

ORIX Rentec Launches GPU Cloud Service for AI Operations of Companies

TOKYO, Japan – March 12, 2025 – ORIX Rentec Corporation ("ORIX Rentec") announced that it has signed a partner agreement with Cloud4C Services Pte. Ltd ("Cloud4C"), a managed service provider (MSP) headquartered in Singapore engaged in the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of corporate IT infrastructure environments.

Together with Cloud4C, ORIX Rentec will offer a service that provides a complete package—on the cloud—for graphics processing units^{*1} (GPUs) necessary for artificial intelligence (AI) machine learning and the IT infrastructure environment necessary for operating GPUs. The plan is to launch this service within fiscal 2025.

In recent years, companies have been introducing AI models in their research and development. In these models, large amounts of data—such as the results of experiments and images—are used to train AI to calculate the information necessary for products and function development. Safe, high-performance IT infrastructure environments—including GPUs that can process data at high speeds—have become indispensable. Meanwhile, research and development using AI in Japan faces the issue of a shortage of specialized human resources in regard to the provision of GPU servers and building of IT infrastructure.

Cloud4C provides MSP services and infrastructure as a service^{*2} (IaaS) to more than 4,000 companies in 30 countries around the world. One of its main services is support for building of infrastructure environments necessary for operating AI. Through this partner agreement, ORIX Rentec and Cloud4C will jointly provide a service for the building and operating of IT infrastructure—including GPUs—within Japan. As operation services are provided through private clouds dedicated to each company, customers can quickly start operating AI while maintaining safety in security without the need to purchase servers or modify IT infrastructure. At the same time, companies can use these services while retaining existing services and cloud environments in their possession, and Cloud4C assures the maintenance of these usage environments. When a defect occurs, specialized human resources provide 24-hour maintenance support.

ORIX Rentec was established in 1976 as Japan's first electronic measuring instrument rental company and, since then, it has been meeting the sophisticated and diverse needs of customers as a solutions company that solves issues related to manufacturing and ICT. With this partnership with Cloud4C as a new pillar, ORIX Rentec will continue to closely support the sustainable development of AI usage by customers and contribute to the improvement of Japan's technological capabilities and competitiveness.

*2 Infrastructure as a service refers to services that provide IT infrastructure, such as storage and server systems, over the internet.

^{*1} Using high-capacity, high-performance semiconductor chips specializing in image output, image processing, and data analysis, graphics processing units can process large amounts of specific information in parallel.

About Cloud4C

Cloud4C is a global leader in AI and Automation-Driven Cloud Managed Services and Managed Security Services. The company takes pride in simplifying cloud and AI adoption needs of enterprises through an endto-end managed services framework, ensuring seamless integration from infrastructure to AI-powered workloads. With AI-powered automation, predictive analytics, industry specific reference architectures and deep security expertise, Cloud4C drive secure, intelligent, and agile business transformation. The company has established itself across 30 countries and serving 4000+ customers globally. For more details, please visit our website: https://www.cloud4c.com/sg/

Comment from Sridhar Pinnapureddy, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Cloud4C Services Pte. Ltd

Cloud4C is committed to empower the AI ambitions of Japan, regardless of enterprise size and scale and the sector they cater to. Our mission is to not just deliver a compliant GPU cloud but render the entire AI stack, in a sovereign-first manner to support Japan's extraordinary AI initiatives. With ORIX Rentec, we have the ideal partner in frucitfying this grand mission, promising customer businesses with quality high performant infrastructure, state-of-the-art services, and localized support to unlock their intelligent future.

Comment from Toshiyuki Okino, Managing Executive Officer, ORIX Rentec Corporation

ORIX Rentec is very happy to provide this service as a partner with Cloud4C. The use of AI models will help invigorate research and development in Japan and serves as a tailwind for the rental demand of measurement instruments, IT devices, and 3D printers necessary for the production of hardware installed with AI. Besides the manufacturing industry, we firmly believe that this partner agreement will provide new services and value to companies advancing AI and digital transformation and help corporate transformation.

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