This announcement concerns notification of the establishment of the "Japan Cloud Consortium" (Representative of initial advocates: Hideo Miyahara, Professor Emeritus, Osaka University) to facilitate the promotion/development of cloud services.

The "Japan Cloud Consortium" (Representative of initial advocates: Hideo Miyahara, Professor Emeritus, Osaka University) will be established to promote in a strategic and comprehensive manner the sharing information on and identifying issues with various measures in the dissemination/development of cloud services by enterprises or other relevant organizations, etc. This announcement invites enterprises, organizations, and experts to join the Consortium as members.

Any wishing to join the Consortium should consult the website of the Consortium below and then make an application.

The first general meeting will be held on December 22, 2010 (Wed.) at 15:30 at the Keidanren Building (Keidanren Kaikan). Anyone wishing to participate in the meeting should consult the aforementioned website and apply to participate.

Details of the Consortium are as follows.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Consortium is to promote the dissemination/development of cloud services in an industry-academia-government collaboration consisting of various industries, organizations, and businesses in uniting to display their combined force.

2. Content of activities

The following activities on cloud related services will take place.

- (1) Policies being suggested on promotional measures for cloud related services
- (2) Information being shared on activities to be undertaken by relevant organizations
- (3) Information being provided on the development, etc. of cloud related services in Japan
- (4) The use/utilization of cloud related services being promoted

3. Relevant websites

Japan Cloud Consortium (http://www.japan-cloud.org/)

Japan Cloud Consortium Secretariat (Representative Secretary of the Secretariat: Nippon Keidanren)

<Contact for an overview, etc. of the Consortium>

Phone: +81-3-6741-0142 (Committee on Information and Telecommunication Policy, Industrial Technology Bureau, Nippon Keidanren)

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Japan Cloud Consortium

The private organization of a "Japan Cloud Consortium" will be established to promote the dissemination/development of cloud services in Japan in an industry-academia-government collaboration of various industries, organizations, and businesses.

The purpose of this Consortium is to carry out the activities of making suggestions, etc. on the cross-sectional sharing of information on and identifying/resolving any new issues with various measures for use in the dissemination/ development of cloud services by the relevant enterprises/organizations, etc.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry will also support the activities of the Consortium as observers.

