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**TOTAL NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS OF *CHAKU-UTA*® “DRAGOSTEA DIN TEI (*KOI NO MAIAHI*)” EXCEEDS ONE MILLION.THE FIRST TIME FOR A FOREIGN SONG.**

The CD album “DISCO ZONE” of O-ZONE which was released from AVEX TRAX rose to 8<sup>th</sup> place in the oricon chart in about 5 months and attained first place as of August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also, the total number of downloads of *CHAKU-UTA*® (ring tone songs for mobile phones) for the lead song “DRAGOSTEA DIN TEI (*koi no maiah*)” exceeded one million.

O-ZONE is a group of three and they are from Republic of Moldova, Eastern Europe. They started their musical career in Romania in 2002. After starting by attracting attention in Spain, (the album “DISCO ZONE”) which was released in 2003 became a smash hit throughout Europe, and recorded total sales in excess of 4 million throughout Europe for the combined number of sales for the single and album.

In Japan, the CD album “DISCO ZONE” was released by AVEX TRAX on March 2<sup>nd</sup>,2005. Distribution of the mobile phone song of the lead song “DRAGOSTEA DIN TEI (*koi no maiah*)” started on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005. In addition to unique promotion such as using a cat character named “*Nekoton*” as a key visual, “DRAGOSTEA DIN TEI (*koi no maiah*)” was played in a popular variety program, which gave it a big boost. The sales of the CD album exceeded one hundred and fifty thousand and the total number of downloads of the mobile phone song exceeded one million, which is a first for a foreign song and has made it a hit.

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