

Companies hesitant to jump on wireless bandwagon

Experts say businesses do not need WLAN, and they see hi-tech evolution security problems as a stumbling block

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Hong Kong is taking cautious steps towards becoming a wireless world. A slow and tightly controlled already. Hong Kong's case for corporations to invest in WLAN deployment is not much different from any other major industry.

WLAN technologies developed around the common 802.11 protocol use radio frequencies to transfer data between a corporate network and an entire wireless LAN or PDMA office device. The latter for those that range networks is typically within 100 metres.

Hong Kong. This has been further fuelled in high-profile moves by companies such as Pacific Century and MetLife to deploy WLAN hotspots in partnership with PCCW.

have cables or fixed Ethernet networks, and most of the places are not in residential areas, there is no need for wireless LAN. Mr. Cheung said.

John Marston, chief chairman and chief executive of Chinese Group Holdings, said Hong Kong has been slow to realise the benefits of WLAN technology, but consumer demand would drive its adoption.

Mr. Marston added that MTR Corp was testing into providing Wi-Fi connectivity in its trains, but would not disclose details. He also acknowledged there was still challenges surrounding widespread WLAN adoption.

Mr. Cheung said that the wireless system that is in use is the IEEE 802.11b standard, which is a Layer 1, or physical layer, technology. We believe we have to evolve the system down to the physical layer.

Fast-food giant in global Wi-Fi move

Sean Perez

McDonald's plans to offer secure wireless broadband links to three worldwide under its alliance with PCCW.

Outside the United States, PCCW has signed agreements with fast-food chain's Wi-Fi suppliers that are committed to becoming enterprise ready, such as China Telecom in Shanghai and Guang Sheng in East Asian Taiwan.

Boeing Connexion puts airlines on a new plane

Asian carriers sign up to offer passengers high-speed internet access next year

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Three Asian airlines are looking up to Connexion by Boeing, an eight high-speed internet service.



Boeing trials indicate passengers are willing to pay US\$35 for eight hours of connection time while in the air.

the system on United's domestic fleet of 42 jets for an undisclosed date of the profits. United is in Hong Kong for negotiation.

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Press Statement by Alex Kampl of Lik Sang International Limited

Today Nils Ahlswede and Alexander Peter Kampl of Lik Sang International Limited (Lik Sang) announced that they have resolved their dispute with Microsoft Corporation (Microsoft) regarding Lik Sang's distribution and sale of Xbox modification chips and pre-modified Xbox game consoles, which had been made available through the website www.lik-sang.com.

The resolution included, in addition to the payment of an undisclosed sum, an acknowledgement by Messrs. Ahlswede and Kampl as well as Lik Sang that these devices infringe Microsoft's intellectual property rights and circumvent the copy protection system incorporated by Microsoft in its Xbox video game system to prevent the playing of counterfeit games.

Hong Kong, November 17, 2003
This press statement is made on behalf of Alex Kampl.

Nokia red-faced as hackers crack security code of games for phone

Anna Franco-Pardo

Nokia's foray into the mobile entertainment market, the N-Gage game console, was dealt a blow this week when hackers cracked the security code protecting its game from being played and copied illegal copies on the internet.

the code was more of a hurdle than a final roadblock to Nokia. "We were lucky to happen sooner rather than later, and in a way, it's a good thing," said Mika Laakso, an analyst with investment bank Citigroup.

happens, especially as the group hopes to make more money from the marketing of games than from the N-Gage console itself.

N-Gage in the internet community. Mr. Vartiainen said.

Analysts noted that the downward is actually quite difficult and cumbersome, said the loss of

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NORTEL TO DRIVE DOWN WIRELESS DEVELOPMENT COST
Nortel Networks has teamed up with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and BT Innovate Wireless Technology to test a new software architecture that could lower the cost of building Wi-Fi networks by up to 75 percent.

NEW STANDARD TO CLOSE MOBILE DATA SYSTEM GAP
The pending 802.20 Wi-Fi standard will help alleviate many of the bottlenecks of mobile internet deployments, according to a new Wi-Fi Strategies study.

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Nokia's communications firm has signed a licensing agreement with a Hong Kong maker Winbond Electronics.

LICENT PUSHERS TECHNOLOGY LINKING 3G WITH WIRELESS
Larent Technologies has formed an alliance with Top Global, the mobile's leading supplier of public Wi-Fi systems.

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Nokia phone giant has unveiled a battle plan against counterfeit products.