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Press Release

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MITSUI-SOKO Business Partners launches "Nandemo Shoko"

Supporting digital transformation (DX) initiatives through the implementation of centralized management of both paper and electronic documents

MITSUI-SOKO Business Partners Co., Ltd. (Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Kazuhiro Hyakutome; hereinafter referred to as "we") has launched a new service named "Nandemo Shoko" (hereinafter "this Service"), enabling the centralized management for paper and electronic documents.

[Background of Providing "Nandemo Shoko"]

With the escalating demand for robust information management and document security within companies, the processes for storing and handling information documents are growing increasingly intricate. This complexity arises from various aspects, including the requirement to adhere to the Electronic Bookkeeping Act when storing electronic documents.

- (1) As digital transformation (DX) progresses and offices move towards paperless systems, a mix of paper and electronic documents persists. The efficient and secure management of both analog and digital documents remains crucial for smooth business operations.
- (2) To mitigate the risks associated with storing confidential information, such as personal data, it is imperative to effectively manage and dispose of company-held information and documents within the stipulated time frame.
- (3) Within document management, a demand exists for tools and systems that (1) offer enhanced search capabilities, enabling swift access to essential information across a mix of both physical and electronic documents, and (2) provide one-stop support in the management of electronic contract files and accompanying paper documents throughout the contract lifecycle from execution to storage.

To tackle these challenges concerning corporate information and document management, we will introduce this Service by harnessing the MITSUI-SOKO Group's extensive experience in storage developed over numerous years.

This Service is powered by the electronic contract solution "Kantan Denshi Keiyaku"^{*} developed by Seiko Solutions Inc. (President: Jun Sekine, Head Office: Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture), serving as its service platform.

*Kantan Denshi Keiyaku: https://www.seikotrust.jp/product/contract-l/

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[Overview of "Nandemo Shoko"]

With this Service, we centrally manage both physical and electronic documents provided by our customers. It is fully compliant with the Electronic Bookkeeping Act, enabling highly searchable management while meeting legal requirements. When storing the paper documents we receive, we will improve integration with electronic documents by transforming them into full-text format through analysis utilizing AI-OCR. Moreover, in conjunction with our BPO services encompassing digitization, we can assist our clients in attaining streamlined business operations, cost savings, and reliable document management.

[Characteristics of "Nandemo Shoko"]

- Both paper and electronic data are centrally stored within the MITSUI-SOKO Group, accessible within a unified viewing environment.
- Timestamping electronic documents verifies their authenticity and ensures that they remain untampered with from the moment of receipt.
- The electronic contract signing feature is offered as a supplementary component to the paper/electronic document storage functionality.
- Search keys that conform to the Electronic Bookkeeping Act requirements are provided, allowing users to specify additional search parameters as necessary.
- AI-OCR analyzes scanned images on physical documents to facilitate unrestricted text searches.

For additional details regarding this Service, kindly visit the following webpage. <u>https://www.mbp-co.net/ebook</u>

This Service offers user-friendly search functionalities and a secure storage environment, catering to customers transitioning to paperless systems while addressing challenges related to paper document storage and management with minimal system investment. By offering this Service, we aim to assist our clients in minimizing storage space within their offices and centralizing their document management processes.

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