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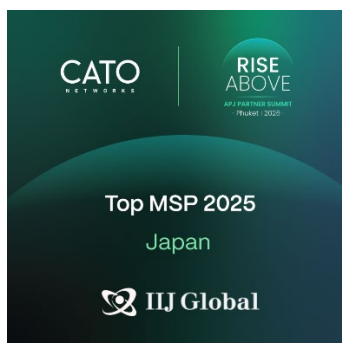
IIJ GROUP PRESS RELEASE

IIJ Global Receives “Top MSP 2025, Japan” Award at Cato Networks APJ Partner Summit 2026

-- Third Cato Networks Partner Award Overall and Second Consecutive Year of Recognition --

TOKYO – August 12, 2026 – IIJ Global Solutions Inc. ("IIJ Global"), Internet Initiative Japan Inc. ("IIJ", TSE Prime: 3774)'s 100% owned subsidiary providing SASE and other network security solutions to enterprises globally, today announced that it received the “Top MSP 2025, Japan” award at the Cato Networks APJ Partner Summit 2026, held in Phuket, Thailand, on July 9, 2026.

This award recognizes partner companies that have demonstrated outstanding achievements as Managed Service Providers (MSPs), delivering exceptional customer value and driving business growth through Cato Networks solutions. This marks the second consecutive year and the third time overall that IIJ Global has received a partner award from Cato Networks.



IIJ Global began offering Cato Networks solutions even before SASE emerged as a recognized market concept and has since built a strong track record of SASE and SSE implementations both in Japan and internationally. Building on its traditional strengths in network design and deployment, IIJ Global has also established advanced expertise in cybersecurity alongside Cato Networks. Going forward, IIJ Global will further strengthen its network and security capabilities for the AI era and continue supporting customers in achieving secure digital transformation (DX).



Award Ceremony

Third from left: Taiyo Hashimoto, Managing Director, IIJ Global

Fifth from left: Jun Takagi, Deputy General Manager, Value Design & Creation Division, IIJ Global

Comment by Karl Soderlund, Global Channel Chief, Cato Networks

“The 2026 Cato Networks Partner Awards celebrate the partners who are driving meaningful customer outcomes and helping organizations transform networking and security for the AI era,” said Karl Soderlund, global channel chief at Cato Networks. “Our partners play an essential role in bringing Cato’s value to customers around the world. We congratulate this year’s winners and look forward to another year of shared success.”

IIJ Global’s initiatives

IIJ Global, based on its brand slogan "SAIZEN+" combining the messages “Leading the Forefront” and “Guiding to the Best,” is meeting diverse security needs of enterprises through security management and operation services. As one of these initiatives, IIJ Global has rolled out services tied to MDR and other Sophos solutions, combining its operational know-how with the advanced threat intelligence of Sophos, thereby achieving quick and accurate response to increasingly diverse and sophisticated cyber threats.

About IIJ Global

IIJ Global Solutions Inc. (IIJ Global) was established in September 2010 as a subsidiary of the IIJ Group following the acquisition of AT&T Japan’s local Network Outsourcing service business. IIJ Global offers a comprehensive range of services including WAN Connectivity and Total Network Outsourcing, covering everything from design to management of corporate networks. Beyond serving domestic markets, IIJ Global also provides Global network services and has expanded its offerings to include network security solutions tailored for enterprises, such as Secure Access Service Edge (SASE). For more information about IIJ Global and its services, please visit our website at <https://www.iijglobal.co.jp/en/>.

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 Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2022. For more information about IIJ, visit the official website: <https://www.iij.ad.jp/en/>.

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