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Asahi Net, Inc.

Announcement on Establishment of NGN IPoE Council

Providers of IPv6 internet services employing IPoE function in NTT NGN established an organization to operate activities to promote, educate and propose the use of IPv6 internet services, and held an inaugural meeting.

Asahi Net, Inc. (First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange; Head office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo, President: Jiro Hijikata), BBIX Inc., INTERNET MULTIFEED CO., Japan Network Enabler Corporation, and FreeBit Co., Ltd. have established NGN IPoE Council (Chairman: Yoshiki Ishida) on March 14, 2018 and held an inaugural meeting.

With the development of internet infrastructure, and the diversification of and the higher use of visual data and movies in the content exchanged on the internet, the amount of traffic is rapidly increasing. According to the survey by IPv6 Promotion Council, the penetration rate of IPv6 in next-generation network (NGN) provided by NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE EAST CORPORATION and NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION has already exceeded 40 percent, and is expected to grow further in the future. The number of ISPs using services provided by IPoE service providers has exceeded 60. Accordingly, social responsibilities have become larger for the IPoE service providers offering IPv6 internet services employing IPoE function in NTT NGN.

Considering internet as a social infrastructure of advanced information communication network for the public, IPoE service providers have established NGN IPoE Council (IPoE-C) in the aim to operate various businesses that can create an environment allowing the public to use the internet more easily and to actualize a new lifestyle and industry through further expansion of internet in Japan and through the promotion of IPv6 usage, employing various internet access infrastructure such as IPoE function in NTT NGN.

IPoE-C will engage in planning and implementation of various businesses, education, PR activities, proposal on public policies and any other related activities concerning the expansion of internet and promotion of its use in Japan through the application of IPoE in NTT NGN.

Officers of each participating company, who are the founders of the council, attended the inaugural meeting. Relevant parties from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE EAST CORPORATION, NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION, Japan Internet Providers Association, and ARTERIA Networks Corporation also attended the meeting as observers.

[Participating Companies]

- BBIX Inc.
- Asahi Net, Inc.
- INTERNET MULTIFEED CO.
- Japan Network Enabler Corporation
- FreeBit Co., Ltd.

(Listed in no particular order)

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