



ETRI collaborates with Esmertec in R&D for digital home solutions and next generation personal communication devices

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– Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI) (www.etri.re.kr) has signed an agreement with Esmertec™ (www.esmertec.com) to jointly research and develop technologies for digital home solutions and next generation personal communications devices.

Esmertec is a recognized leading provider of software solutions for mobile phones and embedded devices. Its high-performance Java™ solutions are chosen and used by leading device manufacturers in telecommunications, cable TV and home multimedia. ETRI is a renowned technological institute and has successfully developed information technologies such as TDX-Exchange, High Density Semiconductor Microchips, Mini-Super Computer (TiCOM), Digital Mobile Telecommunication System (CDMA) and Digital Home solutions.

Under the agreement, both parties will share their technology know-how and expertise, and execute joint projects to develop advanced market-relevant products for the growing demand of innovative personal communication devices.

In the first joint project, ETRI will be implementing Esmertec's leading runtime platform, Jbed™, on their home-networking reference solution. This reference solution will be provided to home networking device manufacturers.

"We have selected to work with Esmertec due to its excellent software technology," said Dr. Chae-Kyu Kim, Vice President, ETRI. "At ETRI, we have a strong focus on innovation and delivering cutting-edge technology. The partnership will merge our strengths and skills to achieve further breakthroughs in technology products."

"We are honored that ETRI selected to collaborate with Esmertec," said Anne-Marie Larkin, CTO, Esmertec. "We place a high value on quality innovations that are beneficial to the market, and look forward to a productive partnership that will drive further technology advancements in next generation communication devices."

About ETRI

Established in 1976, ETRI is a non-profit government-funded research organization that has been at the forefront of technological excellence for more than 25 years. ETRI has successfully developed information technologies such as TDX-Exchange, High Density Semiconductor Microchips, Mini-Super Computer (TiCOM), and Digital Mobile Telecommunication System (CDMA). As a recognized leader in the information and telecommunication research institute in Korea, we will strive to be the best in the fields of information and telecommunications.

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About Esmertec

Esmertec is a leading provider of software solutions and technologies for mobile phones, PDAs and embedded devices. Esmertec's solutions are applied in telecommunication, home-multimedia, machine-to-machine, consumer electronics and industrial automation markets. Esmertec's wireless Java (J2ME) products and object-oriented platforms deliver high-performance computing on devices with minimal memory to chipset and embedded device manufacturers. Founded in 1999, Esmertec is a global company headquartered in Zurich, with engineering, sales and customer support operations in Switzerland, France, Denmark, the UK, the USA, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore.

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