

Olicom A/S portfolio company Decuma AB has today announced the following:

Sony releases CLIÉ Handhelds PEG-NX73V and PEG-NX80V with Decuma Japanese handwriting recognition

(Lund, Sweden, 27 May 2003), Decuma, a leading developer of software solutions for handwriting recognition, announces a licensing agreement with Sony Corporation. Sony will start including "Decuma Japanese" as standard handwriting recognition in the latest CLIÉ, Sony's Handheld Personal Entertainment Organizer PEG-NX73V and PEG-NX80V, which will be released on the Japanese market in June 2003. Decuma Japanese allows users fast and natural handwriting input on mobile devices.

"This combination of Sony's CLIÉ handheld and Decuma's handwriting recognition is to change the consumers conception of handheld devices" states Decuma's CEO Roger Larsson. "CLIÉ users experience new, significant advantages of writing freely on mobile devices"

"We couldn't believe at the beginning that a Swedish company can develop such advanced and sophisticated handwriting recognition solution for Japanese writing," says Akira Sugimoto, General Manager of product planning, Handheld Computer Company, Sony Corporation. "Sony's unique technology combined with Decuma solution will enhance the handheld experience, reinforcing our position as the world's foremost consumer electronics brand."

Decuma Japanese is focusing on the human writing process and allows 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 user interface, designed with a distinct Sony CLIÉ handheld look-and-feel, allows for intuitive handwriting input, similar to writing with pen on paper.

About Decuma

Decuma develops and markets software products for handwriting recognition based upon the patented Geometrical Invariant Technology. The technology has several advantages compared with traditional methods for handwriting recognition. Decuma is currently targeting the mobile phone and PDA markets. Products for Latin (Alphabet characters), Chinese and Japanese characters are available.

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