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IIJ Global Honored by Sophos with Japan Partner of the Year Award 2026

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TOKYO – June 10, 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 has received the Japan Partner of the Year Award 2026 at the Sophos APJ Partner 100 partner event held by Sophos Ltd. in May 2026.

This award is given to partner companies that have made major contributions in the provision and sales of Sophos products and solutions. IIJ Global was highly recognized for its efforts to strengthen customer security through Managed Detection and Response (MDR)* and other innovative cybersecurity solutions of Sophos, for its many exceptional achievements, and for its commitment to cybersecurity. This marks the third consecutive year to be awarded by Sophos, and the fourth time overall.

*Managed Detection and Response (MDR): A comprehensive support service combining technology and human security experts to monitor, detect, and analyze cyberattack threats in a company's IT environment and respond to those threats.



Comment by Chad Cleevly, Senior Director Channel Sales, Asia Pacific and Japan, Sophos, Ltd.:

Cyberattacks are a serious threat to organizations of all sizes. With the rapid advance of AI, they will become even more sophisticated and bring on greater disruption. IIJ Global stands out for the way it has protected customers through Sophos solutions, and for its contributions to strengthening security resilience. We are proud to present the Japan Partner of the Year Award 2026.

IIJ Global remains committed to contributing to the safety and growth of customers' business by providing reliable security solutions.

➤ 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.

➤ Awards won by IIJ Global to date

FY2021 Emerging Partner of the Year 2021 (Secureworks)

FY2024 Solution Partner of the Year 2024 (Secureworks)

FY2025 Japan Rising Star of the Year Award 2025

FY2026 Japan Partner of the Year Award 2026

➤ See the following site for details of the MDR services provided by IIJ Global.

<https://www.iijglobal.co.jp/service/taegis/> [in Japanese]

➤ Please see the following site for more information about Sophos Ltd.

<https://www.sophos.com/>

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/>.

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.

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