

ARUZE CORP. to Launch New 15-Inch Pictorial LCD-Installed Pachislot Machine Model

Pursuant to its announcement dated June 25 on the development of a new Pachislot machine model, ARUZE CORP. (Representative Director and President: Kazuo Okada; JASDAQ: 6425) is pleased to announce the sales plan of a new 15-inch pictorial liquid crystal display-installed Pachislot machine model.

1. The Japanese Pachislot Market Today

The Security Electronics and Communications Technology Association (SECTA), originally approved the installation of sub-boards on Pachislot machines to make liquid crystal imaging, fourth-reel, sound and light emissions and other equipments more entertaining on the condition that such sub-board installation should not affect any token payoff on the machine. However, as typically seen on some AT machines, some models whose sub-boards were affecting token payoff came onto the market, resulting in spurring the trend of enhancing gambling elements of Pachislot machines.

2. Clarified Technical Specifications of Stock Machines

Under the aforementioned circumstances, ARUZE paid attention to stock machines and made an inquiry to confirm the technical specifications of stock machines, while working on developing new models. And now, we got a response to our inquiry, saying that payoff of stocked bonus tokens at certain levels of probability would be approved on stock machines. This has now made the machine specifications clear.

3. ARUZE's Product Development Policy

The technical specifications of the stock machine have now been clarified, while it cannot be denied that the technical specifications of the AT machine affecting token payoff still remain unclear. In the future, it is highly likely that SECTA may not approve AT machines in type-specified product performance tests and it is likely that certain administrative guidance may be given to parlors where they have already introduced AT machines.

To minimize impact on parlors, ARUZE has decided to quickly review all the specifications of all the models which the company has so far filed its applications for testing with SECTA in order to file new applications with the organization.

4. Launch of New 15-Inch Pictorial LCD-Installed Pachislot Machine Model

In addition to the clarified specifications of the stock machine, we have now prospects for volume production of 15-inch pictorial liquid crystal display units. Therefore, ARUZE will launch a new Pachislot machine model equipped with a 15-inch pictorial LC display unit in the market by the end of the current fiscal year in the following manner:

Scheduled launch timing: Late February 2003

Estimated price range: 350,000-380,000 yen per unit

5. Outlook of Financial Results for Fiscal Year 2002

By taking into consideration of the potential impact on our financial results from filing new applications for testing of all Pachislot machine models, we have reviewed our Pachislot sales plan for the second half period of the current fiscal year. Moving up the original plan of introducing the new 15-inch pictorial LCD-installed Pachislot machine model from sometime in Fiscal 2003 to the second half of Fiscal 2002 may affect our sales forecast by model for the second half of the current year but it is unlikely to affect both consolidated and non-consolidated financial results for both first half year and full year periods.