

Title: Support of non-transparent FAX service

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In Japan, real time non-transparent FAX service is provided based on T.30 protocol. Portable FAX products (50,000~60,000yen : US\$400~500) are available for mobile users. Until now, 32,000 units were sold in Japan and it's increasing constantly. This fact has shown that real time non-transparent FAX service gained the wide market acceptance. Figure 1 shows the market of portable FAX products.

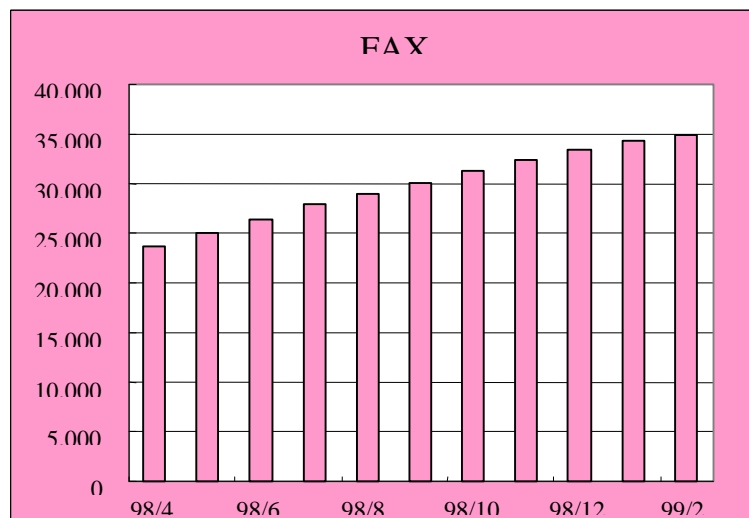


Figure 1 Market of portable FAX products

As the same view as the operators in Europe, NTT DoCoMo plans to provide its users with the same and better services offered by UMTS/IMT2000 than in the second generation mobile systems.

From the operator's point of view, it is important to keep continue providing real time non-transparent FAX service. Since UMTS is the evolution of GSM, this service will be an enhanced based on GSM specifications.

To this end, we believe that non-transparent FAX service should be retained in the GSM specifications. This service should be considered as an option left to the operators.