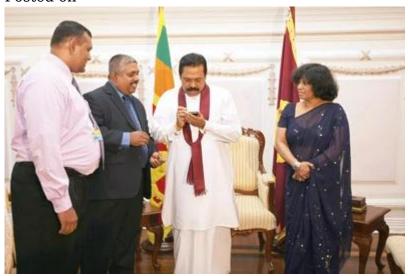# President Launches WAP

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President Mahinda Rajapaksa launched the Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) for all mobile users to access directory information either locally or overseas.

Speaking at the event, the President said that this product is a direct result of his Government's objective of popularising and providing information via mobile operators to over 13 million citizens across the country.

Leisha De Silva Chandrasena, Chairperson of Sri Lanka Telecom (SLT) said that SLT is proud to have been able to fulfill the President's prerogative to make information technology available to the entire nation. "In addition, we will also donate part of this revenue generated from advertising to the nations' *Api Wenuwen Api* fund." WAP is a browser developed to access information through mobiles. It was noted that through this innovation, the service provider will unite with other telecom service providers to make Directory information available to all mobile phone users. The information is also available in all three languages. Basic information like government organisations, emergency numbers and telephone numbers for schools, Boards and hospitals will be online.

"We are constantly in the process of upgrading our services and hope to provide an even

better service in the future by revolutionising mobile communications and making Directory and Rainbow Pages information available to mobile users via WAP to a mobile user base of around 13 million people in Sri Lanka," said Malraj Balapitiya, CEO SLT Publications.