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## IT News around the Net

### **Panasonic launches Skype-enabled Plasma TVs**

Your living room might be the next major battleground for many tech companies. Thanks to Internet-enabled devices, we can surf the web anywhere in the house. Panasonic has just introduced their latest Plasma TV with Skype built in. You can now make video phone calls in your living room and speak to your loved ones naturally as if they were standing right in front of you. You'll need to purchase a specialised webcam (web camera) to use this wonderful feature.



### **Apple updates MacBook**

This is considered a minor refresh of this popular notebook. The battery life is increased from 7 hours to 10 hours and the MacBook gets a better graphics solution with the NVIDIA GeForce 320M, up to 80% faster than the previous version. The outside appearance is unchanged. The selling price also remains the same and the new MacBook is now available in most countries around the world.



### **Sony introduces Alpha NEX-5 and NEX-3 digital cameras**

To compete with Micro Four Thirds cameras from other manufacturers, Sony launches its new Alpha NEX series. By removing the optical mirror box, Sony is able to reduce the camera's dimensions dramatically, making it extremely portable compared to traditional DSLRs. Although small in size, the camera is said to produce excellent pictures due to its powerful 14.2MP image sensor. Another key feature is the interchangeable lens. Much like a DSLR, you are able to swap lenses according to your shooting environment. The line between point-and-shoot and DSLR is getting thinner and thinner.