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Shikino High-Tech Co., Ltd.

Shikino Launches Still Image Encoder IP Obtaining “World-class speed” 32X faster image processing

UOZU (May 12, 2015) – Shikino High-Tech Co., Ltd. (“Shikino”) today announced that it has launched a new still image Encoder IP, “KJN-9EX_ENC”, and commenced sales on May 11. As a new product from the “KJN series” with the world’s top share in the still image compression/decompression technology, Shikino developed this still image encoder IP which has the world’s highest image processing performance, 32X speed (32 data/clock) and the JPEG compression function with high bit depths (8-bit/10-bit/12-bit). The product is most suitable for the mobile/broadcasting/ medical/aerospace fields and so forth.

● **Speeding up: Achieve ultra-high speed JPEG compression**

KJN-9EX_ENC makes it possible to achieve 32X speed (32 data/clock), the world’s highest speed, as the image processing performance of the JPEG compression (data rate). This product is most suitable for digital cameras and smart phones requiring high-speed continuous shooting performance, and broadcasting equipments for the Ultra High Definition Television Broadcasting for next-generation 8K4K images.

● **High image quality: Achieve ultra-high definition images with high bit depths**

In addition to the general 8-bit depth in JPEG, the high bit depth feature (10-bit/12-bit) added in KJN-9EX_ENC attains high image quality. This KJN-9EX_ENC technology is optimally applied to highly advanced medical equipments, aviation/aerospace equipments, broadcasting equipments for the Ultra High Definition Television broadcasting that require color reproducibility and high gradation.

● **Low power consumption: Achieve high-speed encoding architecture design**

Shikino’s original implementing technology minimizes gate amounts following high-speed image processing and reduces 13% of the power consumption, compared to our existing company’s products. This is optimal for portable devices (e.g., tablet PCs) and battery drive devices (e.g., digital cameras).

This brand-new product, KJN-9EX_ENC, is anticipated to meet the market demands for digital cameras, smart phones, tablet PCs, broadcasting equipments, medical equipments, aerospace equipments and so forth. Also, Shikino’s “KJN series” provides customers with the IP products featuring 1X to 32X JPEG image processing. We Shikino will continuously develop and expand our lineups to satisfy the requests from more customers.

*32X speed: Compress 8K4K images with 120 frames per second in real time (250 MHz clock)

*Gradation: A unit expressing color and brightness

Number of colors: Cubed gradation numbers in the RGB color model

8 bits: 256 gradations per color/16.77 million colors (8 bits applied to PC)

10 bits: 1024 gradations per color/1.07 billion colors

12 bits: 4096 gradations per color/68.71 billion colors

【About JPEG Extended DCT-based process】

The 12-bit JPEG (Extended DCT-based process) employed in “KJN-9EX_ENC” is an international standard to extend general 8-bit JPEG to 12 bits in the ITU-T Recommendation T.81 and ISO/IEC International Standard 10918-1.

Features of “KJN-9EX_ENC”, a high-bit depth still image compression IP

- Support 8-bit/10-bit/12-bit depth for the JPEG compression.
- Enable a high-speed processing in 8,000M Sample/sec (at 250 MHz).
- Obtain high-speed, small-scale and power-thrifty processing by Shikino’s original algorithms.

Specifications

- CPU bus : 32 bits
- Image data bus : 256bits (8-bit depth) and 384 bits (10-bit/12-bit depth)
- Code data bus : 256 bits (8-bit depth) and 512 bits (10-bit/12-bit depth)
- Quantization table : 4 tables(RAM)
- Huffman table : 2 tables for DC and AC respectively (Fixed)
- Color format : YUV444, YUV422, YUV420, YUV411, Gray-Scale and CMYK

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