



FIME First Japanese Operation Accredited as MasterCard Test Laboratory for Mobile Handsets

Accreditation enables Japanese mobile handset manufacturers to achieve MasterCard certification quickly, cost effectively and in local language

25 September 2014 – FIME's Japanese operation has been accredited as a MasterCard test laboratory for mobile handsets. The testing focuses on confirming the compliance and interoperability with the EMVCo Contactless approval process.

"With Japan being a centre for mobile innovation, the ability to save time and money throughout the certification process is of great value to Japanese manufacturers," comments Alex Chen, Sales Director at FIME Asia. "Vendors in the region can access FIME's global expertise quicker than ever before and tap into our knowledge of the regional ecosystem's variations and complexities in order to achieve this approval quickly and effectively."

Commenting on the marketplace, Alex adds: "With contactless card payments gaining momentum globally, the mobile ecosystem is readying itself for mass market roll out. In Japan, the payments ecosystem is evolving rapidly so it has been a big priority for us to expand our local offering even further to help drive mobile payments innovation in Japan. To further support this aim, FIME has also expanded its official consulting and service capacity to support the work of various industry bodies including GlobalPlatform, NFC Forum, Softcard and others. This enables FIME to act as a single touch point for our vendor partners' complete testing needs. Standards, specifications and compliance bring stability and trust to the payments ecosystem and we are privileged to support our Japanese partners in achieving the cross-industry accreditations that their products need."

Contact [FIME](#) to find out more about its Japanese and global laboratories. More information on MasterCard Mobile PayPass can be found [here](#).

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About FIME

FIME is a trusted consultant and advanced end-to-end testing services provider within the payment, mobile telecom, e-ID and transit sectors. Its work ensures the successful and efficient market integration of products and solutions which use secure chips. Its wealth of testing knowledge and skills accelerates product time to market and promotes security, interoperability and confidence that products will deliver optimum performance once launched.

FIME has extensive EMV testing expertise working with banks, technology providers and authorities to develop the testing frameworks for international and domestic EMV-compliant payment schemes. In more recent years FIME has led testing activity that supports the validation of secure applications to facilitate the deployment of near-field-communication (NFC) services, and advances within the trusted execution environment (TEE) and trusted service manager (TSM) ecosystems.

To ensure global testing expertise is delivered within a regional framework, FIME is expanding its network of ISO 17025 accredited laboratories and operations. It currently offers a local presence across America (Canada and the United States), Asia (India, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan), Europe (France), and the Middle East (Dubai).

FIME partners with leading payment schemes and industry bodies to provide certifications and enhance the secure-chip ecosystem: American Express, Calypso Networks Association, Discover, eftpos, EMVCo, EMV Migration Forum, First Data, Global Certification Forum (GCF), GlobalPlatform, GSMA, Interac, JCB, MasterCard, Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS), NFC Forum, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), National Standard for Chip Card Specification (NSICC), OSCar Consortium, Softcard and Visa.

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