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Digital Garage and Smart Checkout Launch “DGFT Invoice Card Payment” for the Dental Industry

~Using Credit Card Payments to Extend Payment Deadlines
and Support Cash Management in the Dental Industry~

- DG and Smart Checkout announce that they have launched the “[DGFT Invoice Card Payment](https://lp.dginvoice.jp/)” B2B payment service for the dental industry, including dental clinics and hospitals.

“DGFT Invoice Card Payment” of Digital Garage, Inc. (TSE Prime section: 4819; HQ: Tokyo; Representative Director, President Executive Officer and Group CEO: Kaoru Hayashi; DG) is a B2B payment service that extends payment due dates by switching invoice payments from bank transfers to credit card payments.

As Japan’s population structure is transforming, many dental clinics are being opened to treat illnesses and handle changing patient needs. This has led to increasing competition. Under the current medical system, dental clinics and other medical facilities submit medical bills to examination and payment institutions (excluding the portion paid by the patient). It takes some time for these facilities to receive payment for medical services, which poses financial challenges.

There are other cash management issues, including increasing costs for medical supplies, equipment, and personnel; funding required after opening the facility until initial investments are recovered; and the difficulty of raising funds from financial institutions.

With a focus on helping nationwide dental clinics implement payment services, Smart Checkout Inc. (HQ: Tokyo; Representative Director: Yusuke Tamai; Smart Checkout) offers solutions to fulfill various dental clinic needs, including operation improvement and support for procuring medical equipment.

By leveraging Smart Checkout’s dental industry payment expertise and DG’s knowledge of payment-related services, the two companies will provide solutions that help customers in the dental industry improve their cash flow and optimize cash management.

DG will continue providing B2B Fintech solutions to companies requiring speed and high quality with an advanced detection level. This will help promote next-generation Fintech businesses and build a convenient, safe, and secure cashless society.

[About “DGFT Invoice Card Payment”] <https://lp.dginvoice.jp/>

This service extends the payment due date by up to 60 days when paying by bank transfer invoice is switched to payment by JCB/Visa/Mastercard®/Diners Club cards (excluding prepaid cards issued under the JCB brand). It is available even if the business partner does not support card payment, and it supports cash management by small- and medium-sized businesses, including regular and unexpected funding shortages due to various factors.

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[About Digital Garage] <https://www.garage.co.jp/en/>

Digital Garage's corporate purpose is "Designing 'New Context' for a sustainable society with technology." Digital Garage operates a payment business that provides one of the largest comprehensive payment platforms in Japan, a marketing business that leverages data to deliver solutions that integrate real and cyberspace, and an investment and development business that discovers and supports promising startups from around the world.

[About Smart Checkout] <https://en-www.smart-checkout.net/>

Smart Checkout's purpose is, "105 years life with technology. Design social well-being." It strives to help all Japanese people enjoy better health by offering services to dental clinics and promoting preventative care. With a focus on helping nationwide dental clinics implement payment services, Smart Checkout offers solutions including operation improvement and support for procuring medical equipment. In this way, it builds environments where dentists and dental hygienists can dedicate themselves to providing care.