

Launch of the first R&D partnership with China

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Prompt has followed up on MOUs signed in October 2006 with research institutions in China and in September 2007 with telecom companies ZTE and Wavesat. These MOUs were a key ingredient of Prompt's international development strategy through which institutional research collaborations are created and then leveraged as bridges for commercial relationships.

Subsequent to Prompt's development efforts with the Chinese telecom manufacturer ZTE and with research institutions, a first R&D partnership has now been funded. This partnership involves the École de Technologie Supérieure, Montreal-based Wavesat, the Shanghai Research Center for Wireless Communications (WiCo) and ZTE. The project deals with deployment strategies and evolution of the WIMAX wireless telecom standard.

The project is funded in Québec by the Government of Québec (through the Québec-China joint call), ISTP Canada and Wavesat. The Ministry of Science

and Technology (MOST) of China financially supports the project in China.

A meeting of the five parties involved was held on May 7th 2008, in Shenzhen at ZTE headquarters in order to kick off the project's activities which will span three years.

