

DSIA and JIPDEC Launch Mutual Recognition Program

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Dalian Software Industry Association (DSIA) and Japan Information Processing Development Corporation (JIPDEC), having signed an agreement on Mutual Recognition Program in Dalian, China on June 19, 2008, have commenced the program that both parties recognize entities accredited to meet requirements of DSIA's PIPA or JIPDEC's PrivacyMark system each other.

An entity given PIPA Mark or PrivacyMark accreditation may use "Mutual Recognition Mark" in their businesses based on the agreement as completed verification of the same requirement level between the standard of PIPA Mark, "Personal Information Protection Regulation for Dalian Software and Information Service Industry", and that of PrivacyMark, "JIS Q 15001:2006 Personal information protection management systems – Requirements", and the demonstration of equivalent procedures for accreditation, resulting in the conformity of the mark systems.

The laws concerning the handling of personal information vary from country to country so that the specific standards of personal information protection may differ in cases where application of local laws is given to priority. That requires, when displaying the Mutual Recognition Mark, of entities clear and conspicuous provision which include what country laws would be applied and the same protection level could not be guaranteed to their consumers.

DSIA and JIPDEC, sharing information on entities accredited to use the Mark to maintain the quality of the Program and consumer's trust, are to supervise markets in both of the countries and take technical measures to verify authentication of the Mark.

Regarding complaints and/or disputes filed by consumers in the Program, the Mark accrediting body, DSIA or JIPDEC, is to take on the settlement and, in case where one of the bodies receives complaints, it cooperates with the other in good faith such as provision of information.

It is expected that the PIPA Mark will be expanded not only for information service industries in Dalian but other industries and other cities throughout China. JIPDEC is looking forward to finding penetration and spread of the Program all over China based on the activities of DSIA.

DSIA

DSIA established in 1994 is an organization for regulation and supervision of information service industries in Dalian, China. It operates PIPA Mark system, an assessment system for personal information protection, for the purpose of proper handling of personal information at the enterprises and accredited total 20 enterprises of the Mark as of 30 June, 2008.

JIPDEC

JIPDEC established in 1967 is public corporation for the purpose of development of Information processing and information processing industry in Japan. It operates PrivacyMark system accrediting PrivacyMark for private enterprises properly handling personal information. As of 30 June, 2008, number of PrivacyMark accredited enterprises reached 9593.