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AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE (AFP) AND JIJI PRESS ANNOUNCE LAUNCH OF “FASTLOOK” JAPANESE NEWS PLATFORM

Agence France-Presse (AFP) and Jiji Press today announced the launch of “Fastlook”, a new platform that will bring AFP’s unparalleled global news coverage to corporate and institutional clients in Japanese. This is the first collaborative service in our more than 75-year history.

The Fastlook platform will give business professionals, institutional leaders and academics access to AFP’s full range of real-time news coverage from across the globe for consultation purposes in Japanese.

AFP’s extensive news coverage, exclusive global reach and in-depth analysis can provide crucial intelligence for professionals managing geopolitical risks in a fast-changing world.

The custom-designed Fastlook platform leverages the power of Artificial Intelligence to deliver fast, accurate and precisely translated AFP content to clients in Japanese.

Jiji Press’s extensive national commercial team will provide sales and support for the platform and can be contacted now to arrange a free one-month trial.

Fabrice Fries, AFP Chairman and CEO, said:

“AFP is proud to launch the Fastlook project with Jiji Press on the 75th anniversary of our partnership in Japan. In these fast-changing times, business and institutional leaders more than ever need access to fast and reliable information to make crucial decisions. We look forward to providing more Japanese users with access to AFP’s unparalleled global journalism.”

Katsuhiko Sakai, Jiji Press President and CEO, said:

“We are delighted to announce the launch of Fastlook, in collaboration with AFP, soon after celebrating Bastille Day. This generative AI-powered news translation service truly embodies Jiji Press’ corporate credo of ‘Bringing world affairs to Japan and sharing Japanese voices with the world.’ We believe it will be an invaluable tool for Japanese companies and organizations as they navigate the turbulent changes of these uncertain times. The launch of Fastlook marks a significant milestone in the longstanding AFP-Jiji Press partnership, which dates back to December 1949.”

About Jiji Press

Jiji Press, established in 1945 following the dissolution of state-owned Domei News Agency, is a leading Japanese news agency that provides a wide range of news, data, and other information to readers in Japan and abroad. The head office is located in Tokyo. Accuracy and speed are vital to our services for delivering up-to-the-minute news to about 140 media organizations, including newspaper publishers, broadcasters, publishing companies, and also to the general public directly via a news portal website, “jiji.com”. Massive quantities of news and photos are filed from all over the world by Jiji Press journalists, including correspondents abroad, and by partner international news agencies such as AFP. Our news services reach subscribers both in Japan and abroad, including Japanese diplomatic establishments overseas.

About AFP

AFP is a leading global news agency providing fast, comprehensive and verified coverage of the events shaping our world and of the issues affecting our daily lives. Drawing from an unparalleled news gathering network across 150 countries, AFP is also a world leader in digital investigations. With 2,600 staff representing 100 different nationalities, AFP covers the world in six languages, with a unique quality of multimedia storytelling spanning video, text, photos and graphics.

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