OASIS Open Standards Days Tokyo 2003 to Explore Growing Role of Web Services Standards in Asian e-Business

New Event Will Feature International Speakers on ebXML, UBL, WS-Reliability, WSBPEL, and Other Standards

Tokyo, Japan, 11 November 2003 -- Electronic business standards from the international consortium, OASIS, will be the focus of a new event to be held in Tokyo, 20-21 November. OASIS Open Standards Days Tokyo 2003 will be the first conference in Japan where both management and technical professionals from business and government sectors gather to share information and implementation experiences on key OASIS standards. The event will feature expert speakers on ebXML, Universal Business Language (UBL), WS-Reliability, the Web Services Business Process Execution Language (WSBPEL) and other OASIS specifications.


Event information and registration is available at [Japanese][1] and [English][2].

To enhance support for its growing membership in Asia, OASIS has appointed Keizo Okabe as its Japan Representative. The Consortium, which is based in North America and has representation in Europe, is expanding its Japanese presence in response to heightened levels of Asian activity in standards development. Okabe will aid in supporting OASIS members and technical committees in Japan as well as directing local promotional events, such as organizing the OASIS Open Standards Days Tokyo.

"OASIS is enjoying heightened participation from the Asian community," noted Okabe. "OASIS sponsorship includes many of Asia's largest technology companies, such as Fujitsu, Hitachi, NEC, and Sony, as well as Japan-based staff of international companies including IBM, Microsoft, and Oracle. These members are actively involved in advancing OASIS projects that include Web services, ebXML and security."

According to Okabe, Japanese organizations are drawn to OASIS because the Consortium encourages open collaboration on interoperability issues critical to Asian companies. The international focus of the Consortium facilitates global participation. Each OASIS Technical Committee selects the language they will use to conduct
their work, and most discussions are held via email or conference calls to accommodate participants from multiple continents. When face-to-face meetings are held, OASIS Technical Committees choose locations convenient to their own members.

"We are honored to have a representative in Tokyo of Keizo Okabe's stature, who will enable the Consortium to enhance the service our Japanese members have enjoyed since OASIS was founded," commented Patrick Gannon, president and CEO of OASIS. "With his extensive background in XML and Web services, Okabe will be a great asset to the growth of the Consortium."

Okabe also serves as XML Evangelist and Chairman of Web Services Promotion Committee for XML Consortium Japan and is a member of the RosettaNet Japan Steering Committee, the ebXML standard working group in Electronic Commerce Promotion Council of Japan (ECOM), and many other XML-related industrial consortia.

About OASIS

OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) is a not-for-profit, global consortium that drives the development, convergence, and adoption of e-business standards. Members themselves set the OASIS technical agenda, using a lightweight, open process expressly designed to promote industry consensus and unite disparate efforts. OASIS produces worldwide standards for security, Web services, conformance, business transactions, electronic publishing, topic maps and interoperability within and between marketplaces. Founded in 1993, OASIS has more than 2,500 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in 100 countries. [http://www.oasis-open.org](http://www.oasis-open.org)

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