WirelessGate Develops WIRELESS GATE SDK that enables Auto Connection to Wi-Fi through Embedding in Apps

-Begins Collaboration with Japan Transit Planner, Jorudan’s Route Search Service-

WirelessGate, Inc. (Head Office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo; Founder and CEO: Takehiro Ikeda: hereinafter “WirelessGate”), a wireless broadband service provider, has developed WIRELESS GATE SDK*, a new service that can easily embed Wi-Fi auto connection features into smartphone apps (hereinafter “apps”). As a first step, on April 3, WirelessGate will begin a collaboration with Japan Transit Planner operated by Jorudan Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Toshikazu Sato: hereinafter “Jorudan”), a major provider of route search services.

*SDK: Software Development Kit

Development of a new service, WIRELESS GATE SDK

WirelessGate has provided WirelessGate Wi-Fi, a service that allows connections to be made easily with one ID to public wireless LAN spots in the Tokaido Shinkansen, major stations, airports, fast food restaurants, cafes, commercial facilities, and other locations nationwide. Associated with the popularization of budget smartphones, whose data capacity is small, and the increase in data traffic due to the posting and watching of videos, many smartphone users are satisfied with the service.
On the other hand, many companies that operate apps such as route search services and games have consulted with us in order to provide loyal customers of their apps with Wi-Fi connection services and new services using Wi-Fi spots. WirelessGate now has developed WIRELESS GATE SDK, a new service with which a Wi-Fi auto connection feature can easily be embedded in their apps.

- Major features of WIRELESS GATE SDK
  - Enables the use of WirelessGate Wi-Fi with user IDs of the apps that embed the service
  - Enables auto connection to a Wi-Fi spot without initial configuration
  - Enables auto connection to a Wi-Fi spot even when the app is running in the background

- Collaboration with Jorudan’s Japan Transit Planner
  Jorudan has provided Japan Transit Planner, apps that search routes and timetables for railways and airplanes nationwide. With the cumulative number of downloads exceeding 30 million at the end of September 2017, the app is appreciated as an essential app for smartphone users.
  It offers plentiful paid features such as boarding positions by entrance gate, door opening and closing information, detour route guidance, and pinpoint weather forecasts. As a first step for services using WIRELESS GATE SDK, working together with WirelessGate, it developed Japan Transit Planner Wi-Fi Plus, a new service with an additional auto connection feature to Wi-Fi spots. It will begin providing the service on April 3.
Major features of Japan Transit Planner Wi-Fi Plus

- Available with user IDs of Japan Transit Planner
- Automatically connects to Wi-Fi spots in N700 Series trains on the Tokaido Shinkansen (between Tokyo and Shin-Osaka), major stations, airports, fast food restaurants, cafes, commercial facilities, and other locations nationwide
- Also provides useful paid services of Japan Transit Planner

About Japan Transit Planner Wi-Fi Plus

- Monthly fee: 490 yen (excluding tax)
- Web page: http://norikae.jorudan.co.jp/wifi/app/
  *The web page is scheduled for release on April 3.

WirelessGate will continue to advance collaboration with apps such as games and budget smartphone user services, and work to expand the users of WirelessGate Wi-Fi through the joint development of new services and WIRELESS GATE SDK.

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