



## Hewlett-Packard Osaka

The first of Hewlett-Packard's new generation workplaces in Japan.

An increasing number of companies today are reinventing their workplaces, using advances in technology to request more flexible office space, prompting designers to produce working environments for increased efficiency.

The "Next Generation Workplace" (NGW), coined by the Hewlett-Packard Corporation (HP), includes wireless, high-speed remote Net access, and a modular environment to balance technology with human needs.

This NGW concept strives to make worklife more flexible for people, and its application is illustrated in the new fitout for HP Osaka, Japan. "We changed to a hot desking environment in an effort to achieve operating cost reductions through space efficiency," said Mr. Miwa, designer at ORFI Architect and Design.

Creating an entirely new work environment, in line with HP's catch slogan "invent", the new workplace needed to motivate its users, as well as embrace the NGW ideals, provide a comfortable environment and improve office operating efficiencies through a new layout that reduced churn costs.

Schiavello's Ultimet work environment, featuring Sesto height adjustable worktops, was able to accommodate HP Osaka's needs. "Our goal was to create a new office environment that instilled efficiency, productivity and could satisfy workers, whilst having a high quality product at a low cost," said Mr. Okita of HP.

"The designer wished to achieve a refined, high technology image and functionality to suit his client. Interiors quality architectural detailing and a range of metallic and fabric finishes were readily achieved using Schiavello's Ultimet system," explained Lindsay Anderson of Schiavello Japan. "Perforated metal acoustic tiles proved ideal for copy corners. In addition, the system could easily handle the client's cabling requirements. The refined, metallic theme was carried through to the interior architectural work using Schiavello's Mark 9 framed wall system."

Distribution of laptops, PHS phone, and LAN cards to hot desk workers enabled work to be done in any place within the office. The fitout includes desk spaces, communication spaces, and refreshment spaces, and conference rooms are located only in larger size offices. In creating the new layout, workpoints were changed from a standard size of 1.8 m x 2.0 m to 0.8 m x 1.6 m.

According to Mr. Okita, the key to the fitout was also to create an open and relaxing office environment likened to a living room, with wooden desks, height adjustable desks meeting ergonomic requirements, a relaxing refresh room, and abstract and healing art adorning the walls. "We achieved the office environment as a Next Generation Workplace. Approximately 20 branches are expected to be completed by the end of 2001 for Hewlett-Packard Japan Ltd," said Mr. Okita.

### PROJECT SUMMARY

**Project Location** Nissei Shin-Osaka Building, L12F, Yodogawa-ku, Osaka, Japan

**Client** Hewlett-Packard Japan - Mr. Hiko Oda, Mr. Junichi Okita

**Design** ORFI Architect and Design - Mr. Masayuki Miwa

**Schiavello Japan** Lindsay Anderson

**Schiavello International** David Ellis

**Area** 1750 m<sup>2</sup>

**Opposite Page [1&2]** A metallic theme is carried through from the Schiavello Ultimet system to the Mark 9 framed wall system, creating a functional and refined high-tech image. **This Page [3]** Creating an entirely new work environment, Hewlett-Packard has converted to hot desking to make worklife more flexible for its people.

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