



IPTC Joins OCP-IP

PORTLAND, OR — MAY 08, 2006 — Open Core Protocol International Partnership (OCP-IP) announces that IPTC Japan has joined the Organization. Promoting the advantages of OCP, IPTC will establish efficient IP reuse and trading throughout Japan.

Founded in May of 2000 with investment from Toshiba Corp., Mitsubishi Corp., and Nikkei BP Inc., IPTC is establishing secure, fair, and efficient IP trading in Japan. To this end, IPTC provides its members with complete services for IP distribution; from IP evaluation to post-purchase technical support. IPTC is also provides infrastructure for IP marketing in cooperation with IP distributors and vendors. These efforts fuel growth and rapid expansion of the Japanese electronics industry.

In addition to becoming an OCP-IP member, IPTC announced it will host an OCP seminar on May 9th at the Yokohma Media and Communications Center in Yokohama Japan. The seminar will focus on the latest technology and recent trends of IP core interface issues. Presenters include: Opening Keynote from University of Tokyo, TransEDA, Toshiba, Texas Instruments, Sonics Inc, and more.

“The only way to true IP reuse is through the use of a standard socket interface like OCP,” said Ian Mackintosh, president OCP-IP. “Similar to OCP-IP’s mission to drive OCP to become the most widely used and adopted socket interface for SoC design, IPTC’s mission is to ensure highly productive IP re-use and training throughout Japan; this makes for a natural partnership between the two groups. We are pleased to see them adopt and endorse OCP and we look forward to working with them in the future.”

OCP-IP members receive free training, support, software tools, and documentation. This infrastructure allows IP and EDA vendors and SoC integrators, to eliminate the need to internally design, document, train and evolve a proprietary standard and set of support tools, which ensures their efforts and resources are focused upon challenges of developing IP that can be quickly integrated and easily verified in a wide variety of SoC designs. As a result, IC design teams can better dedicate their critical resources to the design and delivery of products.

About OCP-IP

The OCP International Partnership Association, Inc. (OCP-IP), formed in 2001, promotes and supports the Open Core Protocol (OCP) as the complete socket standard ensuring rapid creation and integration of interoperable virtual components. OCP-IP's Governing Steering Committee participants include: Nokia [NYSE: NOK], Texas Instruments [NYSE: TXN], Toshiba Semiconductor Group (including Toshiba America TAEC), and Sonics. OCP-IP is a non-profit corporation delivering the first fully supported, openly licensed, core-centric protocol comprehensively fulfilling system-level integration requirements. The OCP facilitates IP core reusability and reduces design time, risk, and manufacturing costs for SoC designs. VSIA endorses the OCP socket, and OCP-IP is affiliated with VSIA.

For additional background and membership information, visit www.OCP-IP.org.

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