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 - To include information on the Kanji TrueType product.

TOPIC

On April 23, 1991, Apple USA announced a program to sell and support Japanese-language Macintosh System Software in the United States. This is an extension of a program currently being piloted in Hawaii. To find a reseller for this product, call 1-800-882-8856.

DISCUSSION

These Japanese products will be available only through a limited number of Apple-authorized dealers and VARS (Value Added Resellers). These resellers are required to have a Japanese-speaking System Engineer who has attended a special class for Japanese product support and who provides support before and after the sale. Inquires concerning these Japanese products should be directed only to these authorized dealerships.

The following products are being offered:

- The KanjiTalk Upgrade kit, which includes
 - the KanjiTalk operating system version 6.0.7, and
 - HyperCard-J version 2.0J ("lite" HyperCard localized in Japanese).
- Kanji TrueType - A Japanese font extension that allows high quality, low cost printing solution. It includes two complete fonts.

- HyperCard 2.0J, which includes Japanese manuals.
- The extended Kana character-based keyboard.

Price pages for these products will be available only to specially authorized resellers.

Service

Only Kanji-authorized resellers will be allowed to service Apple's Japanese systems.

Support

A special support program will handle the Japanese products. Customers will be supported by specially trained bilingual dealer System Engineers. These dealer SEs will escalate their questions to a third party vendor, in essence filling in the role of the Apple field Systems Engineer.

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