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Digital Garage Joins x402 Foundation as the First Japanese Enterprise General Member, Powering Global Standards for AI Agent Payments

– Accelerating the Real-World Adoption of Agentic Commerce by Contributing to HTTP-Native Autonomous Payment Protocols

[TOKYO, November 19, 2026] – Digital Garage, Inc. (TSE Prime: 4819; Headquarters: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President Executive Officer and Group CEO: Kaoru Hayashi; "Digital Garage") announces that it has joined the x402 Foundation—a non-profit organization under the Linux Foundation advancing open standardization for AI agent payment protocols—becoming the first Japanese enterprise to participate as a General Member.

■ Background and Purpose

Driven by rapid advancements in generative AI and autonomous AI agents, global demand is growing rapidly for "Agentic Commerce," where AI agents and applications autonomously and securely conduct transactions and settlements with one another.

The x402 Foundation was established under the neutral governance of the Linux Foundation, a non-profit consortium, to promote and standardize the "x402 protocol"—an open standard designed to process secure, direct payments across the web. The foundation is formulating open specifications capable of supporting diverse payment rails, ranging from traditional credit cards to Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) assets such as stablecoins.

In addition to operating one of Japan's largest comprehensive payment platforms, the Digital Garage Group has actively engaged in R&D and strategic investments across Web3, next-generation FinTech, and AI. Furthermore, Digital Garage has driven initiatives to establish core payment infrastructure for the AI agent era, including the commercial launch of its stablecoin payment infrastructure, "DG SPS™" (*1), and the release of "DG Agentic One™" (*2), an integrated platform optimized for Agentic Commerce.

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By joining the x402 Foundation as a General Member—the first among Japanese enterprises—Digital Garage will actively contribute to shaping global open standards and spearhead proof-of-concept initiatives and the societal implementation of payment infrastructure tailored for the age of AI agents.

(*1) Digital Garage News Release: August 10, 2026
Digital Garage Launches the Commercial Rollout of “DG Stablecoin Payment Service™ (DG SPS™),” a Stablecoin Payment Platform Supporting Next-Generation Payment Infrastructure https://www.garage.co.jp/en/pr/release/20260810/
(*2) Digital Garage News Release: August 13, 2026
Digital Garage and DG Business Technology Launch “DG Agentic One™,” Japan’s First Integrated Platform for Optimizing Agentic Commerce https://www.garage.co.jp/en/pr/release/20260813/

■ Future Outlook

Through its participation in discussions and specification development within the x402 Foundation, Digital Garage will deepen collaborations with global technology enterprises, financial institutions, and industry leaders. Furthermore, by integrating these protocols with its own payment service infrastructure and developer community, Digital Garage aims to foster an ecosystem where domestic and international merchants and developers can adopt AI agent payments safely and seamlessly.

■ About the x402 Foundation

The x402 Foundation is an open-governance organization operating under the neutral stewardship of the Linux Foundation. Dedicated to standardizing "x402"—an internet-native payment protocol functioning over HTTP—the foundation aims to build an open environment enabling AI agents, APIs, and applications to execute financial transactions securely without vendor lock-in.

Official Website: https://x402.org/

■ About the Linux Foundation

The Linux Foundation is the world’s leading home for collaboration on open source software, hardware, standards, and data. Linux Foundation projects, including Linux, Kubernetes, Model Context Protocol (MCP), OpenChain, OpenSearch, OpenSSF, OpenStack, PyTorch, Ray, RISC-V, SPDX and Zephyr, provide the foundation for global infrastructure. The Linux Foundation is focused on leveraging best practices and addressing the needs of contributors, users, and solution providers to create sustainable models for open collaboration. For more information, please visit us at linuxfoundation.org.

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Digital Garage, Inc. is the leading payment service provider in Japan. With the corporate purpose of "Designing 'New Context' for a sustainable society with technology," Digital Garage operates payment business services for various comprehensive payment platforms in Japan. Digital Garage also runs a marketing business providing one-stop solutions in both the digital and real worlds, as well as a startup investment and development business for approaching promising startups and technologies in Japan and overseas. Digital Garage is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange Prime Market (TSE Prime: 4819). For more on Digital Garage, visit garage.co.jp/en

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