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## Participation to NOTICE, an Initiative of Research on IoT Devices and Raising Caution to Users

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Asahi Net, Inc. (First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange; Head office: Chuo-ku, Tokyo, President: Jiro Hijikata) will cooperate with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) and National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), and has started preparation to participate in NOTICE (National Operation Towards IoT Clean Environment), which is an initiative involving research on devices that may be misused for cyberattacks and raising caution to users of the relevant devices.

We have reached an era of IoT and AI where everything is connected to network such as internet, and assuring cybersecurity has become a crucial issue in ensuring a safe and reliable life of the people and economic activity of the society. While at the same time, cyberattacks targeting IoT devices are showing an increasing trend in the recent years, resulting in serious damages in various countries.

In order to protect customers from such cyberattacks and to prevent them from unintendedly being used as a stepping-stone for cyberattacks, Asahi Net will participate in NOTICE to contribute in creating an environment in which people can safely use IoT devices. In this initiative, we will cooperate with MIC and NICT, and with the information notified from NICT based on their research results, we will identify users of the relevant devices and raise necessary caution to those users.

We will inform the timing of implementation on our Member Support webpage, once the details are determined.

[Reference]

Webpage of MIC on related information (Japanese)

[http://www.soumu.go.jp/menu\\_news/s-news/01cyber01\\_02000001\\_00011.html](http://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_news/s-news/01cyber01_02000001_00011.html)

NOTICE Project website (Japanese)

<https://notice.go.jp>

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