

CHINA UNICOM LTD  
Form 6-K  
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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 April 2003**

**China Unicom Limited**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**No. 133A, Xidan North Street  
Xicheng District  
Beijing, China 100032**  
(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 March 2003, dated April 17, 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: April 22, 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 March 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 March 2003.

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

|   | March 2003     | February 2003  |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| <b>1. CELLULAR SERVICES (Notes 3)</b>   |                |                |
| Aggregated Number of GSM Cellular Services Subscribers  | 56.880 million | 55.625 million |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers   | 30.846 million | 30.434 million |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers  | 26.034 million | 25.191 million |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of GSM Cellular Services Subscribers                                    | 3.415 million  | 2.160 million  |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers   | 1.128 million  | 0.716 million  |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers  | 2.287 million  | 1.444 million  |
| Aggregated Number of CDMA Cellular Services Subscribers   | 8.025 million  | 7.492 million  |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of CDMA Cellular Services Subscribers                                   | 1.780 million  | 1.248 million  |
| <b>2. INTERNATIONAL &amp; DOMESTIC LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES:</b>                                |                |                |
| Aggregated Usage Volume in 2003 of Outgoing Calls of Circuit Switched Long Distance Telephone (minutes) | 1.5755 billion | 0.9852 billion |
| - Domestic Long Distance  | 1.5433 billion | 0.9649 billion |
| - International, Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan Long Distance  | 0.0322 billion | 0.0203 billion |
| Aggregated Usage Volume in 2003 of Outgoing Calls of IP Telephone (minutes)                             | 2.3925 billion | 1.4769 billion |
| - Domestic Long Distance  | 2.3538 billion | 1.4514 billion |
| - International, Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan Long Distance  | 0.0387 billion | 0.0255 billion |
| <b>3. INTERNET SERVICES:</b>  |                |                |
| Aggregated Number of Internet Subscribers   | 8.049 million  | 7.742 million  |
| <b>4. PAGING SERVICES:</b>  |                |                |

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Aggregated Number of Paging Subscribers

15.254 million

16.047 million

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*Notes:*

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

3. Additional information for Cellular Services:

Operational Statistics for Cellular Services for March 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:

|  | March 2003                    |                              | February 2003                 |                              |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Original Listed Service Areas | Newly Acquired Service Areas | Original Listed Service Areas | Newly Acquired Service Areas |
| <b>GSM Cellular Services:</b>                  |                               |                              |                               |                              |
| Aggregated Number of Subscribers               | 40.861 million                | 16.019 million               | 40.054 million                | 15.571 million               |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers                        | 19.157 million                | 11.689 million               | 18.994 million                | 11.440 million               |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers                         | 21.704 million                | 4.330 million                | 21.060 million                | 4.131 million                |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of Subscribers | 2.238 million                 | 1.177 million                | 1.431 million                 | 0.729 million                |
| - Post-Paid Subscribers                        | 0.478 million                 | 0.650 million                | 0.315 million                 | 0.401 million                |
| - Pre-Paid Subscribers                         | 1.760 million                 | 0.527 million                | 1.116 million                 | 0.328 million                |
| <b>CDMA Cellular Services:</b>                 |                               |                              |                               |                              |
| Aggregated Number of Subscribers               | 5.858 Million                 | 2.167 million                | 5.448 million                 | 2.044 million                |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of Subscribers | 1.367 Million                 | 0.413 million                | 0.957 million                 | 0.291 million                |

Annotations:

(a) The Original Listed Service Areas mean 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 mean 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 February and March 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, 17 April 2003