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IIJ America Partners with Cato Networks to Offer “SASE Platform Service Type-C” for the North American market

-- Providing Cato Cloud as a fully managed service that offers optimized and secure remote access --

TOKYO—April 19, 2021—IIJ America Inc. (IIJ America)—a wholly owned subsidiary of Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (TSE1: 3774), one of Japan’s leading Internet access and comprehensive network solutions providers, today announced the launch of “SASE Platform Service Type-C,” a managed service on Cato Networks’ Cato Cloud SASE* platform. SASE Platform Service Type-C is a fully managed, one-stop service covering the installation, configuration, and operation of Cato Cloud services. IIJ America will target sales to customers, including Japanese companies, with business bases in North and South America. With this service, customers can easily build a secure remote access environment and centrally manage their remote devices. Customers can adopt a SASE platform in a short amount of time since IIJ America’s expert engineers tailor services to customer requirements and handle everything from installation to operations, including device rental and security policy configurations.

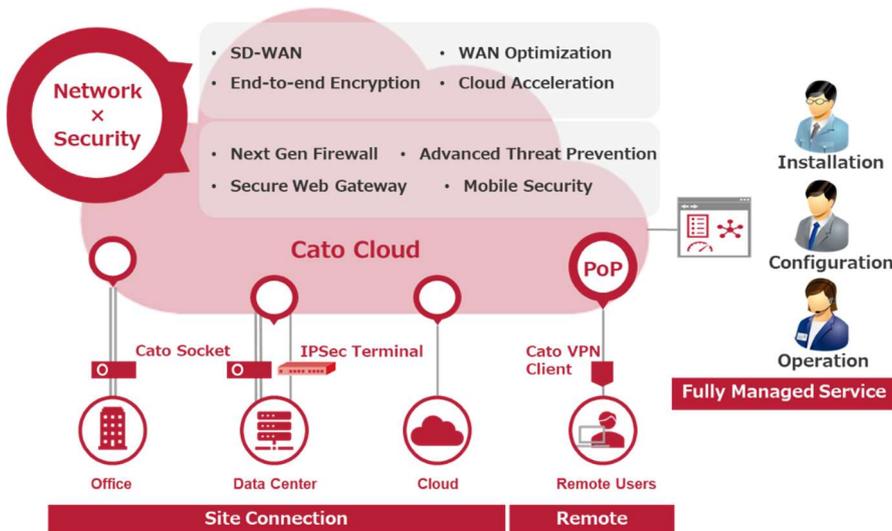
* SASE (Secure Access Service Edge): a term coined in 2019 by analyst firm Gartner, SASE combines various security and networking functions while aiming to comprehensively deliver them as cloud services.

Background

In the U.S. and elsewhere, the COVID-19 pandemic has necessitated working remotely, and demand has increased for optimized and secure remote access environments. However, conventional remote access services require a fair amount of time and planning, which poses challenges - particularly for companies that do not have dedicated IT professionals. To address increasing customer demand for fast access speeds as well as security, IIJ America will offer Cato Cloud as a fully managed SASE platform service.

IIJ America has been certified by Cato Networks as a Cato Distinguished Support Provider and has specialized skills in SASE platform management, analysis, and troubleshooting.

Service image



Features

- Facilitates the easy use of an optimized and secure remote access environment

Mobile devices automatically select the nearest Point of Presence (PoP) from 65+ global locations when connecting to the SASE platform. Since the SASE platform utilizes the optimum route within Cato Cloud's global private backbone, users can comfortably access their company's internal data and cloud services from anywhere in the world. The connection between mobile devices and PoPs is protected with security features such as two-factor authentication, single sign-on, and encryption. Also, by setting up a special edge SD-WAN device (Cato Socket) at company's site, users can easily connect their entire site to the SASE platform.

- Centralized management of all connected sites and user security

Simply by connecting separate sites and users to the SASE platform, customers can utilize services and remotely manage all connected sites in a centralized manner. Customers are able to uniformly manage access and security policies for edge devices installed at sites and for all mobile users, while also using a dedicated management screen to check - in real time - network usage, operations, and the like. IJ America engineers can also remotely set initial configurations and adjust post-installation configurations according to customer requirements, reducing the burden and cost of infrastructure operation.

Service launch date April 19, 2021

Pricing

Service	Description	Fees
SASE Platform Service Type-C	Initial fees	From USD1,440
	Monthly fee	From USD430

* Prices shown do not include tax.

- For details, please access <https://mc.ijamerica.net/sase-c-en>

In the future, IIJ America plans to add advanced security options, such as anti-malware and IPS features, to enhance services and provide an optimal network environment for North American customers, including Japanese companies.

Endorsement

“We are excited to be partnering with IIJ America and look forward to helping IIJ America customers and prospects benefit from SASE,” says Anthony D'Angelo, Vice President of Channel Sales and Business Development. “With the Cato SASE platform, enterprises can offer their users everywhere secure access to corporate resources in the cloud or in the datacenter without compromising on performance, visibility, or control.”

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 was listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2006. For more information about IIJ, visit the IIJ Web site at <https://www.ij.ad.jp/en/>.

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