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IIJ and A10 to Announce a Joint Project for Solutions of Proxy Server Load Distribution Automation

-- IIJ Configuration Automation Solution for Office 365 to launch, creating a better Office 365 experience --

TOKYO—November 21, 2016—Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (IIJ, NASDAQ: IIJI, TSE1: 3774) and A10 Networks, K.K (A10) today announced that they have begun offering the new solution for automating proxy server routing which has been developed jointly. The first step is the solution to create a better Microsoft Office 365 use environment, the “IIJ Configuration Automation Solution for Office 365”.

The use of enterprise cloud services like Office 365 has expanded in recent years. The increases in traffic that have come with the deployment of cloud services have led to heavier loads being placed on proxy servers that relay communications. The burden of work that comes with the complicated routing configuration for distributing cloud service traffic to dedicated lines—for customers that use dedicated or private network connections for safe access to cloud services—has also become an issue. IIJ and A10 have developed the new IIJ Configuration Automation Solution for Office 365 as a solution for precisely these issues.

This solution uses the cloud proxy functions (*1) of the A10 Thunder Series (*2), an application service gateway to achieve lighter operating loads and balanced proxy server loads by automatically managing communication paths to Office 365. By combining this solution with the “IIJ Cloud Exchange Service for Microsoft” (*3), customers can automatically distribute Office 365 communications to private network connections, allowing them to use Office 365 in a safer and more stable communications environment.

Features of the IIJ Configuration Automation Solution for Office 365

Reduced operating load thanks to automated configuration

Updating address information for Office 365 requires manual reconfiguration. This solution offers the unique feature of APIs that automate the complicated task of updating the information, easing the operating burden.

More performance stability through communication path management

This solution automatically controls and manages communication paths by bypassing existing proxy servers to distribute Office 365 communications to other proxy servers. Reducing the load placed on a network by Office 365 not only prevents drops in performance but also reduces the costs of equipment investment for increasing proxy servers. Because communication paths are managed automatically, there is no need to change terminal settings or communication paths.

IJJ and A10 will expand the applicable scope of this solution to other SaaS applications in addition to Office 365, and they will continue to develop and provide solutions that create comfortable cloud-based working environments.

(*1) Cloud proxy functions: Solutions that lighten the increasing loads on existing proxy servers due to the use of cloud-based applications such as Office 365. This solution reduces the loads placed on existing proxies and addresses the issue of drops in performance from deploying cloud applications by changing communication paths for cloud application communications using URLs and other information.

For more information, visit http://www.a10networks.co.jp/lp_cloudproxy/index.html.

(*2) For more information on the A10 Thunder Series of application service gateways from A10, visit <https://www.a10networks.com/products>

(*3) IJJ Cloud Exchange Service for Microsoft: A service that connects Azure to customer on-premise environments using the Microsoft Azure private network connection service ExpressRoute. For more information, visit <http://www.ijj.ad.jp/biz/cloudex/> (in Japanese). For customers using Office 365 via a connection that uses Microsoft Azure's ExpressRoute, this service can only be made available with prior confirmation from Microsoft that ExpressRoute will be effective.

About A10 Networks, Inc. and A10 Networks, K.K

A10 Networks (NYSE: ATEN) is a leader in application networking and security, providing a range of high-performance application networking solutions that help organizations ensure that their data center applications and networks remain highly available, accelerated and secure. Founded in 2004, A10 Networks is based in San Jose, Calif., and serves customers globally with offices worldwide. For more information, visit: www.a10networks.com and @A10Networks.

A10 Networks, K.K is the Japan-based subsidiary of A10 Networks, Inc., and its mission is to actively engage with customer opinions and needs to provide innovative application networking solutions. For more information, visit <https://www.a10networks.co.jp/>.

About IJJ

Founded in 1992, Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (IJJ, NASDAQ: IJJI, Tokyo Stock Exchange TSE1: 3774) is one of Japan's leading Internet-access and comprehensive network solutions providers. IJJ and its group companies provide total network solutions that mainly cater to high-end corporate customers. IJJ's services include high-quality systems integration, cloud computing/data center services, security services, MVNO, and Internet access. Moreover, IJJ has built one of the largest Internet backbone networks in Japan that is connected to the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia. IJJ was listed on NASDAQ in 1999 and on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2006. For more information about IJJ, visit the IJJ Web site at <http://www.ijj.ad.jp/en/>.

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