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IIJ Global Receives “JAPAN SASE Partner of the Year” from Palo Alto Networks

-- Sixth Consecutive Year of Receiving a SASE-Related Award --

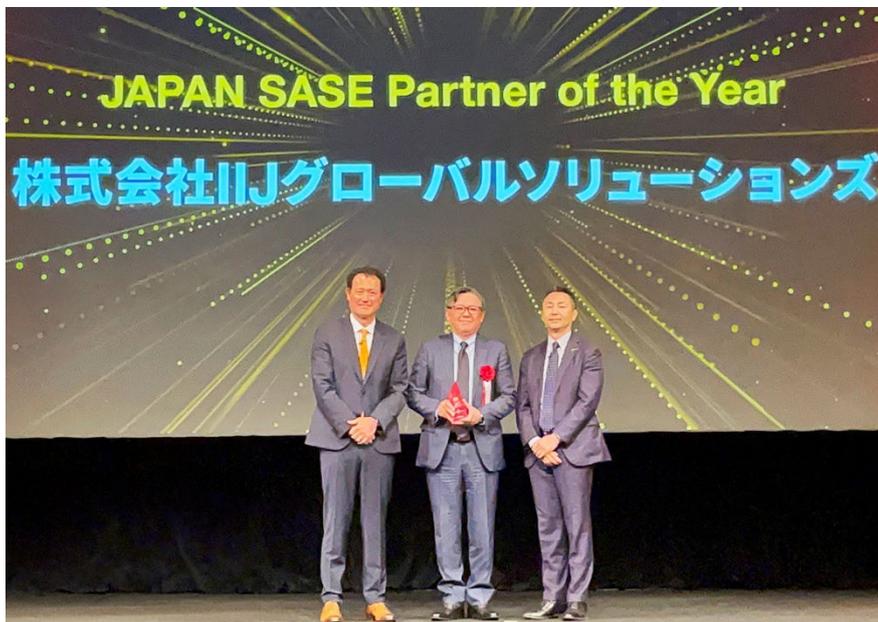
TOKYO—March 9, 2026—IIJ Global Solutions Inc. (IIJ Global)—provider of global network and security solutions including SASE for enterprises and wholly owned subsidiary of Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (TSE Prime: 3774)—has been honored with the “JAPAN SASE Partner of the Year” award at “Partner Up 2026,” a partner event hosted by Palo Alto Networks in January 2026. The award recognizes IIJ Global’s outstanding sales performance of Prisma Access.

Since receiving the “JAPAC SASE Partner of the Year” award in 2020, IIJ Global has continued to earn SASE-related awards from Palo Alto Networks for six consecutive years. In addition, the company received the “JAPAC Strategic Win of SASE 2025” award in September last year*, making this year a dual-award achievement. IIJ Global was recognized for applying its accumulated expertise and operational experience with Prisma Access.

* Press release dated November 10, 2025: “IIJ Global Receives “Strategic Win of SASE 2025” Partner Award from Palo Alto Networks”

https://www.iijglobal.co.jp/en/news/2025/press_20251110_e.html

Photo highlight from the Partner Up 2026 Award Ceremony



From left:

- Hiroshi Alii, Chairman & President, Palo Alto Networks
- Yoshinobu Inoue, Representative Director, President, IIJ Global Solutions
- Koji Suzuki, Head of Ecosystem & Shared Services Division, Palo Alto Networks

Hiroshi Alley, Chairman and President of Palo Alto Networks K.K.:

Congratulations on this award. We express our deepest respect for this recognition, which serves as a testament to your sincere dedication to addressing customer challenges, your outstanding expertise in our SASE solutions, and your continued commitment to providing high-quality, meticulous operational support. Palo Alto Networks is committed to further strengthening our robust partnership with IIJ Global Solutions, to powerfully support the evolution of customers' businesses through the provision of world-class SASE and security platforms.

IIJ Global will continue to support customers' businesses by addressing their challenges sincerely and combining deep expertise with high-quality service delivery.

➤ IIJ Global's Activities

Under its brand slogan "SAIZEN+", which embodies the company's commitment to "leading at the forefront" and "guiding customers to the best outcomes," IIJ Global is strengthening and expanding its network and security solutions centered on Prisma Access. A key focus is the "platform integration approach", which consolidates Palo Alto Networks recommended security products to enhance functionality while reducing operational workload. In September 2025, IIJ Global began offering implementation, operation, and monitoring support services using "Cortex XSIAM," the security operations platform from Palo Alto Networks. This service provides end-to-end support—from consulting and deployment to stable operation and ongoing security maturity improvement.

➤ IIJ Global's Award History

FY2020: JAPAC SASE Partner of the Year

FY2021: JAPAN SASE Partner of the Year

FY2022: GLOBAL SASE Partner of the Year / Japan CYBERFORCE Partner of the Year

FY2023: JAPAC SASE Partner of the Year

FY2024: JAPAN NextWave Partner of the Year / JAPAN SASE Partner of the Year / JAPAC Cyberforce Champion Award

FY2025: JAPAC Strategic Win of SASE 2025 / JAPAN SASE Partner of the Year

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.ijglobal.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.ij.ad.jp/en/>.

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