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Infocomm exhibition showcases new products in Singapore

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Exhibiting companies are showcasing their new products like a tsunami alert system for mobile phones at the CommunicAsia trade show held in Singapore, the Channel NewsAsia reported on Thursday.

Invented by a group of German professors, this system can pick up seismic signals from stations around the globe and consolidate the information, the report said, adding that it will disseminate an alarm to subscribers' cellphones via a text message if there is an impending tsunami.

The inventors were quoted as saying that the tsunami alarm system for mobile phones is complementary to the public warning systems, both of which work together to offer maximum protection.

The system, welcomed by travelers in Europe, costs subscribers some 40 U.S. dollars per year or 12.5 U.S. dollars per month for holidaymakers.

Another new product exhibited is a system that can spot stolen or lost mobile phones and block their use in real-time.

The system, called AirGuard, checks a mobile phone's International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI), a 15-digit number, each time its user calls.

When a stolen or lost case is reported to the mobile service operator, the system will blacklist the IMEI number of the mobile phone involved and bar its further use, according to the report.

The CommunicAsia exhibition is part of the annual Infocomm Media Business Exchange (imbX), Asia's largest infocomm and media event, which attracts more than 2,300 exhibitors from 67 countries and regions this year.

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