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**Vodafone K.K. further expands global roaming service areas**

*2 new additions bring total up to 144 countries and regions*

Vodafone K.K. announces today that from 24 April 2006 it will expand global roaming service areas in which customers can use their Vodafone K.K. 3G handsets\*<sup>1</sup> abroad. With this expansion, roaming will be available to Vodafone K.K. customers traveling to Honduras (Central America) and Réunion (Indian Ocean), enabling them to make calls in a total of 144 countries and regions.

To further improve customer convenience, Vodafone K.K. is progressively increasing the number of roaming partners in countries and regions that support global roaming. As of 24 April, Vodafone K.K. will have tied up with multiple operators in 63 of the 144 supported countries and regions, allowing customers to roam on a total of 203 networks.

Since launching global roaming services in December 2002, Vodafone K.K. has expanded its lineup of 3G handsets that can be used abroad. Currently customers can choose from 11 models\*<sup>2</sup> capable of global roaming in the latest Vodafone K.K. catalogue (for April 2006). Vodafone K.K. will continue to expand roaming service areas to offer even richer global communication to customers.

Global roaming service areas (as of 24 April 2006)

numbers in ( ) indicate new expansions

Service	Countries and regions	Operators
Voice calls	144 (2)	203 (3)
SMS	142 (2)	201 (3)
Vodafone live! (Web, MMS)	68 (1)	86 (2)
Mobile data communications (Packet communication service)	68 (1)	87 (2)
Video calls* <sup>3</sup>	13 (-)	14 (-)

Newly added countries and regions (as of 24 April 2006)

Service	Countries and regions
Voice calls and SMS	Honduras, Réunion
Vodafone live! and Mobile data communications (Packet communication service)	Romania

\*1 Some 3G handsets such as the Vodafone 802N and Vodafone 703N are for use in Japan only.

\*2 Including the Vodafone Connect Card VC701SI.

\*3 Video call roaming is available in 13 countries and regions: UK, Netherlands, Spain, Hong Kong, Canary Islands, Singapore, Germany, South Korea, Taiwan, Switzerland, Italy, Vatican City, and San Marino.

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### **About Vodafone K.K.**

Vodafone K.K. is a leading mobile operator in Japan with over 15 million customers and a subsidiary of Vodafone Group Plc, the world's largest mobile community. The Tokyo-based company offers a wide range of sophisticated mobile voice and data services including Vodafone live!, which provides mail and internet access to 85% of its customers, and pioneered the picture messaging service called Sha-mail first introduced in November 2000. In December 2002, Vodafone K.K. launched the world's first commercial 3G W-CDMA service based on 3GPP international standards. For more information, please visit [www.vodafone.jp](http://www.vodafone.jp)

\*Above data is current as of 28 February 2006.