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HP Japan orders Decuma Japanese HWR software

The Swedish based company Decuma, partly owned by Olicom, announces that it has licensed its Decuma Japanese software for Pocket PC 2002 to Hewlett-Packard Japan. This week, HP launches its marketing campaign "Input device promotion of hp jornada 568" in Japan. The jornada 568 is shipped with the Decuma Japanese software for input of handwritten Japanese text.

"This is the first agreement for our new Japanese product", says Decuma's CEO Roger Larsson. "Decuma's technology for handwriting recognition has several advantages compared to other methods used today, and we see significant possibilities for expanding our business with HP in Japan and in other markets", he concludes.

The Decuma Japanese software is focusing on the human writing process and allows for easy and fast handwriting input of all character sets used in Japanese script, that is Kanji (Chinese characters), Hiragana and Katakana (the two Japanese syllabaries), English letters as well as numerals and punctuation symbols. The unique, patent-pending user interface, designed with a distinct MS Pocket PC 2002 look-and-feel, allows for intuitive handwriting input, similar to writing with pen on paper.

The input device promotion campaign by HP Japan includes the Decuma Japanese product and a discount on the pocket keyboard for hp jornada 568 upon purchase of the PDA. The campaign runs from March 2 through April 15 at retailers in all major cities in Japan.

About Decuma

Decuma develops and markets software products for handwriting recognition based upon the patented Geometrical Invariant Technology, GIT. GIT has several advantages compared with traditional methods for handwriting recognition. Decuma's customers are manufacturers of mobile phones, PDAs, Tablet PCs and digital pens. Products for Latin, Chinese and Japanese characters have been developed and a global product introduction is under way.

The company is located in IDEON Science Park in Lund, Sweden, and has 25 employees of whom seven have a PhD or higher academic degree. Decuma's investors include Olicom A/S, Visionalis AB and Volito Innovation AB. For further information, please contact Roger Larsson, CEO, telephone No. +46 46 286 53 42, mail: roger.larsson@decuma.com or visit www.decuma.com.