

Fujitsu launches 'easy-easy' computer for elderly

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Japanese actress Shinobu Otake displays a notebook PC for senior citizens produced by Japanese computer company Fujitsu in Tokyo. The Japanese 'Raku-Raku' PC is specifically designed for easy use by seniors with little prior computing experience.

Japan's Fujitsu launched new personal computers for the elderly on Tuesday, its latest "Raku-Raku" or "easy-easy" model equipped with a Japanese character input system for the touch panel.

Users can start with a simple menu screen tailored to the needs of senior citizens, while a troubleshooter key allows them to jump to a special



website and other navigators to obtain necessary information, it said.

The keyboards have both Japanese and English characters, while the mouse's right button is made with textured plastic to make it easier to press.

The computers are specially designed to be compatible with Fujitsu's "Raku-Raku" mobile phones also for the elderly with a large, crisp display and one-touch <u>Internet access</u>.

<u>Fujitsu</u>, which launched the latest "Raku-Raku" phone last week, said users can easily send pictures from the phones to the new computers through a special cartridge.

Fujitsu's previous <u>Raku-Raku phones</u> have sold more than 17.8 million units since 2001 in <u>Japan</u>, a rapidly greying society with one of the world's longest life expectancies and lowest birth rates.

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