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Mobile code signing services and support from TC TrustCenter for Symbian applications now available in the Japanese market, as well as China and Taiwan

## **Certification in Japanese: TC TrustCenter launches local Symbian Signed service for Japan**

**Hamburg, 18. December 2009 – From now on TC TrustCenter, the digital identity specialist and the only certification body for "Symbian Signed" applications, is also offering its certification service for Symbian applications through a local partner in Japan. All service and support activities relating to Symbian Signed certification, such as assistance with registration or support for the supply of the necessary documents, will therefore be available to customers in their own language and using typical local payment methods. Alongside China and Taiwan, Japan is now the third Asian market where TC TrustCenter is able to provide its Symbian Signed services directly to local customers.**

As an official partner of Symbian, TC TrustCenter provides developers and testing laboratories with the necessary "Publisher ID" certificates for the signing of software through the Symbian Signed programme. The "Symbian Signed" seal was introduced by Symbian with Symbian OS 9.X to combat the spread of malicious software on Symbian-based smartphones. The Symbian Signed certificate confirms that the software has passed an extensive programme of tests and trials, thereby guaranteeing uniformly high quality for all Symbian applications.

Since 2007 TC TrustCenter, together with a partner, has issued "TC Publisher ID for Symbian" certificates in China and Taiwan. In view of rising demand in the Asian region, the partner network has now been expanded to include Japan. This will allow TC TrustCenter, with its Japanese contacts, to offer improved service and support activities locally and in the customer's own language.

With the "Publisher ID" certificate from TC TrustCenter, developers can sign a new application and transfer it to an official test body for evaluation with the help of the Symbian Signed portal. In the first stage of the review, the "Publisher ID" certificate used for the signature and the integrity of the application are verified. Only after this verification has been completed extensive software tests are carried out. Once all checks have been successfully passed, the final version of the Symbian application is given a final signature with a TC Content ID generated especially for the application concerned.

This TC Content ID is issued below the Symbian root CA preinstalled on Symbian smartphones. A prerequisite for the successful installation of an application on the smartphone is the verification of the signature through the whole certification up to the root CA. This assures that it is a tested application.

All applications with a TC Content ID signature can access particular resources in the smartphone without problems. Without a valid Content ID this is not possible, or is a more difficult process requiring additional user interactions.

As well as the name of the signed application, the TC Content ID also includes information about the company which developed the software. This means the origin of the application can be traced if need be. A "Symbian Signed" application therefore warrants the highest confidence and can be delivered with safety, and installed with equal safety.

For more information about the Symbian Signed programme, visit <http://www.symbiansigned.com>.

Further information about Symbian Limited can be found at <http://www.symbian.de>.

#### About TC TrustCenter

TC TrustCenter is one of the world's leading providers of solutions for lifecycle management of digital certificates based on public key infrastructures. Its unique on-demand digital identity solutions are cost-effective and offer maximum security and the fastest possible implementation. TC TrustCenter's team of experienced PKI specialists and broad network of integration partners advise customers on the design and implementation of complex solutions.

TC TrustCenter services are used to protect against data manipulation, for secure access to confidential corporate and customer data, for legally admissible business communications and to protect online transactions. As an accredited certification body under the German Digital Signatures Act, Identrust, SAFE and SISAC, TC TrustCenter issues digital certificates that comply with national and international guidelines such as the European Electronic Signatures Directive.

For more than 10 years, TC TrustCenter has created worldwide trust in digital communications between employees, customers, partners and suppliers for a variety of well-known international customers, particularly in the motor industry, the financial industry and telecommunications.

More information can be found at [www.trustcenter.de](http://www.trustcenter.de) or can be requested by sending an e-mail to [info@trustcenter.de](mailto:info@trustcenter.de)

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