

Press Release

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MITSUI-SOKO Business Partners Co., Ltd.

MITSUI-SOKO Business Partners launches Smart Box Scan, a service for efficient document digitization

*Effortlessly digitize documents in boxes to enhance business efficiency and
propel digital transformation*

MITSUI-SOKO Business Partners Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Kazuhiro Hyakutome; hereinafter "we," "our," or "us") has introduced a document digitization service specifically designed for small and medium-sized enterprises, named Smart Box Scan (hereinafter "this Service").

This Service efficiently scans the customer's paper documents by the box and delivers them after securely storing the digitized data on a DVD or other electronic media. Offered at a flat fee of ¥50,000 per box (excluding tax), this transparent pricing structure allows customers to effectively manage their budgets for paper digitization. In addition, the process of using this Service is effortless; customers just need to send the documents they want to digitize in designated boxes. After digitization, integration with our document storage service Smart Shoko¹ or cloud storage Nandemo Shoko² facilitates long-term storage in a dedicated warehouse, document retrieval, and precise searches, thus enhancing customers' digital transformation (DX) initiatives and boosting operational efficiency through centralized management of both paper and electronic data.

Background of Providing this Service

As the shift towards a paperless society gathers pace, the demand for document storage is anticipated to decline. However, numerous small and midsize companies still prefer to maintain in-house document storage. In response to this need, we launched the Smart Shoko document storage service in 2014, enabling customers to store documents starting with just a single box. As the number of companies using the service continues to rise annually and positive feedback increases, we have often received requests from customers to digitize documents and verify their contents as needed. This demand has prompted us to introduce this Service which not only stores the original paper documents but also offers digitization.

Features of this Service

1) Simplified digitization process

We accept orders from little as one box, with the scanned information saved to DVD or another electronic media for delivery to the customer. This Service is particularly suited for companies lacking in-house scanning capabilities or the required time for digitization.

2) Integrated storage solution for electronic data and paper documents

Digitized document data can be securely stored and retrieved in compliance with the Electronic Bookkeeping Act using our Nandemo Shoko service. Furthermore, the Smart Shoko provides long-term storage solutions, streamlining the management of both paper documents and electronic data.

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3) Robust security

Scanning takes place in our Records Center, a specialized facility for managing information records, guaranteeing a high level of security.

For further details about this Service, please visit the web page below:

<https://www.mbp-co.net/smart-electronic>

We provide business process outsourcing (BPO) services related to information documents in facilities by adding robust information security support to the traditional "warehouse" concept of storing goods. We remain committed to supporting the growth of our customers' businesses by delivering services tailored to protect their valuable information assets and facilitating their access to these assets when required.

1 Press release dated August 25, 2014 https://www.mitsui-soko.com/-/media/pdf/msh/news/2014/259_pdf.ashx

2 Press release dated October 11, 2024 <https://www.mitsui-soko.com/-/media/pdf/msh/news/2024/20241011en>

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