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<u>"Mebuku ID" Launched in Omura City, Nagasaki Prefecture</u> Utilizing FPoS Technology to Contribute to the Digitalization of Local Communities -

Japan Communications Inc. (JCI, TSE Prime:9424) is pleased to announce that the use of "Mebuku ID," the most secure, reliable, and ease-of-use ID, which utilizes FPoS technology, has commenced in City of Omura, Nagasaki Prefecture, starting March 25th.

JCI has collaborated with Mebuku Ground Corporation (headquartered in Maebashi City, Gunma Prefecture), a public-private partnership company formed by Maebashi City, private enterprises, and universities, to promote the utilization and implementation of Mebuku ID using FPoS technology. Following Maebashi City in Gunma Prefecture and Ebetsu City in Hokkaido, the use of Mebuku ID and the data linkage infrastructure has now begun in Omura City, Nagasaki Prefecture. In this scheme, Mebuku Ground Inc. issues the Mebuku ID, and CONNECT Corporation (headquartered in Omura City, Nagasaki Prefecture), established through public-private collaboration, operates the Omura City portal app 'Omusubi' and the digital local currency 'Yudepi,' among other initiatives for a better circular community.

The Government of Japan's Digital Agency is creating a catalog of services/systems that support best practice and is strongly promoting the regional expansion of recommended cases through priority adoption funded by the Digital Garden City Nation. In response, the "Digitalization Horizontal/Regional Expansion Promotion Council" has been established to promote the horizontal expansion of exemplary cases of digital implementation in collaboration with administrative agencies, including the Digital Agency. We believe that Mebuku ID and the data linkage infrastructure have an advantage in horizontal deployment as they allow for the joint use of an already established infrastructure.

JCI will continue to contribute to society through our services and products, with the mission of transferring (communicating) data safely, securely, and conveniently.

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About Japan Communications Inc. (JCI)

Japan Communications Inc. is the mobile solution innovator that has created the MVNO industry with its vision since its establishment in 1996. In today's world, where digitalization is advancing and everything is connected through networks, our patented technology, the Personal Wireless Leased Line, has obtained PCI DSS certification, an international security standard, for all its main systems. This technology is adopted in fields that require high levels of security, such as banks, and credit card companies. Furthermore, JCI is building a common platform for secure and reliable digital IDs that provide the highest level of security without compromising convenience. This enables the provision of safe and convenient services for the entire society, including financial transactions using smartphones. We continue to embrace our challenger spirit, aiming to provide a safe mobile environment as a social infrastructure.