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Panasonic Demonstrates Two New Projectors

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Panasonic, one of the leading manufacturers of consumer electronics has developed two types of projectors designed for the business environment. These two were demonstrated at the Infocomm08 audio-visual exhibition that took place in Las Vegas from June 18 to 20. What sets Panasonic's new products apart from all the other business-oriented projectors available on the market is that they can output images on curved surfaces.Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd has developed these two projectors in order to provide business users with an alternative to the current projector offer. The "PT-D12000" and the "PT-DZ12000" are expected to be used for exhibitions, event halls, amusement facilities and other such environments that require a projector. Both of Panasonic's new projectors are expected to hit the market in August 2008 with an approximate price tag of US$69000 each. "They are our most recommended models among the projectors we displayed at this exhibition," a demonstrator said.Because of their dedicated LSI, the "PT-D12000" and the "PT-DZ12000" are capable of projecting images on curved surfaces. The products create image data in accordance with the curved surface on which images are projected. The DZ12000 model can achieve a maximum WUXGA resolution of 1920 by 1200, while the D12000 has been designed to offer a 1400 by 1050 SXGA+ resolution. Also, these two projectors have a luminance level of 12000lm, which is higher than any of the company's existing business-oriented devices. Other details on Panasonic's new products are currently unavailable, but when the company officially announces them, we will surely know more.At the Infocomm08 demonstration, Panasonic used a screen with a curvature radius of 5m for its projected images. But the company didn't release any info regarding the curvature radius of compatible screens.