

PRESS RELEASE**Panasonic Toughbooks to use groundbreaking new Intel® Centrino® processor technology**

The next set of innovative new Panasonic Toughbook notebooks are to benefit from the new generation Intel® Centrino® processors launching worldwide later this year. Pioneering the use of this technology will be the CF-74 and the CF-52 due for launch in June and July respectively. Both Panasonic and Intel® worked closely together on this project, ensuring the technology will maximise the benefits, features and performance of the laptops that incorporate it.

As a world leader in the manufacture of powerful, rugged mobile PCs with extremely long battery-life, Panasonic is one of Intel®'s largest customers for Intel® Low Voltage and Ultra Low Voltage processors. The combined expertise of Panasonic and Intel® Centrino® processor technology results in laptops that can run sophisticated high-end business and multimedia applications even faster, even when on the move.

The new Intel® mobile technology platform is centred on an Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor with an 800 MHz front-side bus, mobile Intel® 965 Express chipset, Intel® Wireless WiFi Link 4965AGN wireless module, and Intel® Turbo Memory. Users benefit from greater computing power, improved graphics and video performance, several times the speed in wireless connectivity, and lower energy consumption in individual components – which gives even better convenience when on the move.

An option on the Panasonic Toughbook CF-52, the Intel® Centrino® Pro can also offer improved security for business users. This can also make company laptop maintenance, servicing, repairs and protection easier for IT departments operating Intel® Active Management technology.

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Further details on the Panasonic Toughbook range can be found at <http://www.toughbook.eu>

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Panasonic's principles are firmly rooted in the philosophy of the company's founder, Konosuke Matsushita. He laid the foundation for the global corporation back in 1918, setting up Matsushita Electric (later Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.) in Osaka/Japan. Today, the corporation is the leading Japanese manufacturer of high-tech electronic products in the consumer, household, industrial and microelectronics sectors as well as communications technology, which are mainly sold under the *Panasonic* brand name. The Matsushita Group generated 9,108 billion yen or 77,19 billion dollars' turnover in the 2006/2007 fiscal year (\$1.00 = ¥118), and employs around 328.645 people around the world. The Group is represented all over the globe with 652 subsidiaries in the production, sales, finance and research sectors.

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