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RW Products Promotion Initiative
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**RWPPI to Hold Round Robin Test Seminar¹ at Computex Taipei 2005²
Even more manufacturers expected to participate in compatibility tests**

The RW Products Promotion Initiative (RWPPI, Representative Director: Koki Aizawa) will hold its second Round Robin Test Seminar in Taiwan at Computex Taipei 2005, which will be held from May 31 in Taipei City. The RWPPI seminar will commence at 3:30pm on June 2, with the venue being Room 5, 2nd Floor, Exhibition Hall 1 of the Taiwan World Trade Center (TWTC). Against the background of the booming Taiwanese market for recordable DVD products, this seminar will provide information on Round Robin Test activities and results in the hope of appealing more Taiwanese manufacturers for participation in compatibility tests.

At the seminar, in addition to the Round Robin Test activities, the organization will report the processes and results of the joint compatibility tests (Stage-4) conducted with the Compatibility Working Group of the Recordable DVD Council (RDVDC) from September 2004 to March 2005, including the future test plan. Furthermore, the activities of RWPPI, the parent body that promotes Round Robin Test activities, will also be introduced during the seminar.

A total of 49 companies participated in the joint compatibility tests (Stage-4) and the following results were validated.

- (1) With regard to the physical recording properties of DVD-RW/DVD-R discs and compatible writers, tests were conducted for a total of 120 items among 23 disc manufacturers (32 models), and 12 writer manufacturers (12 models). It was confirmed that a stable recording quality had been secured.
- (2) With regard to DVD-RW/DVD-R compatible writers, logical compatibility tests were conducted for a total of 148 items (10 manufacturers, 10 models). Recording/playback compatibility among the models examined was confirmed and participating manufacturers deepened their common understanding about the standards.
- (3) With regard to DVD-RW/DVD-R compatible recorders and PC authoring software, a high compatibility was confirmed for all of the 28 items (13 manufacturers, 13 models) in relation to recording, playback and editing functions (video mode: NTSC/PAL, VR mode: NTSC).
- (4) With regard to DVD-RW/DVD-R compatible players, drives and PC playback software, 45 models (22 manufacturers) were evaluated for 5 items by using DVD discs recorded in above procedure (3). Their playback compatibility was confirmed under various environments.

Regarding the Round Robin Test Seminar in Taiwan, Mr. Gordon Yeh, Ritek Corporation CEO and TRIA (The Taiwan Recording-Media Industries Association) Chairman, said, "RWPPI's Round Robin Test activities that verify compatibility between discs and recording and playback devices are essential for the

ever-expanding DVD market. Especially, the fact that this seminar is being held in Taiwan is significant. I expect industry-wide expansion of these activities through participation of a larger number of Taiwanese enterprises.”

RWPPI continues to actively contribute to the development of the entire DVD market. It hopes to enhance the recording and playback compatibility among DVD-RW/DVD-R related devices through gaining further cooperation from a larger number of Taiwanese member companies, who will become the main suppliers in the future recordable DVD market. The joint compatibility tests will be continued also for higher-speed media that will be developed in the future.

• RW Products Promotion Initiative (RWPPI) <<http://www.rwppi.com>>

RWPPI aims at the effective popularization and promotion of products based on DVD-RW/DVD-R formats. Since its foundation in May 2000, the organization and its members have conducted activities such as joint promotions, proposals of recommended specifications, and confirmation of compatibility between hardware and discs for DVD-RW/DVD-R products to improve customer satisfaction.

*1 Round Robin Test: The group that conducts compatibility tests aiming at the improvement of recording and playback compatibility of DVD-RW/DVD-R media, devices and PC software. It currently conducts joint compatibility tests with the RDVDC. It has the largest number of participating companies among similar groups within the industry.

*2 Computex Taipei 2005: The largest PC/IT show in Southeast Asia, Computex Taipei 2005 is scheduled to be held in Taipei City, Taiwan from May 31 to June 4. It is expected to attract over 130,000 people and feature some 1,400 companies from 100 different countries displaying at 2,850 booths.

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<Appendix> Companies who participated in the joint compatibility tests (in alphabetical order)

Alpine Electronics, Inc., AMC Co., Ltd., B.H.A Corporation, CMC Magnetics Corporation, CyberLink Inc., Daxon Technology Inc., DENON Ltd., Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd., Funai Electric Co., Ltd., Gigastorage Corporation, Hitachi, Ltd., Hitachi-LG Data Storage, Inc., Hitachi Maxell, Ltd., InterVideo Japan Inc., Kenwood Corporation, Lead Data Inc., LG Electronics Inc., Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Mitsubishi Kagaku Media Co., Ltd., MJC (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Moser Baer India Ltd, Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, NEC Corporation, Nero, NewSoft Technology Corporation, New Star Digital Co., Ltd., New Star Digital Japan Co., Optodisc Technology Co., Orion Electric Co., Ltd., Panasonic Communications Co., Ltd., Panasonic Shikoku Electronics Co., Ltd., Pioneer Corporation, Princo Corporation, Prodisc Technology Inc., RITEK Corporation, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd., Sharp Corporation, Shinano Kenshi Co., Ltd. (Plextor), SKC Co., Ltd., Sony Corporation, Taiyo Yuden Co., Ltd., TDK Corporation, TEAC Corporation, Toshiba Samsung Storage Technology Corporation, Ulead Systems, Inc., UmeDisc Ltd., Victor Company of Japan, Limited, Yamaha Corporation