

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 September 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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**EXHIBITS**

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| 1.1                   | Announcement in respect of the disclosure of the operational statistics of China Unicom Limited and its subsidiaries for the month of August 2003 dated 18 September 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: 18 September 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 under Companies Ordinance)*

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

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

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

|  | August 2003    | July 2003      |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>1. CELLULAR BUSINESS:</b>   |                |                |
| Aggregated Number of GSM Cellular Service Subscribers                    | 60.984 million | 60.378 million |
| Post-paid Subscribers  | 32.011 million | 31.866 million |
| Pre-paid Subscribers   | 28.973 million | 28.512 million |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of GSM Cellular Service Subscribers      | 7.519 million  | 6.913 million  |
| Post-paid Subscribers  | 2.293 million  | 2.148 million  |
| Pre-paid Subscribers   | 5.226 million  | 4.765 million  |
| Aggregated Number of CDMA Cellular Service Subscribers                   | 12.045 million | 10.998 million |
| Post-paid Subscribers  | 11.878 million | 10.933 million |
| Pre-paid Subscribers <i>(Note 3)</i>                                     | 0.167 million  | 0.065 million  |
| Aggregated Net Addition in 2003 of CDMA Cellular Service Subscribers     | 5.800 million  | 4.753 million  |
| Post-paid Subscribers  | 5.633 million  | 4.688 million  |
| Pre-paid Subscribers <i>(Note 3)</i>                                     | 0.167 million  | 0.065 million  |
| <b>2. INTERNATIONAL &amp; DOMESTIC LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES:</b> |                |                |

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|---|----------------|----------------|
| Aggregated Usage Volume in 2003 of Outgoing Calls of Circuit Switched Long Distance Telephone (minutes) | 4.8301 billion | 4.1224 billion |
| Domestic Long Distance  | 4.7501 billion | 4.0526 billion |
| International, Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan Long Distance  | 0.0800 billion | 0.0698 billion |
| Aggregated Usage Volume in 2003 of Outgoing Calls of IP Telephone (minutes)                             | 7.1056 billion | 6.1901 billion |
| Domestic Long Distance  | 7.0086 billion | 6.1040 billion |
| International, Hong Kong, Macau & Taiwan Long Distance  | 0.0970 billion | 0.0861 billion |
| <b>3. INTERNET SERVICES:</b>  |                |                |
| Aggregated Number of Internet Subscribers   | 10.922 million | 10.253 million |
| <b>4. PAGING SERVICES:</b>  |                |                |
| Aggregated Number of Paging Subscribers   | 11.534 million | 12.280 million |

*Notes:*

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

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

3. CDMA prepaid service was only launched in July 2003. Up to August 2003, CDMA prepaid service has already been launched in cities and provinces including Beijing, Tianjian, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Jiangxi, Shandong, Hubei, Guangdong, Guangxi, Chongqing and Xinjiang.

### Caution Statement

The Board wishes to remind investors that the above operational statistics for the months of July and August 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**  
 YEE FOO HEI  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 18 September 2003