K14 (font)

K14 (also called K-14, Tachibana font) is a 14x14px Japanese bitmap font developed by Hiroshi Tachibana, a student at the Tokyo Institute of Technology at the time, which was completed in 1987[1] and won the Pioneer Award at the 4th Free Software Awards in 1995[2].

It has been embedded in the Tofu font and incorporated into the Toonumo font. Derivative fonts K14-2000 and K14-2004 have also been released by Toshiyuki Imamura [3].

The reason for developing the font in 14x14px was that 14px was the maximum size that would allow two terminal emulators of 80 characters (40 characters in Japanese) in width to be placed side by side without overlapping on a monitor display with 1152px horizontal resolution connected to a Sun-3 workstation used in the laboratory at the time. This is due to the fact that the maximum size of the terminal emulator was 14px.