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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Masayoshi Tadano, Osamu Adachi, Takeshi Fujimura and Toshiaki Kikka** hereinafter referred to as (ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses of Seiseki Sakuragaoka View Tower 220472, Sekido 4-chome, Tama-shi, Tokyo 206-0011 Japan, 2-22-10 Nishi, Kunitachi, Tokyo 186-0005, Japan, 32-18-701 Tsukimi-dia, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken 240-0012, Japan, 3-23-6 Tamagawa, Shofu, Tokyo 182-0025, Japan respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled “**An Apparatus for Inputting Characters, A Method and Recording Medium Thereof**” as described and claimed in the specification forming part of an application for United States letters patent filed on October 13, 1999 and assigned the serial number 09/417,970.

WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington, having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA, 98052, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would

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Masayoshi Tadano  
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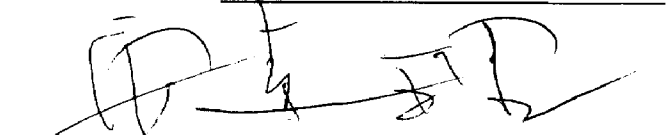
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