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Domestic wireless LAN spots for JCI’s b-mobile tops 10,000 mark

Japan Communications Inc. announced today that the number of domestic public wireless LAN “b-SPOTS” available to its customers passed the 10,000 mark on March 29, 2007.

Since launching its data MVNO business in October 2001, JCI has consistently held customer convenience as the highest priority while seeking to address the three core issues of wireless data communication: faster speeds, lower prices and improved service.

As one part of this challenge, JCI started to offer high-speed public wireless LAN “b-SPOTS” in March 2003. While public wireless LANs offer high-speed connectivity, uptake has been hampered by a combination of the relatively small number of available spots and their limited coverage area. JCI has resolved this issue by playing the role of an aggregator, bringing together the different services of multiple wireless LAN businesses into one service offering, which now exceeds 10,000 b-spots.

Currently, customers can use b-SPOTS at a variety of domestic locations, including not only major JR/private railway stations and airports, but also a variety of locations such as business hotels, as well as cafés and fast food restaurants. A “b-SPOT List” is included as standard with b-mobile, allowing users to search for a desired b-SPOT in a particular location from among all the b-SPOTS nationwide. A convenient online search, accessible by PC (<http://spot.bmobile.ne.jp/>), mobile phone or PDA, is also available.

In addition, when combined with PHS data communication, the service area expands to nearly nationwide coverage, so customers can comfortably use anytime, anywhere wireless Internet connectivity. Further, a convenient one-click interface for connecting to and disconnecting from b-SPOTS, developed with direct input from users for b-Access WiFi, is included as standard with all b-mobile products.

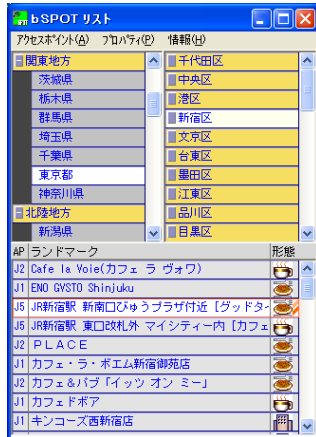
As the frontrunner in the wireless data communication industry, JCI will continue to develop new services and products.

PC User Interface



Signal strength at a glance, connect/disconnect with one click.

* Screenshot taken from: b-mobile ONE, offering unlimited use of PHS and wireless LAN spots for six months or one year.



b-SPOTs can be searched, even when not connected to the Internet.

About b-mobile

b-mobile, which went on sale in December 2001, combines a PHS data card, PHS data communication fees and Internet connection fees in to one convenient package. Retail sales started in December 2001. Always the industry frontrunner, JCI simultaneously introduced its “Web Accelerator” to improve the perception of speed. Services for corporate information system departments have been offered since October 2001 (current service name: InfinityCare[®]).

■ For details on b-mobile, please visit:

<http://www.bmobile.ne.jp/>

b-SPOT total is based on access point information provided to users by partner businesses.

About JCI

Japan Communications Inc. (JCI) was the first to introduce the Mobile Virtual Network Provider (MVNO) business model to the world in 1996. JCI, a publicly listed company in Japan (JPN-9424), is the first and the largest data MVNO in the world. It has pioneered wireless data solutions, which address particular needs of specific customers both in consumer and enterprise markets. Operating as an integrator of wireless and fixed network services with information technology, it is the leading provider of end-to-end wireless data solutions.

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