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NESTA, the Next-Generation Payment Platform Jointly Developed by DGFT and au Financial Service, Begins Providing Payment Processing for au/UQ mobile Telecommunication Billing

— Full-Scale Rollout of High-Quality Payment Services for KDDI Group Companies —

DG Financial Technology, Inc. (HQ: Tokyo; Representative Director, President and Co-COO: Hiroshi Shino; hereinafter "DGFT"), a subsidiary of Digital Garage, Inc. (TSE Prime section: 4819; HQ: Tokyo; Representative Director, President Executive Officer and Group CEO: Kaoru Hayashi), which operates the Group's payment business, announced that it has begun providing the next-generation payment platform "NESTA," jointly developed with au Financial Service Corporation (HQ: Tokyo; Chief Executive Officer: Atsushi Nagano; hereinafter "au Financial Service").

As the first implementation of the platform, NESTA has been introduced for the processing of au/UQ mobile telecommunications billing. The service rollout was completed as planned in December 2025, and the platform became operational following a phase to confirm stable operation.

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■ About the Next-Generation Payment Platform "NESTA"

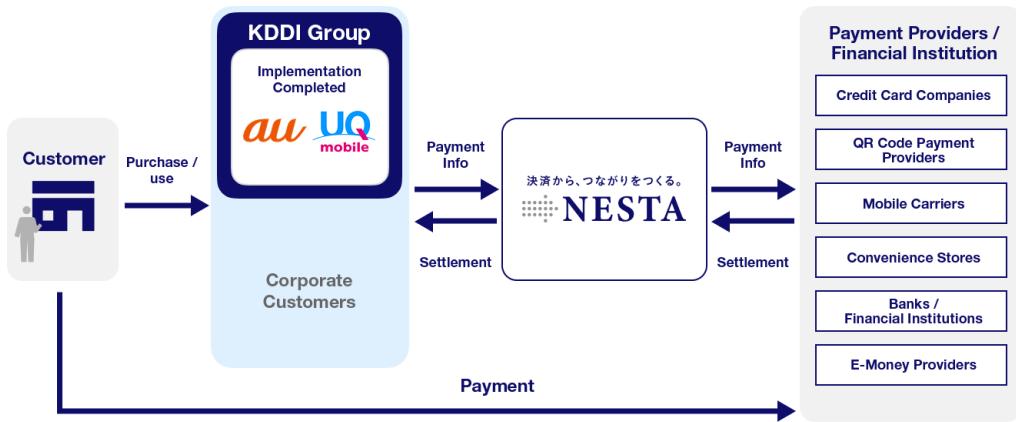
NESTA is a next-generation payment platform jointly developed by DGFT and au Financial Service as part of their business alliance established in May 2024. Built on DGFT's multi-payment service "VeriTrans4G," it delivers a highly secure platform that fully complies with industry-leading standards for non-retention and non-transmission of card information, thereby reducing the risk of information leakage. Its flexible scalability also minimizes the operational burden on client companies when additional service features or security requirements arise.

■ Initiatives and Future Outlook

DGFT and au Financial Service will continue to collaborate to promote the deployment of the NESTA payment platform across various services within the KDDI Group, as well as to companies outside the Group.

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In addition, Digital Garage Group and au Financial Service will accelerate joint development of new payment services aimed at medium- to long-term business expansion. By combining their respective management resources and expertise in the payment domain, the companies aim to expand their share and strengthen their positioning in the rapidly growing cashless payment market.



For more details on the features of "NESTA," please refer to the following:

NESTA website

<https://nesta.aufs.jp> (Only in Japanese)

■ Comment

Hiroshi Shino

Director, Senior Executive Officer, Digital Garage, Inc./President and Co-COO, DG Financial Technology, Inc.

Together with its strategic partner au Financial Service, DGFT has achieved the full-scale launch of the next-generation payment platform "NESTA" after approximately two years of development. Going forward, DGFT will actively promote the deployment of "NESTA" not only within the KDDI Group but also to customers outside the Group. This partnership will also serve as a starting point for strengthening proposals of KDDI Group services to DGFT's merchant network and accelerating the delivery of added value to customers of both companies.

The Digital Garage Group will continue to work toward integrating the critical social infrastructures of telecommunications and payments, creating greater convenience and innovative experiences.

■ About VeriTrans4G

"VeriTrans4G," provided by DG Financial Technology, is a multi-payment service that supports one of the industry's broadest ranges of payment methods, including credit cards, convenience store payments, bank transfers, electronic money, QR code payments, and international payment options.

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Its credit card payment service is built on a highly secure system that fully complies with advanced standards for non-retention of card information and offers essential features such as recurring billing and card information updating, along with a variety of standard security options to prevent fraudulent use.

URL: <https://www.veritrans.co.jp/payment/> (Only in Japanese)

<Company Overview>

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Business: DGFT provides various cashless payment solutions such as credit card, QR code, and others to more than 1 million online and offline locations of merchants across Japan. In addition to the payment service provider business, DGFT also provides e-commerce infrastructure, marketing tools, fraud detection solutions, and other services in collaboration with the Digital Garage Group and strategic partners to support various businesses in their efforts to go cashless and promote DX.

Registrations:

- Registered as an electronic payment agency or intermediary
- Registered fund transfer operator
- Registered business operator for handling credit card numbers and similar data

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Digital Garage, Inc. is the leading payment service provider in Japan. With the corporate purpose of "Designing 'New Context' for a sustainable society with technology," Digital Garage operates payment business services for various comprehensive payment platforms in Japan. Digital Garage also runs a marketing business providing one-stop solutions in both the digital and real worlds, as well as a startup investment and development business for approaching promising startups and technologies in Japan and overseas. Digital Garage is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market (TSE Prime: 4819). For more on Digital Garage, visit garage.co.jp/en