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FRONTEO Obtains Japanese Patent for AI-based Technology Related to Real-time Progress Monitoring

To improve accuracy and efficiency of human reviews

TOKYO, Oct. 12, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FRONTEO, Inc. ("FRONTEO" or "the Company") (Nasdaq:FTEO) (TSE:2158), which provides big-data analytics services using its proprietary Artificial Intelligence ("AI") engine, today announced that the Japan Patent Office has issued a Notification of Decision to grant a patent to the Company for an AI-based technology related to real-time progress monitoring.

The necessary procedures of patent registration have been executed, and the patent is currently pending issuance.

Patent application number: 2012-224584
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Managing tasks that involve intellectual decisions is not easy. For example, in the field of forensic investigation, the level of work accuracy and efficiency by individual reviewers changes dynamically based on their skills, physical well-being, and motivation. These variables are often not discernible, which makes managing and improving their work highly difficult.

The innovative technology covered by this patent enables the Company's proprietary AI, "KIBIT," to monitor a reviewer's actual accuracy and efficiency level of work as opposed to the expected level. It notifies the reviewer when the monitored level falls below a certain threshold using an on-screen agent, thus improving the work quality of the reviewer.

Informative supporting tools of this kind, which leverage AI technologies, are important as ubiquitous computing develops rapidly. With the communication robot, "Kibiro", already in commercial services, FRONTEO is committed to develop next-generation interfaces which assist humans in a user-friendly manner.

"We believe that this patent is a testament to the superior innovation underlying the highly accurate data analytics solutions provided by FRONTEO," stated FRONTEO Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Masahiro Morimoto. "Our data analytics solutions are expanding into increasingly important business fields, such as healthcare, business intelligence and marketing, where vast data processing is necessary. By further honing our AI-based technologies and expanding our portfolio of intellectual properties, FRONTEO will continue to provide sophisticated data analytics services to people around the world."

About FRONTEO, Inc.

FRONTEO, Inc. ("FRONTEO") (Nasdaq:FTEO) (TSE:2158) supports the analysis of big data based on behavior informatics by utilizing its technology, "KIBIT". FRONTEO's KIBIT technology is driven by FRONTEO AI based on knowledge acquired through its litigation support services. The KIBIT incorporates experts' tacit knowledge, including their experiences and intuitions, and utilizes that knowledge for big data analysis. FRONTEO continues to expand its business operations by applying KIBIT to new fields such as healthcare and marketing. FRONTEO was founded in 2003 as a provider of e-discovery and international litigation support services. These services include the preservation, investigation and analysis of evidence materials contained in electronic data, and computer forensic investigation. FRONTEO provides e-discovery and litigation support by making full use of its data analysis platform, "Lit i View[®]", and its Predictive Coding technology adapted to Asian languages. The company name was changed from UBIC, Inc. to FRONTEO, Inc. as of July 1, 2016.

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