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Taiyo Yuden: BS7799 Certification Obtained for Philippine Production Site Information Security Management System Built to Boost Customer Trust

On December 10, 2005, Taiyo Yuden (Philippines) Inc. (hereafter 'PTY') obtained certification under "BS7799-2: 2002 Part 2," an international standard for information security management systems developed for corporations and public enterprises by the British Standards Institution. This achievement demonstrated the successful establishment of PTY's information security management system. PTY is the third Philippine enterprise (and the first Philippine manufacturing enterprise) to obtain BS7799 certification.

With the spread of network communications such as the Internet, and of personal computers (hereafter 'PCs'), the amount of information handled by corporations in the course of business activities has increased, which has led to greater risk of leaking personal information, proprietary information, or other information assets. From the viewpoint of business management, information security management systems is important since leaks of information assets can adversely affect business continuity, maintenance of profitability, and competitive superiority.

Taiyo Yuden controls its information assets such as proprietary information by assigning ranks according to the level of sensitivity. For higher ranked information, access is progressively more restricted, with strict policies instituted for information storage and control. PTY, as well, commenced implementation of similar information management. Moreover, in building its information security management system, PTY decided that an objective evaluation of its efforts would be useful. As a result, in January 2004, the company commenced efforts toward obtaining the BS7799-2 certification, and has now been successful.

With its expanding business and increased handling of information assets, Taiyo Yuden is continuing to strengthen its information security management. In succession to the Privacy Mark certification obtained by the subsidiary company Sun Vertex last October, and now the BS7799-2 certification, Taiyo Yuden will continue building information security management systems in the future.

PTY was established in December 1988 in Cebu Province, Philippines, as the fifth Taiyo Yuden production site in Asia, after Taiwan, Korea (two sites), and Singapore. At present, the site is positioned as a production center for wire-wound and multilayer inductors.

PTY's efforts for obtaining certification includes analyzing the risks involved in handling information assets, developing policies for controlling information assets, controlling computers, software, data, and confidential information, and building management systems for implementing these procedures. Some specific measures include limiting use of each PC to just one person, implementing controls requiring periodic changes of passwords and placing restrictions on removal from the premises, applying ranks to information assets, and setting the access restrictions for each rank.