

For Immediate Release

IIJ Announces Director and Executive Officer Nominations

TOKYO-- May 26, 2009 - Internet Initiative Japan Inc. ("IIJ", NASDAQ: IIJI, TSE1: 3774), one of Japan's leading Internet access and comprehensive network solutions providers, today announced the nomination of the candidates for positions on the Company's Board of Directors.

Mr. Hitoshi Imafuku and Mr. Chiaki Furuya have been newly nominated to be a candidate for a Director. Mr. Imafuku joined Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation in April 1980 and prior to joining us, he worked as Kagoshima General Manager of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone West Corporation from July 2006. Mr. Furuya has joined us as our advisor in October 2008 and prior to joining us, he worked for Japan Broadcasting Corporation from April 1973.

The nomination is subject to the approval of IIJ's 17th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders that will be held on June 26, 2009 in Tokyo and to the approval of the Board of Directors at a meeting that will be held on the same day. If all approvals are obtained, as of June 26, 2009, our directors and executive officers will be as follows:

President	Mr. Koichi Suzuki	Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director
Senior Managing Director	Mr. Hideshi Hojo	Division Director of the Sales Department
Senior Managing Director	Mr. Hitoshi Imafuku ⁽¹⁾	Director in charge of Business Planning
Managing Director	Mr. Chiaki Furuya ⁽¹⁾	Division Director of the Administrative Department
Directors	Mr. Takamichi Miyoshi	Director and General Manager of the Strategy Planning Division
	Mr. Akihisa Watai	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
	Mr. Kazuhiro Tokita	Division Director of the Solution Service Department
	Mr. Junichi Shimagami	Division Director of the Network Service Department
	Mr. Kiyoshi Ishida	Division Director of the SEIL Business Unit
	Mr. Yasurou Tanahashi ⁽²⁾	
	Mr. Takashi Hiroi ⁽²⁾	
	Mr. Junnosuke Furukawa ⁽²⁾	
	Mr. Senji Yamamoto	
Company Auditors	Mr. Shingo Oda ⁽²⁾	
	Mr. Junichi Tate ⁽³⁾	
	Mr. Masaki Okada ⁽³⁾	
	Mr. Masaaki Koizumi ⁽³⁾	
	Mr. Hirofumi Takahashi	

⁽¹⁾ New appointment

⁽²⁾ Outside Directors

⁽³⁾ Outside Company Auditors

^(*) Mr. Toshiya Asaba will retire from Director followed by the closing of IIJ's 17th Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders and will work as Chief Executive Officer and Representative Director of our consolidated subsidiary, IIJ Innovation Institute Inc.

^(*) Mr. Yoshiaki Hisamoto will resign from Director followed by the closing of IIJ's 17th Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders.

About IIJ

Founded in 1992, IIJ is one of Japan's leading Internet-access and comprehensive network solutions corporate customers. IIJ's services include high-quality systems integration and security services, Internet access, hosting/housing, and content design. Moreover, IIJ has built one of the largest Internet backbone networks in Japan, and between Japan and the United States. IIJ was listed on NASDAQ in 1999 and on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2006.

The statements within this release contain forward-looking statements about our future plans that involve risk and uncertainty. These statements may differ materially from actual future events or results. Readers are referred to the documents furnished by Internet Initiative Japan Inc. 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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