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program compatibility, the vast choice of PC software has finally reached Japanese shores.

IBM moves to Japan

IBM Japan has announced a series of new 16-bit micros for the Japanese market. The machines are marketed as the lower end systems of the existing IBM 5550 16-bit business micro which has sold well in Japan for nearly two years. The new series consists of four models — JX1, JX2, JX3 and JX4 (the JX1 is the low end system and JX4 the highest). The series was designed by Fujisawa Lab of IBM Japan, and Matsushita will manufacture them — which is the same arrangement as its predecessor, the 5550, had.

All JXs use the Intel 8088 chip (the same as the IBM PC and XT) and run PC-DOS 2.1 (the JX version). This processor/OS combination makes the new machines program-compatible with the IBM PC. Data compatibility is also offered with a 5¼in diskette. With this data and