

# Nokia Opens New R&D Center in China

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Nokia has established a Research and Development center for mobile infrastructure in Chengdu, the capital city of the Sichuan province in Western China. The R&D centre will develop mobile applications based on 3G and IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) for both Chinese and global markets. The R&D Center was opened during an inauguration ceremony on Sunday 28 August.

Nokia's continuous high investment in R&D is one of key success factors. In 2004, Nokia's R&D spending totalled EUR 3.7 billion or 12.8% of its net sales. Approximately 37% of Nokia employees work in R&D. As of December 2004, Nokia employed 20,722 people in research and development centers in 12 countries.

Nokia Chengdu R&D center is the company's sixth R&D unit and second 3G R&D center in China. Nokia is committed to long-term

development in China. With strong local R&D, manufacturing and innovative technologies, Nokia has continuously strengthened its market position in China as the number one supplier of mobile devices and a leading supplier of mobile networks.

"Nokia is delighted to establish a new R&D centre in this part of China." said David Ho, President of Nokia China. "This marks another important step forward for Nokia in implementing its localization strategy. On the other hand, this R&D Center will further strengthen our partnership with and our market position in this important economic center of China."

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