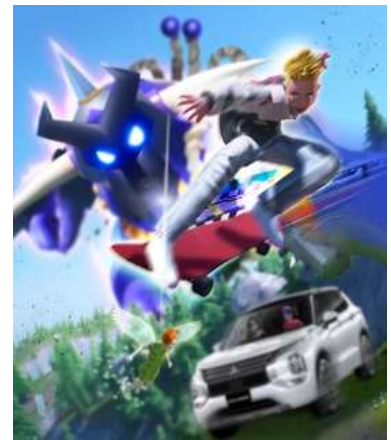


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Japan Metaverse Economic Zone “RYUGUKOKU®”
Launch of Demonstration Experiments for Experiencing
Corporate Products in Virtual Spaces

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The world of “RYUGUKOKU®” allows users to participate in adventures with their favorite avatars and to use a variety of real-life products provided by the corporations in their play time. For users, it offers an opportunity to casually experience a company's products and content in the Game and Metaverse worlds, and for companies, it offers an opportunity to engage with new customers by supporting their users' gaming experiences.



These demonstration experiments will not only physically reproduce the company's products inside the space, but also experiment with how they are used and played with, to develop the Game/ Metaverse worlds into a new marketing venue for the companies.

※ 1 Japan Metaverse Economic Zone: An ecosystem formed by interoperability among different Metaverse services and Metaverse platforms utilizing the open Metaverse infrastructure “RYUGUKOKU®.” On February 2023, JCB Co., Ltd., Mizuho Financial Group, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc., Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc., Resona Holdings, Inc., Sompo Japan Insurance Inc., Toppan Inc., Fujitsu Limited, Mitsubishi Corporation and TBT Lab Inc. entered into a basic agreement.

■ Overview of “RYUGUKOKU®” and the various services that comprise RYUGUKOKU

(1) What is “RYUGUKOKU®”?

“RYUGUKOKU®” is an RPG project under development that utilizes the “PEGASUS WORLD KIT®.” In the future, JP UNIVERSE will conduct various demonstration experiments using “RYUGUKOKU®.”



(2) What is the “PEGASUS WORLD KIT®” (PWK)?

PWK is RPG/Metaverse production middleware developed by JP GAMES, a game development studio under the JP UNIVERSE Group. All the functions needed to develop virtual spaces are available. UGC features such as “RIV TECHNOLOGY®,” which allows users to easily create Metaverse spaces from photographs, are also included. For more information, please visit our website.

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Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertaking, design, and supervision of architectural and civil engineering works 2. Studies, research, surveys, planning evaluation, diagnosis and other engineering and management services for construction, regional and urban development, ocean development, space development, energy supply, environmental improvements, and other projects 3. Land preparation and housing construction 4. Sales and purchasing, leasing, brokerage, maintenance, management, and appraisal of real estate as well as real estate investment management

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Business	Motor vehicle production and sales

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Business	Management and administration of banks and other companies that may be made subsidiaries under the Banking Law, and other operations incidental thereto

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