



Press Release

DECT Forum Announces Newly Formed Japan Working Group

Berne/Tokyo/Amsterdam, February 15, 2012. The DECT Forum, the international association of the wireless home and enterprise communication industry, is pleased to announce at the DECT & CAT-iq World Conference in Amsterdam that DECT Forum Japan Working Group has been established and started its activities to promote DECT and its new use case applications in Japan.

DECT (Digital Enhanced Cordless Telecommunications) is a standard developed for digital cordless telephone system established by the ETSI (European Telecommunications Standards Institute) in 1992. In the Japanese market, regulation for “Digital Cordless Phone” known as PHS (Personal Handy-phone System) was established using 1.9 GHz band, which did not gain popularity for home applications, while digital cordless phones using ISM (2.4 GHz) band has become standard. In order to cope with future advanced demands (such as light data services and wide-band audio) yet realizing efficient use of spectrum allocated in the 1.9 GHz band, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) in Japan has amended the regulations for Digital Cordless Telephone on 26 October, 2010 – to allow the technical conditions of the scheme compliant with DECT, which uses the 1.9 GHz band.

Japanese Member Companies of the DECT Forum

An inaugural meeting was held in Tokyo on December 20, 2011, with agreement on the establishment of the DECT Forum Japan Working Group for the purpose of promotion of the DECT standard and the roll-out of the new use cases in Japan. “Although there have been the technical conditions of DECT compliancy incorporated into the MIC regulations, this does not mean that consumer can use the foreign DECT cordless phone system immediately as it is”, says Kazuhiko Morikawa, Chairman of the Japan Working Group. “In Japan, consumer must use the appropriate products with the certified Logo that proves the compliancy with the Japanese technical standards.”

“We are very pleased about the availability of DECT in Japan”, says Erich Kamperschroer, Chairman of the DECT Forum. “The Japan Working Group will define and develop a logo to demonstrate the differences between the DECT products compliant with the national specifications and the DECT products from other regions in the world.”

About DECT Forum:

The DECT Forum is the international association of the wireless home and enterprise communication industry. With more than 800 million devices sold and growing by more than 80 million devices per year, DECT, DECT 6.0 and CAT-iq are worldwide-adopted technologies with high relevance for wireless voice, broadband home and enterprise communication. The DECT Forum is located in Berne, Switzerland. Full members of the DECT Forum are currently: Aastra, Ascom, Atlinks, AVM, Binatone, CCT, Cetecom, Deutsche Telekom, Dialog Semiconductor, DSP Group, Gigaset Communications, GN Netcom, Lantiq, NEC, Nemko, Ooma, Orange FT, Panasonic, Philips, Plantronics, Polycom, RTX, Sagemcom, Samsung, SGW Electronics, Snom, Swissvoice, Technicolor, Uniden, and Vtech. For further information please visit: www.dect.org www.cat-iq.org

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