



Internet Initiative Japan

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IIJ Announces Retirement of a Director

TOKYO, August 25, 2003 -- Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (IIJ, NASDAQ: IJJ), Japan's leading Internet access and comprehensive network solutions provider, announced the resignation of Mr. Akio Onishi from the Board of Directors, effective August 20, 2003, for personal reasons.

About IIJ

Founded in 1992, Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (IIJ, NASDAQ: IJJ) is Japan's leading Internet-access and comprehensive network solutions provider. The company has built one of the largest Internet backbone networks in Japan, and between Japan and the United States. IIJ and its group of companies provide total network solutions that mainly cater to high-end corporate customers. Services range from the delivery of new generation network services over an optical-fiber infrastructure that is optimized for data communications, to the construction of pan-Asian IP backbone networks. The company also offers high-quality systems integration and security services, internet access, hosting/housing, and content design.

The statements within this release contain forward-looking statements about our future plans that involve risk and uncertainties. These statements may differ materially from actual future events or results. Readers are referred to the documents filed by Internet Initiative Japan Inc. and Crosswave Communications with the SEC, specifically the most recent reports on Forms 20-F and 6-K, which identify important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

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