Humanoid Robot 'Pepper' to Support Android

Android supported Pepper presales to developers to start from July

SoftBank Robotics Corp. ("SoftBank Robotics") and SoftBank Corp. ("SoftBank") today announced that its humanoid robot 'Pepper' will support Google's Android™, and that presales of models for developers will begin from July 2016. Ahead of the presales launch, starting today SoftBank Robotics will offer a beta version of 'Pepper SDK for Android Studio', a software development kit that enables the development of RoboApps on the Android platform.

By making Pepper compatible with Android, Android application developers will be able to utilize their existing knowledge and technologies to develop RoboApps for Pepper. With the high number of Android developers around the world, the possibilities for Pepper RoboApp developers will greatly increase with Android support.

SoftBank Robotics will continue to provide its SDK, 'Choregraphe'. RoboApps developed on the Choregraphe platform will also be compatible with Peppers that support Android.

Details on presales of the model for developers and 'Pepper SDK for Android Studio' are as follows.

* This is done by changing the Pepper's display to an Android run display, and linking it to the NAOqi OS.

Presales of Android supported Pepper model for developers
1. Sales timing
   July 2016

'Pepper SDK for Android Studio'
1. Date of availability
   May 19, 2016

2. How to download
   Download from SoftBank Robotics website (https://developer.softbankrobotics.com)

3. Price
   Free of charge

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