

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

As a telecommunication corporation with an established history of development, China Telecom Corporation Limited has been making consistent efforts in providing the general public with convenient and efficient telecommunication and information services. In 2005, the Company proposed the idea of transforming from a traditional wireline network provider to a "integrated information service provider". In doing so, we strived to expand the channels where the public may obtain and exchange information, speeded up the informatisation of the society and improved the living standards of the people by integration of services with the information terminals as well as their respective innovation, with an aim that in turn benefits the Company in achieving a sustainable and healthy development.

As a corporate citizen, the Company always bears in mind of fulfilling its social responsibility by participating in public welfare businesses while pursuing its business development. In 2005, the Company continued to take part in helping the poor and subsidising the local construction in the Yanyuan and Muli of Sichuan Province. By making investment to improve the local infrastructure and providing training for the expertise, we succeeded in improving the living conditions, from both the material or spiritual perspectives, of the local citizens. After the South Asia Tsunami, both the Company and the entities under its control, based on the spirit of humanitarianism, actively made donations to the affected nations through many channels so as to help those disaster victims to rebuild their homes as well as their communities. In order to support education in China and help offer equal education opportunity to the under-privileged, the Company provided funding to the unschooled and the disabled children and participated in the construction of "School of Hope" in order to help improving the conditions of the schools. In 2005, the Company lent a helping hand to sponsor the "International Scheme for the Youth of China to Start up Businesses", which will help them on their way to successful business ventures.

The Company makes an active effort in promoting scientific research. In 2005, we sponsored the convening of the ITC, a remarkable and highly authoritative international event in the field of the IT research and application in connection with the global telecommunication and internet, as a way to show our support to the researchers in their hard work to explore and keep track with the development of the state-of-the-art technology in the telecommunication industry.

The Company places high importance in maintaining a healthy living environment for the people and always applies the environmental protection ideas and measures during the course of construction of the telecommunications projects. In selecting telecommunication equipment, we meticulously select those optic fibre cables and transmission systems that are noiseless and would not produce electromagnetic radiations or pollutants. When carrying out the field works on tracking of the



Emergency repair team was providing emergency telecommunications services to customers

communication routes, we deliberately avoid from carrying out those works at the mines, forests, grasslands, wide animals, natural heritages, human relic, natural reserves and famous scenic landscapes, etc. When laying down the optic fibre cables, we normally adopt the drilling techniques so that cables can directly pass through any obstacles without having to change the surrounding environment. The Company is enthusiastic in promoting environmental protection. In 2005, we invested and took part in the project of constructing the landscaping belt around the peripheral Three Gorges Dam areas as a way to make contribution towards the protection of the land and water along the Yangtze River.