

Briefs: France Telecom, ZTE in research deal

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France Telecom and ZTE said Tuesday they will work together to research and develop the telecommunications industry.

The French group will be working together with the Chinese telecommunications-equipment manufacturer initially to apply the Linux operating system for third-generation technology smartphone handsets, the companies said.

The announcement comes ahead of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao's visit to France, and France Telecom stated in a news release that "this partnership will capitalize on France Telecom's presence in China, and more specifically its R&D laboratory in Beijing, where the group's local teams are able to analyze the specific features of the Asian market and anticipate future developments in the global telecommunications sector."

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