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**Asian Art Museum of San Francisco Blades Video Surveillance System**

*Blade.org Partners Avnet, DataCom and IBM Help Secure Asian Art Museum with BladeCenter-Based Video Surveillance System*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA - 16 Feb 2007:** Avnet (NYSE: AVT), DataCom, Blade Network Technologies and IBM (NYSE: IBM) today announced the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco has tightened security around its world-renowned collection of more than 16,000 Asian artworks by installing a DVD-quality video surveillance system based on powerful IBM BladeCenter servers, IP-based software from DataCom and Ethernet network switches from Blade Network Technologies (BLADE). The solution will help the Museum view, monitor and digitally record activity while archiving footage over an IP network.

The Asian Art Museum is home to the largest collection of Asian Art in the United States, valued at \$4 billion dollars. After a five year, \$165+ million dollar reconstruction project, the Museum received a grant to bolster its security system in October 2006. The Museum began investigating ways to supplement its analog camera-to-VCR network. Replacing the 130 cameras with sophisticated video technology could cost upwards of half a million dollars, but DataCom's security networks running on the IBM BladeCenter platform leverage existing analog sources and network components without adding new equipment.

"The solution from Avnet, DataCom, BLADE and IBM provided a one stop call in terms of service," said Jim Horio, director of Information Technology at the Asian Art Museum. "Not only was the solution up and running in a matter of weeks but the scalability of IBM BladeCenter will allow us to increase the system's capacity if and when we need to."

Supported by Blade.org members IBM and Avnet, DataCom's Network Video Servers (NVS) form the central component of advanced security networks. Each NVS records and displays high-quality, real-time video with an easy to operate interface allowing security personnel to access and manage an unlimited number of servers and cameras through local, remote or web access. Because the solution compresses images on a 64-bit video capture board, it frees more than 80 percent of BladeCenter system resources for enterprise applications. The BladeCenter is equipped with BLADE's Nortel Layer 2/3 Gigabit Ethernet Switch Modules to provide needed bandwidth, speed and security to pass multiple video feeds into the storage network and to coordinate network interaction from the operators.

"The dependability of IBM BladeCenter coupled with advanced video management software and in-system networking allows DataCom NVS to bridge the gap between security and IT technology," said Steven Gregory, vice president of Marketing, DataCom. "This platform allows valued customers like the Asian Art Museum to easily consolidate existing security resources, to enhance and simplify data management cost effectively."

VM Assist, an IT professional consulting and services company and Avnet IBM partner, implemented the Datacom solution at the Asian Art Museum.

"Avnet is committed to bringing best-in-class solutions based on IBM BladeCenter architecture to market through our channel partners. Built with local support from VM Assist, this enterprise-level Datacom surveillance solution will benefit the Asian Art Museum for years to come. VM Assist's surveillance expertise, combined with Avnet's superior technical and customer support, is the cornerstone of our success in bringing security solutions like this to market," said Dennis O'Connell, SVP and General Manager, IBM Business Unit, Avnet Technology Solutions, Americas.

### **About the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco**

The Asian Art Museum is a public institution whose mission is to lead a diverse global audience in discovering the unique material, aesthetic, and intellectual achievements of Asian art and culture. Holding more than 16,000 Asian art treasures spanning 6,000 years of history, the museum is one of the largest museums in the Western world devoted exclusively to Asian art. Once located in Golden Gate Park, the museum now resides at its new, expanded facility at Civic Center Plaza. An architectural gem featuring a dynamic blend of beaux arts and modern design elements, the museum's new home is the result of a dramatic transformation of San Francisco's former main library building by renowned architect Gae Aulenti (designer of Paris's Musee d'Orsay) into a showcase for the museum's acclaimed collection and exhibitions. [www.asianart.org](http://www.asianart.org)

### **About DataCom**

DataCom designs hardware and software technology for coordination and control of IP-based security and surveillance networks. DataCom's hybrid enabled systems empower customers to maximize existing analog and network components, while capitalizing on the benefits and flexibility of IP transmission. DataCom's defense grade video capture hardware, industry leading footprint, and total redundancy architecture, are designed for mission critical security applications, but will allow any customer to accept no compromise. [www.datacomvideo.com](http://www.datacomvideo.com)

### **About Avnet**

With more than 250 locations serving customers in 70 countries worldwide, Avnet markets, distributes and adds value to the products of the world's leading electronic component suppliers, enterprise computer manufacturers and embedded subsystem providers. Additionally, Avnet brings a breadth and depth of service capabilities, such as

supply-chain optimization, logistics solutions, product assembly, device programming, computer system integration and engineering design assistance. For the fiscal year ended July 1, 2006, Avnet generated revenue of \$14.25 billion. [www.avnet.com](http://www.avnet.com)

### **About BLADE Network Technologies**

BLADE Network Technologies is the market-leading supplier of Ethernet, IP and Application Switches for blade server systems globally. BLADE is the first vendor to focus exclusively on serving the network infrastructure needs of the rapidly growing blade server market. The company's end-users include Fortune 500 companies across 26 different industry segments. As the number-one supplier of network switches for blade servers, BLADE boasts an installed base of more than 100,000 blade server switches (representing approximately 2.1 million BLADE switch ports) around the world. In 2006, BLADE was established as a fully independent company when it purchased certain assets of Nortel's Blade Server Switch Business Unit. [www.bladenetwork.net](http://www.bladenetwork.net).

### **About Blade.org**

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