on three countries. We are mainly developing our market presence in the UK, France, and Germany," says Chen. Being at DE-CIX, the largest peering exchange in the world has already been fruitful, continues Chen: "DE-CIX in Frankfurt is much more than a German establishment; DE-CIX is international. In less than two weeks since we have been with DE-CIX, we have taken fast steps forward and have already won network connections with telecommunications enterprises from all over the world, some of which are companies from the Middle East and Russia." The result is seen in a positive light by David Chen: "As far as the activities of China Telecom (Europe) are concerned, it has already proven to be very, very helpful and sensible to be with DE-CIX."

Frank P. Orlowski, Marketing Director at DE-CIX in Frankfurt, assesses China Telecom's commitment as proof for the increasing international importance of the German Internet exchange: "the days when Frankfurt was only a national Internet exchange are long over. Many of our 300 customers are telecommunications companies from 40 countries," Orlowski reports. "Frankfurt has proven itself in the international competition: DE-CIX is one of the most important Internet exchanges globally today."

#### About China Telecom (Europe) Ltd. and ChinaNet

China Telecom (Europe) Ltd., headquartered in London, was established in 2006 as a subsidiary of China Telecom, China's largest and most important telecommunications company. China Telecom (Europe) has been providing supremely reliable and secure connectivity to multinational companies between Europe and Asia. China Telecom owns ChinaNet, the largest IP network in China and the largest Chinese language content platform in the world. ChinaNet provides access to the most diversely routed and highest capacity IP backbone in the country, over 700G of domestic backbone active core network capacity and 400G international backbone bandwidth. Currently, ChinaNet has more than 10 million registered customers and provides daily access for more than 28 million people.

#### About DE-CIX

DE-CIX German Internet Exchange is the central, international Internet exchange in Frankfurt/Main. DE-CIX enables IP traffic interconnection, what is known as peering between Internet Service Providers through a fail-safe switch infrastructure. Founded in 1995, today DE-CIX is the most important Internet exchange for Central and Eastern Europe, number 2 world wide for data throughput. Over 300 ISPs from over 40 countries settle a significant part of their Internet traffic through DE-CIX. The carrier neutral owner and operator of the Internet exchange is DE-CIX Management GmbH, wholly owned by eco e.V., German Internet Industry Association.

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