



To the Board of Directors of  
**China Telecom Corporation Limited**

## **INTRODUCTION**

We have been instructed by the Company to review the interim financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (“the Group”) set out on pages 7 to 20.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of interim financial statements to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and International Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board. The interim financial statements are the responsibility of, and have been approved by, the directors.

It is our responsibility to form an independent conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial statements and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

## **REVIEW WORK PERFORMED**

We conducted our review in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards 700 “Engagements to review interim financial reports” issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. A review consists principally of making enquiries of Group management and applying analytical procedures to the interim financial statements and based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review excludes audit procedures such as tests of controls and verification of assets, liabilities and transactions. It is substantially less in scope than an audit and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the interim financial statements.

## **REVIEW CONCLUSION**

On the basis of our review which does not constitute an audit, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2003.

## **KPMG**

*Certified Public Accountants*

Hong Kong, China  
10 September 2003