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This matter will have only a negligible effect on JAST’s results of operations. An announcement will be made in a timely manner if there is any additional information that should be disclosed.

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In conjunction with the development of the digital certificate system, JAST entered into the business alliance agreement with Seiko Solutions Inc. (Head office: Chiba City; President: Jun Sekine) in September 2024 for the purpose of enabling the two companies to issue digital certificates to university students. The certificates are linked to the systems provided by JAST and Seiko Solutions.

■ Background

JAST sells automated certificate issuing kiosks that are linked to the systems used by universities for their educational operations. Universities currently need to take activities involving surveys by the Japan’s Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology regarding the digitalization of academic records, paperless online job-hunting activities by students, operations to comply with global standards, and other matters. To help meet these needs, JAST developed a digital certificate issuing function that incorporates the electronic signature service of Seiko Solutions. Mie University, a national university in Mie prefecture, will start using this digital certificate system in October 2024.

■ Outline of the Digital Certificate System

The new digital certificate system incorporates JAST’s GAKUEN Series, a strategic university management system, and eviDaemon for PadES (see note 1) of Seiko Solutions, which allows placing digital signatures and time stamps on PDF files. Combining these two systems enables students to apply for and receive digital certificates with guaranteed authenticity using the UNIVERAL PASSPORT web service system for students.

JAST plans to add functions for paying digital certificate fees electronically and for the ALUPA alumni service (see note 2) to issue digital certificates.

■ Features of the Digital Certificate System

(1) Simplifies applications for issuing student certificates

This service allows students to download many types of digital certificates with guaranteed authenticity by simply submitting applications from their smartphones.

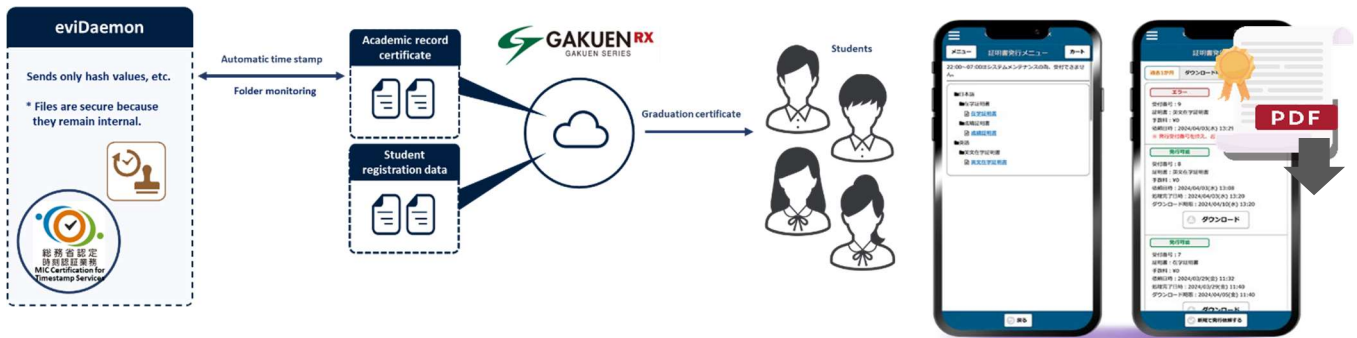
(2) More efficient use of time by university personnel

Automation of the receipt of certificate applications from students and issuance of certificates eliminates the need for using people to issue the certificates.

(3) Speedy implementation of the system

Universities that use JAST’s GAKUEN system can use the certificate format that has already been determined by this system. Using this format means that the digital certificate service can be started with no time-consuming preparations.

< Overview of the digital certificate system >



Notes 1. eviDaemon for PadES is an electronic signature service that can provide long-term signatures on PDF documents and time stamps certified by the Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications.
URL: <https://www.seikotrust.jp/product/evi-daemon/>

2. ALUPA is a closed social networking service that facilitates the distribution and sharing of information between universities and their alumni as well as among alumni. Participants can hear about the current activities of universities and other alumni, form communities with people they know and can trust, receive information about opportunities for further education, and obtain other benefits.
URL: <https://www.jast-alupa.com>

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