



## **Astaro Signs Major Asia-Pacific Distributor NTT PC**

### ***Opens new Tokyo Office***

**BURLINGTON, Mass.**, October 24, 2006 -- Astaro Corporation ([www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com)), a leader in providing unified threat management security solutions, today announced a distribution and reselling agreement with Asia-Pacific distributor and services provider NTT PC Communications. Japan-based NTT PC ([www.nttpc.com](http://www.nttpc.com)) specializes in network integration, security, telephony and hosting services. The agreement represents Astaro's second major APAC distributor, following its partnership with Next IT Inc. of Tokyo. The Company also announced today the opening of a new sales office in Tokyo.

Astaro's line of Security Gateways protect computer networks from a variety of threats including viruses, hackers, spam, spyware, phishing, and unauthorized content. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 350 solutions partners who offer local support and services.

NTT PC will distribute the Astaro family of unified threat management security appliances and provide their customer base with intrusion detection services available on a 24x7 basis.

Astaro most recently announced Astaro Secure Client version 8.3, integrating advanced capabilities to its virtual private network (VPN) client as VoIP traffic management and enhanced security for WLAN environments. ASC includes advanced mechanisms to maintain the secure transmission of voice data via IPSec VPNs.

Astaro develops a complete line of network security products -- Astaro Security Gateway software and an Astaro Security Gateway line of appliances. All Astaro products provide email security, web security, and network security with up to nine critical security applications fully integrated on a single management platform, including:

#### **Email Security**

- Virus Protection for Email – catches viruses in conventional (SMTP and POP3) emails and attachments.
- Spam Protection – uses nine different techniques to filter out spam and without stopping legitimate emails.
- Phishing Protection – blocks emails from criminals trying to trick users into revealing confidential information.
- Spyware Protection – detects and blocks spyware infection attempts as well as spyware communication from already infected systems
- Virus Protection for the Web – defends computers from virus infections from web downloads and web-based emails.
- Content Filtering (Surf Protection) – can block Internet access to 60 categories of web sites.
- Firewall – guards Internet communications traffic in and out of the organization with stateful packet inspection and application-level proxies.

· Intrusion Protection – detects and blocks probes and application-based attacks using heuristics, anomaly detection, and pattern-based techniques.

· Virtual Private Network Gateway – assures secure communications with remote offices, "road warriors," and telecommuters.

### **About Astaro**

Astaro Corporation is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and Karlsruhe, Germany. The Astaro Security Gateway has won numerous industry awards and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries, including such companies as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Los Alamos National Labs, Stanford University and Watsco, Inc. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of 450 solutions partners who offer local support and services. Visit [www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com).

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