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Ricoh Joins the Linux Foundation
Stepping up the development of Linux-compatible products

Ricoh Company, Ltd. President and CEO: Shiro Kondo has joined as a corporate Silver member the Linux Foundation; a nonprofit consortium dedicated to promoting, protecting and standardizing Linux. This membership will help Ricoh step up its development of Linux-compatible multifunction products and printers.

Linux and the Linux Foundation

Linux is a Unix-like operating system, which source code can be used, modified and redistributed by numerous developers.   Since being developed by Linus Torvalds in 1991, it has been installed on a wide variety of computer hardware, ranging from corporate internet servers and mission-critical systems to desktop computers and netbooks, and is even used within academic organizations. It is expected to continue developing along with other operating systems such as Windows and Mac OS.

The Linux Foundation was established in 2007 to promote, protect and standardize Linux. It supports collaboration between Linux developers around the world, sponsored by companies that utilize Linux and open source software. The Linux Foundation also manages the Linux trademark, offers support for legal intellectual property protection to developers, and coordinates legal collaboration and education for companies and development community.
*For more information on the Linux Foundation, please visit http://www.linuxfoundation.org/

Ricoh's Goal

Ricoh has provided many customers in Japan and abroad with Linux-compatible multifunction products and single function printers through the Linux Foundation.

In overseas markets in particular, where demand for Linux is comparatively high, Ricoh has already launched products whose driver can be automatically downloaded to the client's Linux OS when it's found via network printer discovery.

Joining the Linux Foundation as a corporate member allows Ricoh to bolster advance technology exchanges with Linux developers. Ricoh will take this opportunity to step up the development of more user-friendly devices and useful services for Linux users.

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