

**New Integrated Network Office Appliance Interface Specifications "BMLinkS "**  
**Ready for Worldwide Standardization Environment from Japan**

- Ten models passed logo certification of the "BMLinkS " interface spec's.
- "BMLinkS "Integrated Printer Driver now available.

The BMLinkS\* Project Committee, which is established by Japan Business Machine and Information System Industries Association (1-21-9 Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, Chairman: Mr. Yukio Kashio) and comprises fifteen firm members, has certificated ten models of office appliances (printers/MFPs), after the logo certification tests of a new integrated network office appliance interface specifications, "BMLinkS "aiming worldwide standard of internet era. In addition, the Committee has disclosed "BMLinkS "Integrated Printer Driver, and, the Driver has become available for any customers widely in business/consumer market via JBMIA web page. 'Anytime, anywhere' business printing has become in reality through the BMLinkS office appliances to be launched by the vendors of the Committee members, and the Driver.

\*BMLinkS: Business Machine Linkage Services

## **OUTLINES**

JBMIA has been developing a new integrated network office appliance interface "BMLinkS", which dramatically improves connectivity and data exchangeability among office appliances with the slogan of 'Connect, Find and Get'.

After disclosing the BMLinkS Specifications Version 1 toward the world on May 2002, the Committee has established a new appliance certification scheme in compliance with the BMLinkS Specifications. Further, since last December, two certification tests have been carried out resulting ten models of office appliances have been certified as results up until now.

In addition, the 'BMLinkS' logos have been registered as trademarks in Japan, the United States and European Union.

Now the 'BMLinkS' Integrated Printer Driver, including new features such as discovery user friendliness has been released.

The door to the new 'BMLinkS' era has been opened.

## **ENVIRONMENT EQUIPPED FOR COMMERCIALIZATION**

Through some joint certification tests, the 'BMLinkS' Integrated Printer Driver and ten models office appliances of the vendors of the Committee have been confirmed to compliance with 'Print Service' of BMLinkS Specifications Version 1.

**'Advantages of BMLinkS Integrated Printer Driver;**

**Discovery feature:** Applying this feature, users can easily seek features (services) or installed places etc. of BMLinkS office appliances. For example, if a user needs a color printer with double-sided and staple features, he/she would find very easily an appropriate printer among networked office appliances, simply by inputting ‘double-sided’, ‘staple’ and ‘color’ through the BMLinkS driver.

**Multi-vendor feature:** Another major advantage is that users can print documents directly using the Driver, without installation of various kinds of native drivers inherent in models and vendors.

**‘BMLinkS Integrated Printer Driver available by downloading’**

The driver is available through JBMIA Web Page after May 15, 2003.

## **FURTHER ACTIVITIES**

The BMLinkS Project Committee will encourage worldwide vendors/ASPs to join to the Committee and to adopt BMLinkS. Regarding BMLinkS Specifications, the Committee keeps working for realization of ‘Scan Service’ and ‘Storage Service’.

In conclusion, the Committee extends activities to make clients’ work and home lives more convenient, by realizing BMLinkS services in locations including office, printshops, hotels, airports and convenience stores.

For more detailed information, see the ‘BMLinkS’ web page at:

URL <http://www.jbmia.or.jp/bmlinks/>

Thank you very much.

## **PROJECT MEMBERS (Alphabetical order)**

Axis Communications K.K., Brother Industries, Ltd., Canon Inc., Duplo Corp., Fujitsu Ltd., Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd., Hitachi, Ltd., Konica Corp., Minolta Co., Ltd., Panasonic Communications Co., Ltd., Ricoh Co., Ltd., Riso Kagaku Corp., Seiko-Epson Corp., Sharp Corp., Toshiba Tec Corp.

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