

CHINA UNICOM LTD
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March 21, 2003

1934 Act Registration No. 1-15028

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the Month of March 2003

China Unicom Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes

No

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EXHIBITS

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| 1.1 | Announcement in respect of the operational statistics of the Group for the month of February 2003, dated March 20, 2003. | 4 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CHINA UNICOM LIMITED
(Registrant)

Date: March 21, 2003

By:

/s/ Lo Wing Yan, William
Lo Wing Yan, William
Executive Director

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CHINA UNICOM LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board is pleased to disclose the operational statistics of the Group for the month of February 2003.

The Board of the Company (the Board) is pleased to disclose the operational statistics of the Company and its subsidiaries (the Group) for the month of February 2003.

Operational Statistics for the month of February 2003 and the comparative figures for the previous month are as follows:-

| | February 2003 | January 2003 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| 1. CELLULAR BUSINESS (Notes 3) | | |
| Aggregated Number of GSM Cellular Services Subscribers | 55.625 million | 54.671 million |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers | 30.434 million | 30.157 million |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers | 25.191 million | 24.514 million |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of GSM Cellular Services Subscribers | 2.160 million | 1.205 million |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers | 0.716 million | 0.438 million |

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| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers | 1.444 million | 0.767 million |
| Aggregated Number of CDMA Cellular Services Subscribers | 7.492 million | 7.022 million |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of CDMA Cellular Services Subscribers | 1.248 million | 0.777 million |

2. INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES:

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Aggregated Usage Volume in 2003 of Outgoing Calls of Circuit Switched Long Distance Telephone (minutes) | 0.9852 billion | 0.4749 billion |
| - Domestic Long Distance | 0.9649 billion | 0.4642 billion |
| - International, Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan Long Distance | 0.0203 billion | 0.0107 billion |
| Aggregated Usage Volume in 2003 of Outgoing Calls of IP Telephone (minutes) | 1.4769 billion | 0.7627 billion |
| - Domestic Long Distance | 1.4514 billion | 0.7513 billion |
| - International, Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan Long Distance | 0.0255 billion | 0.0114 billion |

3. INTERNET SERVICES:

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Aggregated Number of Internet Subscribers | 7.742 million | 7.611 million |
|---|---------------|---------------|

4. PAGING SERVICES:

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Aggregated Number of Paging Subscribers | 16.047 million | 16.845 million |
|---|----------------|----------------|

Notes:

1. All the Aggregated Numbers recorded for the months of January 2003 and February 2003 are aggregated data reported at 24:00 on 31 January 2003 and 28 February 2003 respectively.

2. The accounting periods of all Aggregated Net Additions in 2003 and all Aggregated Usage Volumes in 2003 for the months of January and February 2003 are the period commencing from 0:00 on 1 January 2003 to 24:00 on 31 January 2003 and the period commencing from 0:00 on 1 January 2003 to 24:00 on 28 February 2003 respectively.

3. Additional information for Cellular Services:

Operational Statistics for Cellular Services for February 2003 and its comparative figures for the previous month are analysed by the original listed service areas (see annotations (a) below) and the newly acquired service areas (see annotations (b) below) as follows:

| | February 2003 | | January 2003 | |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Original Listed Service Areas | Newly Acquired Service Areas | Original Listed Service Areas | Newly Acquired Service Areas |
| GSM Cellular Services: | | | | |
| Aggregated Number of Subscribers | 40.054 million | 15.571 million | 39.408 million | 15.263 million |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers | 18.994 million | 11.440 million | 18.873 million | 11.284 million |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers | 21.060 million | 4.131 million | 20.535 million | 3.979 million |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of Subscribers | 1.431 million | 0.729 million | 0.785 million | 0.420 million |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers | 0.315 million | 0.401 million | 0.194 million | 0.244 million |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers | 1.116 million | 0.328 million | 0.591 million | 0.176 million |
| CDMA Cellular Services: | | | | |
| Aggregated Number of Subscribers | 5.448 million | 2.044 million | 5.093 million | 1.929 million |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of Subscribers | 0.957 million | 0.291 million | 0.602 million | 0.175 million |

Annotations:

(a) The Original Listed Service Areas means Guangdong, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Fujian, Liaoning, Shandong, Anhui, Hebei and Hubei Provinces, and Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin Municipalities in the PRC in which the Company provides cellular services.

(b) The Newly Acquired Service Areas means Jilin, Heilongjiang, Jiangxi, Henan, Shaanxi, and Sichuan Provinces, and Chongqing municipality and the Guangxi Zhuang and Xinjiang Uygur autonomous regions in the PRC of which the cellular businesses were acquired from China Unicom (BVI) Limited on 31 December 2002.

Caution Statement

The Board wishes to remind investors that the above operational statistics for the months of January and February 2003 are based on the Group's internal records. Investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such statistics. **In the meantime, investors are advised to exercise caution in dealing in the shares of the Company.**

By order of the Board
CHINA UNICOM LIMITED
Ngai Wai Fung
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 20 March 2003
