**SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT ANNOUNCES
WORLDWIDE RELEASE OF LINUX FOR PLAYSTATION®2**
"Linux (for PlayStation®2) " Release 1.0 for Linux Developers

Tokyo, January 30, 2002 – Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. (SCEI) announced today that it would release "Linux (for PlayStation®2)" Release 1.0 for Linux developers worldwide.

In response to many requests from the Japanese Linux society to enjoy Linux programming on PlayStation 2, Linux Beta Version, which was being developed for research and development purpose at SCEI, was made available to Linux users in Japan in May 2001. Since then, many Linux users have cooperated in the evaluation of the product. Initially SCEI planned a limited sale of 2,000 units, but due to the large numbers of requests, SCEI provided a total of approximately 7,900 units to Linux enthusiasts.

After the release of the Beta version, users have continued on with the petition drive in Linux community websites [*1] in Japan for the worldwide release of an upgraded version. Also, according to web-questionnaires conducted by Sony Computer Entertainment America and Sony Computer Entertainment Europe, 28,000 people signed up as of January 25th, 2001.

This movement has led SCEI to release the upgraded version as "Linux (for PlayStation 2)" Release 1.0 to participate and support the voluntary activities of Linux developers worldwide. Through Linux for PlayStation 2, Linux community users are able to enjoy the PlayStation 2 architecture as a broadband device different from PCs and SCEI

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expects the wide spread of broadband application of PlayStation 2.

Upgraded "Linux (for PlayStation 2)" Release 1.0 reflects numerous feedback received for the Beta version. Its software consists of two disks; "DISK 1" Runtime Environment containing SCEI's intellectual property software components and System Manual and "DISK 2" Software Packages containing open source Linux software. [*2] Both disks are operable on PlayStation 2 SCPH-10000, SCPH-15000, SCPH-18000 and SCPH-30000.

The Linux kit this time consists of Hard Disk Drive, two disks installed with necessary software, Network Adaptor, USB Keyboard, USB Mouse and Monitor Cable Adaptor. Also, for users who already own the Beta version, upgraded software will be released.

To provide continuous support to the users of Linux community through the networks, sales of the product is made through PlayStation.com (Japan) Inc. website (http://www.jp.playstation.com/). Details will be announced on this website as they become available. More information and support are made available to users at Linux Official Home Page (http://www.ps2linux.com).

With PlayStation and PlayStation 2, Sony Computer Entertainment will create and develop a new world of computer entertainment for the broadband era through the fusion of game, music, movies, and broadcasting.

(*1)   http://www.ps2linux.com/supporter.html
(*2)   Binary code for other Linux will not function on Linux for PlayStation 2.

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Product Outline

\<For New Users\>
For SCPH-30000 Owners

Product Name:	"Linux Kit (for PlayStation®2)" (Expansion Bay Type)
Included:	"Linux (for PlayStation 2)" Release 1.0
	"DISC 1" Runtime Environment and System Manual (for PlayStation 2)
	"DISC 2" Software Packages and others
	Hard Disk Drive (Expansion Bay Type 40GB)
	Network Adaptor (Ethernet) (Expansion Bay Type)
	USB Keyboard
	USB Mouse
	Monitor Cable Adaptor (for PlayStation 2) (with Audio Connectors)

For SCPH-10000, SCPH-15000 and SCPH-18000 Owners

Product Name:	"Linux (for PlayStation®2)" (Attachment Type)
Included:	"Linux Kit (for PlayStation 2)" Release 1.0
	"DISC 1" Runtime Environment and System Manual (for PlayStation 2)
	"DISC 2" Software Packages and others
	Hard Disk Drive (Attachment Type 40GB)
	Network Adaptor (Ethernet) (PC Card Type)
	USB Keyboard
	USB Mouse
	Monitor Cable Adaptor (for PlayStation 2) (with Audio Connectors)

Suggested Retail Price:	JPY 25,000 (excluding tax) each
Orders Received From:	February 13th, 2002
Expected Arrival Date:	April 2002

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<Linux Kit Beta Version Owners >

Product Name:	Linux Disc (for PlayStation®2)
	LDTL-00001
Suggested Retail Price:	JPY 1,500 (excluding tax)
Orders Received From:	February 13th, 2002
Expected Arrival Date:	April 2002
Included:	"DISC 1" Runtime Environment and System Manual
	(for PlayStation 2)
	"DISC 2" Software Packages and others

Orders Received At:	PlayStation.com (Japan) Inc. website
	http://www.jp.playstation.com/

About Sony Computer Entertainment Inc.
Recognized as the global leader and company responsible for the progression of consumer-based computer entertainment, Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. (SCEI) manufacturers, distributes and markets the PlayStation® game console and PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system. SCEI, along with its subsidiary divisions Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc. and Sony Computer Entertainment Europe Ltd., develops, publishes, markets and distributes software, and manages the third party licensing programs for these two platforms in the respective markets worldwide. Headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. is an independent business unit of the Sony Group.

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