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IIJ to Start Providing New SASE Service, “IIJ Secure Access Service”

-- Realizes a safe remote work environment securely, simply, and at low cost --

TOKYO - August 30, 2022 - Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (TSE Prime: 3774), one of Japan's leading Internet access and comprehensive network solutions providers, today announced to begin providing its newly developed SASE(*1) service, “IIJ Secure Access Service” (hereinafter, “the Service”) starting September 1, 2022. It will make available securely, simply, and at low cost a SASE service, essential in today’s world for realizing a safe remote work environment. Bringing together all the security and network functions for achieving a work style unconstrained by place, it will be provided at the affordable price of JPY990 /month per user(*2) (minimum 50 users), making it an ideal service for mid-tier enterprises (MTEs) as well as for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

(*1) SASE (Secure Access Service Edge): A framework merging various security functions with wide-area network functions, aiming to provide them as a comprehensive cloud service. To enable users in various environments to safely access information in the cloud and company, network control and security control are managed centrally on the route to the cloud.

(*2) Per-user rate in a model case (use of Web Gateway, Firewall Type 1, and Remote Connect).

Background

Conventional approaches to enterprise network security have adopted a so-called perimeter defense model for protecting the company network from threats, based on the assumption that users accessing information assets are in company offices. With the growth lately of cloud use, however, and the rapid spread of remote work, a security framework geared to Zero Trust has become necessary, enabling secure access to information assets spread out across the cloud as well as company premises, regardless of the user location. Through its lineup of Zero Trust-based IIJ Omnibus services, IIJ has been serving the needs mainly of large enterprise customers for remote access, secure Web gateway, firewall and other services. Now with the development and provision of the new IIJ Secure Access Service, it is better able to meet the needs of MTEs and SMEs for simpler and lower-cost introduction of SASE service.

Overview of IIJ Secure Access Service

The Service offers as security functions Web Gateway and Firewall, and as network functions Remote Connect (remote access) and Private Connect, with customers choosing the combination of functions they need. On the user terminal end, common security policies can be applied simply by installing a dedicated agent. In this way only permitted users are able to connect securely to the necessary services and applications, regardless of whether they are inside or outside the company premises. The advantages of the Service include the following.

- Easily installed by simple menu operations

The basic security and network functions needed for securely accessing information assets are provided as packaged items. SASE service can be used by combining the necessary functions, with no need for customization on the customer end. At the same time, from a dedicated screen, customers themselves can set and change security policies and confirm the use status.

(Basic Functions)

Security functions	Web Gateway: Sophisticated filtering, antivirus, access control and other functions for preventing access to malicious websites.
	Firewall: A choice of two firewall types, Type 1 with simple access control functions, and Type 2 (planned for release in January 2023) with malware countermeasures and other unified threat management (UTM) functions.
Network functions	Remote Connect: Remote access functionality for use of the Web Gateway and Firewall services of the Service by user terminals on which the dedicated agent has been installed.
	Private Connect: Functionality for connecting the Service to IIJ Private Backbone Service(*). Through the Private Backbone service, access can be made to information resources on the company network or to a closed network cloud service. (*A closed network service by which a dedicated private network is configured for customer use on the IIJ backbone, enabling interconnection across various IIJ network services, customer data centers, and cloud services, for example.

- Can be introduced at low cost starting from a small number of users
The service is available for a minimum of 50 users. Since the service is charged per user, there are no additional fees when users connect from multiple devices, both on and off company premises. It is ideally suited to customers who want to use a SASE service and remote access, regardless of the industry type or business category.
- Ready outsourcing of security administration by taking advantage of IIJ C-SOC Service.
The combination of this service and IIJ C-SOC Service is available to both middle-scale enterprises and SMEs at an affordable price. When these two services are used in combination, IIJ handles everything from security log aggregation and analysis to initial response to incidents, easing the burden on customers for security administration. Moreover, using the Service in conjunction with services such as IIJ Secure Endpoint Service further enhances analysis accuracy by means of multivariate log correlation analysis, enabling early detection of incidents.

IIJ C-SOC Service (reference prices / excluding tax)

Object of monitoring: IIJ Secure Access Service with 50 users

Initial fees: JPY120,000 Monthly fees: From JPY72,000

*The price for basic plan monitoring (Web Gateway and Firewall Type 1).

- Developed by IIJ and provided as a service to data centers in Japan
The Service is one developed and administered by IIJ, realizing reliable quality and prompt support. What's more, based on its wealth of experience up to now in networks and security, IIJ can provide total support including for mobile connections, cloud access, and endpoint security.

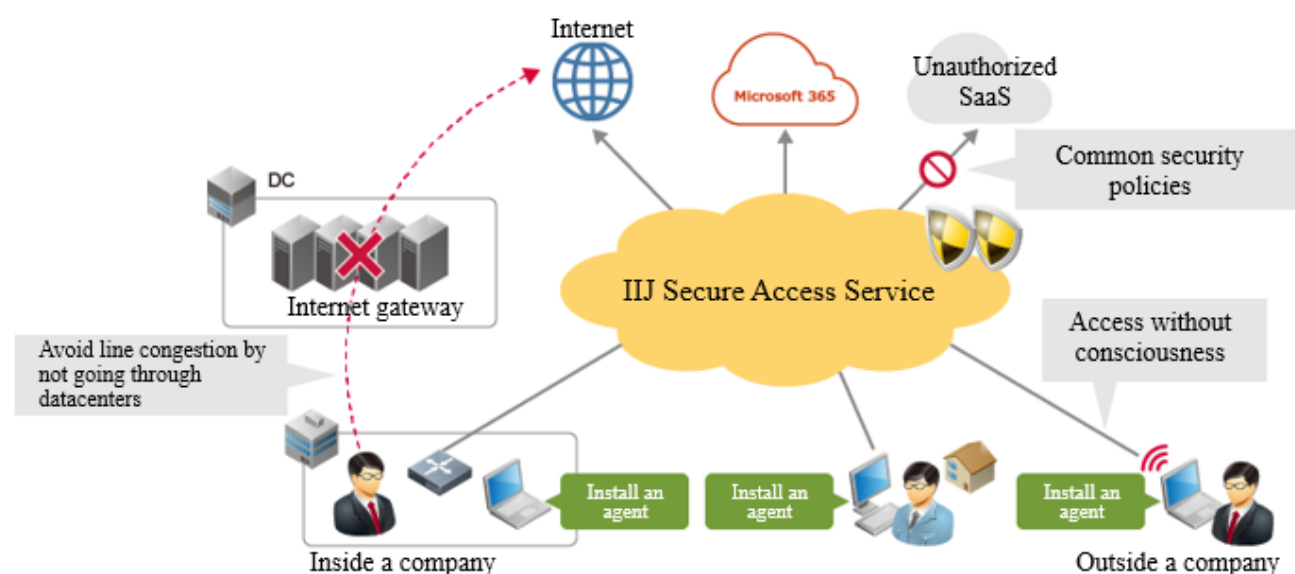
Pricing (excluding tax)

Initial fees JPY550,000
Monthly charge JPY990 per user

*The price for use of Web Gateway, Firewall Type 1, and Remote Connect.

Availability From September 1, 2022

Typical use



Looking ahead, IIJ plans to expand the Remote Connect functions, enable use with a CASB (cloud access security broker, for visualizing the status of and controlling cloud service use), and add Zero Trust network access (ZTNA), in these and other ways working to further enhance IIJ Secure Access Service.

About IIJ

Founded in 1992, IIJ is one of Japan's leading Internet-access and comprehensive network solutions providers. IIJ and its group companies provide total network solutions that mainly cater to high-end corporate customers. IIJ's services include high-quality Internet connectivity services, systems integration, cloud computing services, security services and mobile services. Moreover, IIJ has built one of the largest Internet backbone networks in Japan that is connected to the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia. IIJ was listed on the Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2022. For more information about IIJ, visit the official website: <https://www.ij.ad.jp/en/>.

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