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Takenaka Partners Names Ippei Suzuki as Vice President of Technology Group, a Newly Established Organization within the Firm

Press Release

Los Angeles, CA – April 2, 2007 – Takenaka Partners, a specialty investment bank and consulting group specializing in cross-border transactions, announced today that Ippei Suzuki has joined the firm as Vice President of Technology Group. Mr. Suzuki is based in Takenaka's downtown Los Angeles headquarters. Mr. Suzuki brings to the firm close to 20 years experience of high tech industry experience, and an excellent knowledge base in information technology.

The newly established Technology Group within Takenaka Partners, will be responsible for all the technical aspects of the firm's practice, in addition to its unparalleled financial expertise already proven in the investment banking and strategic advisory market. Ippei Suzuki will lead this group, responsible for all the technical due diligence activities, as well as technically oriented negotiation and evaluation work with prospective clients.

Mr. Suzuki has his background in the IT industry for almost 20 years. He splits his career working for Japanese firms, as well as US based firms. His recent 7 years have been devoted to IT Security, after the unfortunate incident of 9/11, his role was to focus on business development between US and Japanese firms on various security related technology deals. His recent tenure was with a US based company, closing a 7 figure OEM deal with a leading Japanese PC manufacturer for a biometric security solution. He also spearheaded a \$100M+ investment by a leading Japanese wireless carrier, successfully landing a joint venture of a US based company providing fleet management security.

"With the establishment of our new Technology Group and having Ippei join us to lead this organization, we further differentiate ourselves as a complete advisory firm that can cover every single initiative a company requires to execute a successful corporate strategy plan. The investment banking market is still a fragmented industry, where many of the players will either be strong in financials or technology. Takenaka Partners is now capable of performing a full financial, business and technical due diligence service for any industry, and serve as a one-stop-shop for all corporate strategy needs," says Yukuo Takenaka, CEO of Takenaka Partners.

"Most of the successful cross border transactions are due to great synergistic value of combined technology from both companies. It clearly shows that matching the right technology is a critical factor for success, whether it's a partnership, acquisition or merger. I am excited for this opportunity to provide this additional value to the already proven business practice of Takenaka," comments Ippei Suzuki.

Ippei Suzuki speaks native Japanese and English, and represents many companies from both countries as their technical and business spokesperson and representative for their international business. He currently lives with his wife and 2 children in Southern California.

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