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FRONTEO and JTP Announce Second AI Expert Skill Training Program

Enabling the use of AI to improve business processes

TOKYO, Nov. 08, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- FRONTEO, Inc. ("FRONTEO" or the "Company") (NASDAQ:FTEO) (TSE:2158), a provider of big data analysis services utilizing artificial intelligence ("AI"), and Japan Third Party Co., Ltd. ("JTP"), an IT education company with 29 years' experience, today announced that in December 2016, they will provide the second phase of the curriculum on the Lit i View PATENT EXPLORER ("PATENT EXPLORER"), an intellectual property strategy support system utilizing AI. The curriculum is jointly developed by FRONTEO and JTP to enable users expertly use AI in practical applications.

In the previously announced first phase of the expert skill training program, the two companies plan to begin providing the "AI KIBIT Initiation into Lit i View AI Sokedachi Samurai" curriculum on November 25, 2016. This curriculum enables non-IT personnel to leverage AI for problem-solving in the fields of sales, marketing and consulting.

In the second phase, the two companies have developed the "AI KIBIT Initiation into Lit i View PATENT EXPLORER" curriculum, which enables the personnel responsible for intellectual property in enterprises to learn how to utilize AI. The curriculum combines the PATENT EXPLORER system for patent analysis incorporating FRONTEO's KIBIT AI engine and the know-how that JTP has accumulated in technology education.

PATENT EXPLORER has been utilized by major manufacturers as a system to significantly improve the efficiency of patent analysis, such as prior art search and invalidity search. Leveraging the expertise in these fields, the curriculum enables the personnel responsible for intellectual property in enterprises to learn how to perform analysis for more prompt and precise investigations, how to create teacher data and how to read analysis results through practical lessons on model cases.

By providing AI expert skill training programs, FRONTEO and JTP believe they can increase the number of AI experts who are able to utilize data buried in enterprises, improve white collar productivity, conduct risk management and find new business opportunities. There are plans to expand options such as the timing of training and the way it is provided to further accelerate the utilization of AI in Japanese enterprises and organizations.

About KIBIT

KIBIT is an AI engine developed by FRONTEO. KIBIT is a word coined by combining "kibi," a Japanese word meaning "subtlety," and "bit," the smallest unit of digital information, in order to indicate an AI capable of understanding the subtle elements of human behavior and personality.

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. 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.

For more information about FRONTEO, contact global_pr@fronteo.com or visit <http://www.fronteo.com/global/>.

About Japan Third Party Co., Ltd.

Japan Third Party ("JTP") is a group of engineers specialized in IT technology support for foreign IT companies aiming to expand into the Japanese and Asian markets. The company is aggressively advancing into new business fields such as robotics AI, cloud computing, IOT and life sciences by taking advantage of the professional expertise developed through its 29 years of experience of supporting foreign IT companies. It has also been training IT engineers in a broad range of fields, including AI, through its education business, which has been in operation for more than 20 years.

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