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TOKAI Holdings Corporation  
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## **Launch of IBM Cloud Connection Service via SINET (Academic Information Network for Universities and Research Institutions)**

TOKAI Communications (hereinafter “TOKAI COM”), a wholly owned subsidiary of our company, has launched a connection service for universities, research institutions and other customers using an academic information network, Science Information NETwork (hereinafter “SINET”), to “IBM Cloud,” a public cloud service of IBM Japan, Ltd. via SINET.

The BroadLine Cloud Connection Service provided by TOKAI COM offers a high-bandwidth, high-quality connection between customer sites and a major cloud, and has been used by many customers in response to the recent growth in the use of cloud services. We are proud that TOKAI COM's connection service has been selected for the communication network between SINET and IBM Cloud, which requires strict confidentiality and availability, and believe that it is a recognition of our advanced technology and reliability.

TOKAI COM will continue to contribute to the development of customers' businesses by providing one-stop and total support for all processes from introduction to design, construction, and operation of cloud computing, taking advantage of the technology and know-how TOKAI COM has cultivated over the years as a system integrator.

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## **Launch of IBM Cloud Connection Service via SINET - Support for high-speed and safe cloud utilization by SINET users -**

TOKAI Communications Corporation (Headquarters: Aoi-ku, Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture; President and Representative Director: Yasuhiro Fukuda; hereinafter "our company") is pleased to announce the launch of connection service on July 28, 2020 for universities, research institutions and other customers using academic information network, Science Information NETwork (hereinafter "SINET"), developed and operated by Inter-University Research Institute Corporation/Research Organization of Information and Systems, National Institute of Informatics (hereinafter "NII"), to IBM Cloud, a public cloud of IBM Japan, Ltd., via SINET.

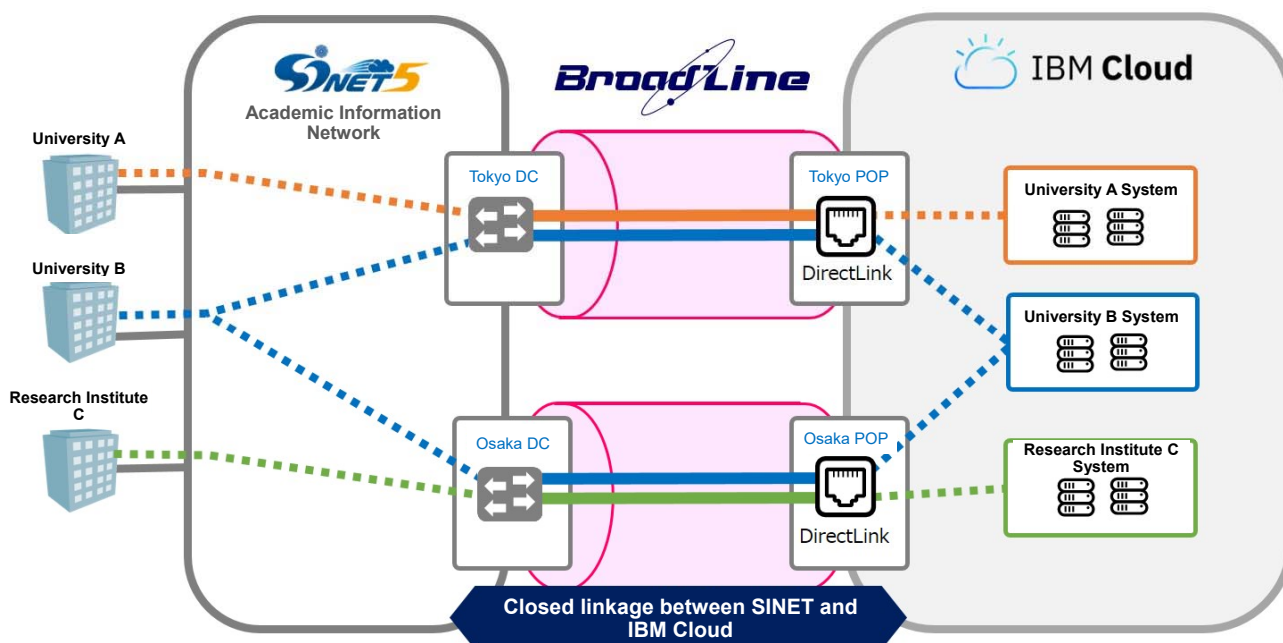
### **1. Background**

As the use of the cloud continues to spread, our company actively promotes line connections with many major cloud services and plans and develops communication services that can flexibly respond to the various needs of our customers. We also offer a one-stop service that covers the entire process of cloud installation, from consulting to design, construction, monitoring, and operation, by taking full advantage of the technology and know-how we have developed over the years as a systems integrator

Commissioned by IBM Japan, the provider of the cloud service via SINET, to provide a network that would allow universities, research institutes, etc. using SINET to securely use the IBM Cloud at high speed via SINET without having to arrange for new leased lines, our company constructed a closed connection environment using the BroadLine "IBM Cloud Direct Link connection service".

### **2. Service Overview**

Our company has established two connection bases between SINET and IBM Cloud, one in Tokyo and the other in Osaka, both of which are geographically distant, and connected to each other via high-bandwidth closed circuits. We provide secure and stable closed area connection services to IBM Cloud via SINET by constructing a separate virtual network within the closed area circuit with a configuration tailored to the needs of each university, research institute and other customer.



Band Item : 50Mbps, 100Mbps, 200Mbps, 500Mbps, 1Gbps

Service Area : Nationwide

Offer Price : As it is individually estimated, please inquire to the contact below.

\*1 A separate fee will be required to use the IBM Cloud (with a direct contract between the customer and IBM Japan).

\*2 To use SINET, a separate application procedure will be required with NII.

### 3. Future Initiatives

In collaboration with IBM Japan, our company will support universities, research institutes, and other customers using SINET to further improve the availability of cloud computing and the quality of their connections, thereby helping to enhance the functions of their educational and research activities.

### 4. Endorsement

We have received the following endorsement from IBM Japan for this announcement.

IBM Japan welcomes the opening of SINET connection service to the IBM Cloud.

With the launch of this service, universities, research institutes, and other customers throughout Japan who use SINET are now able to connect to the IBM Cloud while maintaining the benefits of SINET's high speed and high bandwidth.

Our public cloud service, the IBM Cloud, offers advanced cloud security and computing environments, highly scalable and durable storage services, and access to IBM® Watson, IoT, Blockchain, and other advanced technologies provided by IBM. We bring these values to our SINET customers. By expanding the use of SINET and accelerating the use of IBM Cloud, IBM Japan will continue to contribute to the activities of the SINET users.

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 IBM Japan, Ltd.

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