Hanabi Hyakkei, the First 15-Inch Transparent LCD Display Pachislot Machine, Received its Certification

ARUZE CORP. (Representative Director and President: Kazuo Okada; JASDAQ: 6425) today announced that “Hanabi Hyakkei,” the first 15-inch Transparent LCD Display Pachislot Machine received the mandatory Certification.

1. Overview of the 15-Inch Transparent LCD Display Pachislot Machine

Imagery is playing an increasingly important role as one of the critical elements in the Pachislot machine market in recent years. So far, Pachislot machines relied mainly on “under 7-inch LCD screen monitors” or “dot matrix screens” for display.

The newly certified “Hanabi Hyakkei” model 15-inch Transparent LCD Display Pachislot Machine, is a major breakthrough. By placing the 15-inch Transparent LCD Screen to cover the entire frontal area covered by the pictured glass in front of the reel, it is now possible to present story characters in action during pachislot plays in addition to the conventional colored glass. The arrangement substantially increased overall visual effects, giving a tremendous edge over competition.

ARUZE Corporation successfully developed “Hanabi-Hyakkei (Fireworks Variety)” model as the first of such models, and on January 30, 2003, received the certification for the model.

2. The details of the certification

Description: Pachislot Machine with 15-inch transparent LCD display
Model Designation: Hanabi Hyakkei (Fireworks Variety)
Date of Certification Award: January 30, 2003
Result of the Certification Test: Pass

*Prior to start selling Pachislot, Pachi-con and/or Pachinko machines it is mandatory that each model of such machines passes the certification tests provided by the Security Electronics and Communications Technology Association.

3. Prospects

Not only the “Hanabi Hyakkei” model, but also the pachislot machines with 15-inch Transparent LCD monitor configurations generally will be the company’s mainstay for some time to come, and is expected to contribute significantly to the bottom line.