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## For Immediate Release

## **IIJ Announces New Management Structure**

TOKYO - May 25, 2017 - Internet Initiative Japan Inc. ("IIJ", NASDAQ: IIJI, TSE1: 3774) today announced the nomination of the candidates for positions on the Company's Board of Directors. The nomination is subject to the approval of IIJ's 25th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders that will be held on June 28, 2017 in Tokyo as well as of the Board of Directors meeting that will be held on the same day. If all approvals are obtained, IIJ's management structure will be as follows:

Position	Name	Area of Responsibility, Significant Concurrent Positions
Chairman	Koichi Suzuki (1)	Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director
President	Eijiro Katsu (1)	Chief Operating Officer and Representative Director
Senior Managing Director	Hideshi Hojo (1)	Director in charge of Asian Business Development
	Takeshi Kikuchi	Business Unit Director
Managing Director	Akihisa Watai	Chief Financial Officer and Head of Finance Division
	Tadashi Kawashima (1)	Deputy Director of Business Unit
Director	Junichi Shimagami (1)	Chief Technology Officer and Technology Unit Director
Director (Part-time)	Yasurou Tanahashi (3) (5)	Outside Director of SAN HOLDINGS, Inc
	Shingo Oda (3) (5)	Outside Director of TIS Inc.
	Tadashi Okamura (1) (3) (5)	Honorary Advisor of Toshiba Corporation
	Hiroki Watanabe (1) (3) (5)	Chairman of the Japan Telecommunications Welfare Association
	Takashi Tsukamoto (2) (3) (5)	Honorary Advisor of Mizuho Financial Group
	Toshinori Iwasawa (1) (5)	Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director of IIJ Global Solutions Inc.
Company Auditor (Full-time)	Kazuhiro Ohira (4)	
	Chiaki Furuya (1)	
Company Auditor (Part-time)	Yasuhiro Akatsuka (4) (5)	Japanese Certified Public Accountant
	Takashi Michishita (4) (5)	Attorney at law

- (1) Re-appointment
- (2) New appointment
- (3) Outside directors
- (4) Outside company auditors
- (5) Concurrent positions described are the major ones as of May 25, 2017

## **About IIJ**

Founded in 1992, IIJ is one of Japan's leading Internet-access and comprehensive network solutions providers. IIJ and its group companies provide total network solutions that mainly cater to high-end corporate customers. IIJ's services include high-quality Internet connectivity services, systems integration, cloud computing services, security services and mobile services. Moreover, IIJ has built one of the largest Internet backbone networks in Japan that is connected to the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia. IIJ listed on the U.S. NASDAQ Stock Market in 1999 and on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2006. For more information about IIJ, visit the IIJ Web site at http://www.iij.ad.jp/en/.

The statements within this release contain forward-looking statements about our future plans that involve risk and uncertainty. These statements may differ materially from actual future events or results. Readers are referred to the documents furnished by Internet Initiative Japan Inc. with the SEC, specifically the most recent reports on Forms 20-F and 6-K, which identify important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

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