



Japan: Lawson c-stores to test frictionless checkout

The technology will allow customers to enter the store by scanning shoppers' veins on their hand and by facial recognition.

Japanese convenience store operator Lawson Inc. announced this week that it will test out a store that will allow shoppers to go in by scanning hands vein and by facial recognition, reports The Jiji Press. The technology will also allow customers to pay for the products without using cash registers.

Lawson is teaming up with Japanese electronics company Fujitsu Ltd. for the test, which will be held at a store at Fujitsu's premises for a three-months period starting on 26 February. Once tested, Lawson would introduce the solution into regular outlets in Tokyo this summer the earliest.

To start the trial, the store within the Fujitsu office will grant people access after a quick response, or QR code on their smartphone screens to be scanned by a reader installed at the entrance.