

<Research Summary>

I. Research Theme:

2006, Update on the Partner Robot Market and Analysis of Key Technologies and Parts
[Color Edition]

II. Aims of the Research:

This report is the fourth edition of a series of partner robot research, containing the analysis of the most recent partner robots in the market. Around 90 different types of robots are analyzed by application, timing of launch, distribution channel, sales performance and so on. Based on the analysis, we provide a summary of trends of manufacturers, products, key technologies, and key parts, etc. In addition, we predict the market size for partner robots that are likely to be used in households, with the forecast of the market given by application.

III. Target Items & Categories of Companies Surveyed

<Target items>

1. Entertainment robot
2. Lifestyle support robot
3. Cleaning robot
4. Educational robot
5. Surveillance robot
6. Nursing and care support Robot
7. Others

<Categories of companies surveyed>

1. Electronic / IT companies
 2. Automobile manufacturers
 3. Security companies
 4. Toy manufacturers
 5. Robot venture companies
 6. Related organizations / research institutions
- Total: 30 companies and organizations

IV. Methodology:

Face-to-face interviews, phone interviews and gathering published information

V. Research Objectives:

Refer to attached file

VI. Research Period:

10 February 2006 - 15 June 2006