Tsinghua Tongfang Selects Symwave's Fingerprint Sensor Solutions

SAN DIEGO, California, USA and BEIJING, China – June 11, 2007 – Symwave, Inc. announced the selection of Symwave's SW6888 fingerprint IC for use in Tsinghua Tongfang's New Chaoyang series PC. The incorporation of Symwave's fingerprint recognition technology into Tsinghua Tongfang's New Chaoyang series computers enhances basic security while enabling advanced security and identify management applications.

Symwave's swipe sensors are now available on keyboards shipped with Tsinghua Tongfang's New Chaoyang series PC. The fingerprint sensor simplifies user login while securing and protecting users' personal information. Working together with Symwave, Tsinghua Tongfang has taken a leadership role in expanding fingerprint technology for use beyond simple login and user authentication by offering specific applications enabled by Symwave's fingerprint sensors. Initially, three applications will be pre-installed on New Chaoyang computers that enhance security by leveraging Symwave's fingerprint sensors.

The first application is a secure partitioned hard drive that is only visible and accessible after a person is authenticated by their fingerprint. The secure hard drive allows users to prevent unauthorized access to personal or business files and documents. The second application offers the ability to lock individual documents stored in public folders on the computer. After a document is locked the system requires fingerprint authentication from the original user to unlock the document. The last application is a secure notepad that can only be accessed after a users' fingerprint has been authenticated.

By using fingerprint sensors for login and password management users can protect themselves from Trojans, key loggers, and other malicious programs that fish for usernames and passwords.

"Working together with Symwave we are proud to be the first PC manufacturer to offer desktop PCs equipped with fingerprint sensors. We believe that fingerprint authentication is an important part of making PCs more secure and that the integration of fingerprint recognition technology with network and PC security applications is the next step in creating a more secure and safe computing environment, " said Mr.Zou , GM Assistant Product Division of Tsinghua Tongfang

"We have been impressed by Tsinghua Tongfang's leadership in PC security and their vision for making fingerprint sensor technology a key component of security for tomorrow's PCs," said Jun Ye, Symwave's GM, China. "We share Tsinghua Tongfang's goal in making fingerprint a standard component of PCs and expanding the range of applications that leverage the security offered by Symwave's fingerprint sensors."

Tsinghua Tongfang's marketing strategy is based on providing the highest security computers to their customers. As Tsinghua Tongfang continues to expand its computer security offerings and features, fingerprint sensor technology will play a key role in the new security applications that are incorporated into Tsinghua Tongfang's products.

About Symwave

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