



## **SmarTone-Vodafone and RIM launch the BlackBerry 8707v**

***The first 3G BlackBerry in Hong Kong that allows you to stay connected when roaming in Japan and Korea***

**(14 June 2006, Hong Kong and Waterloo, Canada)** SmarTone-Vodafone, Hong Kong's leading mobile services company, and Research In Motion (RIM) (Nasdaq: RIMM; TSX: RIM), a global leader in wireless innovation today launched the new BlackBerry® 8707v™. The BlackBerry 8707v supports phone, email, web browsing and other mobile data applications with exceptional performance.

“The BlackBerry 8707v is a powerful new mobile device that is available exclusively from SmarTone-Vodafone,” said Mr. Douglas Li, Chief Executive Officer of SmarTone-Vodafone. “The BlackBerry 8707v is the first 3G BlackBerry that supports high speed UMTS networks\*. It is also the first BlackBerry device that supports roaming in Japan and Korea. SmarTone-Vodafone provides the best 3G network with 99.9% coverage in Hong Kong and the widest 3G roaming destinations with 63 destinations worldwide, making BlackBerry 8707v an ideal choice for business users and travelers.”

In addition to supporting email, phone, text messaging, browser, organiser and other corporate data applications, the BlackBerry 8707v can be used as a wireless modem to enable mobile users to connect to the Internet from their laptop. It also enables users to speak on the phone while simultaneously sending and receiving email, browsing the Internet or using other data applications, even while the handset is being used as a tethered modem.

The BlackBerry 8707v also comes with Vodafone Today, a unique specially designed home screen that summarises the latest incoming communications -- emails, phone calls, text messages and such -- enabling users to stay on top of the latest information.

“In Hong Kong's demanding and fast-paced business environment, timely access to communications and information is essential for business success,” said Norm Lo, Vice President, Asia Pacific at Research In Motion. “With the BlackBerry 8707v, mobile professionals will be better able to stay

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connected to people and information in a timely fashion, providing a competitive advantage. We are very pleased to bring the BlackBerry 8707v to Hong Kong with SmarTone-Vodafone.”

The BlackBerry 8707v has a bright, high-resolution color landscape QVGA (320 x 240) LCD screen that delivers vivid graphics with ample workspace for reading emails, browsing the Internet or viewing attachments of popular file formats such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, WordPerfect, PDF, ASCII, JPEG, GIF, BMP, TIFF and PNG. An intelligent light sensing technology automatically optimises the screen and keyboard lighting levels for indoor and outdoor viewing.

Operating on 2100 MHz UMTS networks, it also includes quad-band support on 850/900/1800/1900 MHz GSM/GPRS networks, features a full QWERTY keyboard for rapid and accurate thumb typing and includes dedicated “send,” “end,” “mute” and “power” convenience keys.

A built-in speakerphone enables hands-free conversation. The handset can also be used with a wireless headset or car kit via Bluetooth®.

For corporate customers, BlackBerry Enterprise Server™ software tightly integrates with Microsoft® Exchange, IBM Lotus® Domino® and Novell® GroupWise®, and works with existing enterprise systems to enable secure, push-based wireless access to email and other corporate data.

For individuals and smaller businesses, BlackBerry Internet Service™ enables users to manage up to ten corporate and personal email accounts (including Microsoft Exchange, Microsoft Outlook, IBM Lotus Domino and most popular ISP email accounts) from a single device.

*\*UMTS is the 3G standard adopted in Hong Kong. For further information, please visit:  
<http://www.itu.int/imt.html>*

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