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**Kyndryl Japan and ID Holdings Set Up a Preparation Team
Aimed at Establishing the “Next-generation System Management Consortium”
to Open Up the Future for IT System Managements**

A Tokyo July 10, -- Kyndryl Japan and ID Holdings Corporation will announce to set up a preparation team to establish the “Next-generation System Management Consortium” for the purpose of solving a variety of challenges surrounding the IT system managements in Japan and providing value. Kyndryl Japan and ID Holdings Corporation will discuss how to establish the consortium.

The preparation team will consider the specific activities of the “Next-generation System Management Consortium,” build its organization and structure, and strive to invite companies and organizations to join the consortium, with the aim of establishing the consortium on October 1, 2023. Several companies including Kyndryl Japan and ID Holdings will undertake activities during a one-year period after the establishment of the consortium and plan to become a general incorporated foundation in fiscal year 2024. After incorporation, the consortium will invite more IT companies and user companies to join it and expand the scale of its activities.

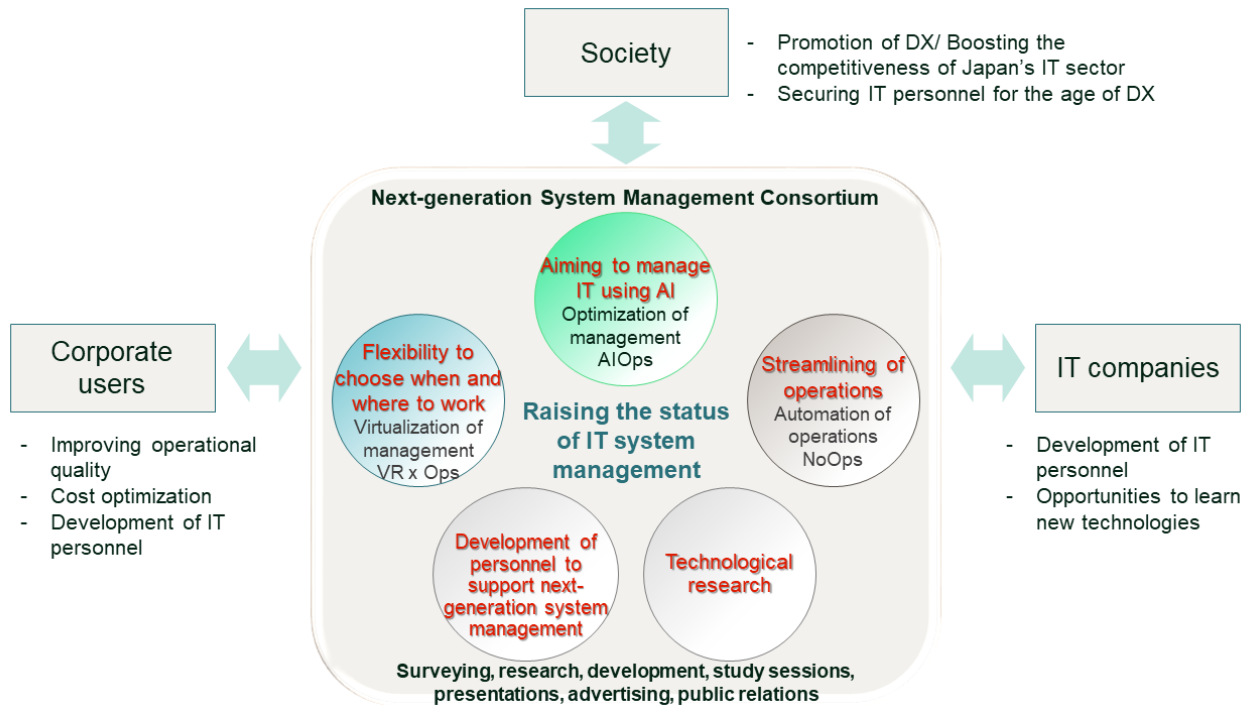
The technological evolution makes social platforms more dependent on advanced IT technologies such as AI and virtual reality and, as a result, increases the importance of system managements. The “Next-generation System Management Consortium” will undertake activities to help IT companies and user companies go beyond the organizational boundary and unite together as one, drive the advancement and automation of system managements, and foster human resources that support the effort. The activities include the following:

- Research for putting cutting-edge technologies for system managements (AI, VR devices, metaverse, etc.) into practical use
- Case study introduction, information exchange, study, and lecture sessions about DevOps, NoOps, etc.
- Advertisement and publicity of the above activities in order to increase their recognition

Through these activities, the consortium will try to solve immediate challenges, such as response to complicated system managements, operating cost reduction, and solution to the shortage of IT engineers. At the same time, the consortium will work to drive the integration of development and operation, the automation of operations utilizing AI, the skill development of new human resources that support the effort, and the workstyle reform, and solve social challenges, such as the shortage of human resources.

As a result of these activities, the consortium will be aimed at adding high value to the system managements and increasing their presence for the sake of society, user companies, and IT companies.

(Image of the consortium)



■ About Kyndryl

Kyndryl (NYSE: KD) is the world's largest IT infrastructure services provider serving thousands of enterprise customers in more than 60 countries. The company designs, builds, manages and modernizes the complex, mission-critical information systems that the world depends on every day. For more information, visit www.kyndryl.com.

■ About ID Group

ID Group has been providing a wide range of IT services centred on IT system management, system development and IT infrastructure to customers in a wide range of industries, including finance, utilities and aviation, for almost 50 years since its establishment.

ID Group also combines its cyber security know-how accumulated over 25 years with many years of experience in IT operations and development to solve customers' problems and contribute to the promotion of DX and the creation of a Waku-Waku future.

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