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The Japan Research Institute, Limited

Information about start of 'Group Common Network Service'

- For approximately 30 companies in Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group -

The Japan Research Institute, Limited (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President: Shunichi Okuyama, herein after referred to as JRI) announces that it will start a common network base service, 'Group Common Network Service' (service name: Extranet) for approximately 30 group companies from December 2002 on the occasion of the establishment of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group.

1. Background to start of provision of service

JRI had been providing a common network base service centralized on mail exchange to some of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Group companies. However, with the inauguration of Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group these services have been greatly reinforced and expanded.

By constructing group common network base, it will be possible to realize robust security and safety appropriate for financial services and at the same time realize economy due to sharing.

2. Service content

The following is the service content in concrete terms

- (1) In addition to mail exchange etc. between group companies that was provided previously,
- (2) By making it possible to develop common applications and share and exchange data based on a web system, it is possible to have an 'in-group shared service' that uses this function.
- (3) Also, through this service an Internet connectivity service is also provided making it possible to use as a group common E-business base.

3. Service provision method

In the beginning, from February next year, each group company will be provided various types of common business applications (electronic notices, collection of regulations, electronic notice board, information on personnel transfers and deaths, electronic telephone directory, etc.), in-group (closed area) mail exchange service and Internet connectivity service.

After that, group common service will be brought together on this network progressively to improve business efficiency between the companies of the Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group.

At the same time, this network will be used to aim at strengthening of competitiveness by providing new financial services that integrate industry top class financial functions of the group companies.

4. Special features of the service

In order to realize this service the vast know how of JRI that is the core SIer of the group was used. In addition, ‘DBN service (NTT data multi business network)’ provided by NTT Data Corporation (Head Office: Koto-ku, Tokyo, President: Toshiharu Aoki) was used to connect the group companies so that the group is linked by a secure virtual IP network increasing secrecy of information exchange within the group.

Also, the authentication base system for this service was constructed together with Soliton Systems K.K. (Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, President: Nobuo Kamata).

For each piece of information, access is regulated by company, rank, individual etc. So, an integrated authentication system is realized for all group companies whereby even as the convenience of a web system is guaranteed a solid security level is also achieved.

In the future, the 3 companies will prepare a joint development organization for web system based information sharing service business and security business based on the results at Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group.

Solutions combining the contents construction know how pertaining to information sharing of JRI, the NTT Data Corporation networks and the Internet authentication techniques of Soliton Systems K.K. will be used to develop extranet services for domestic corporate groups.

‘DBN Service’ mentioned above is a registered trademark of NTT Data Corporation.

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