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Collinear Conducts Dify Workshop at Yokosuka Generative AI Training Camp

As a sustainable infrastructure company, Ichigo is continuing to build upon its existing businesses to expand its business domain, and drive new earnings streams. Ichigo views real estate as key infrastructure that is fundamental to people's lives, and is accelerating growth and value creation via DX.

Collinear, Ichigo's wholly-owned subsidiary with deep expertise in driving DX using generative AI, conducted a deployment testing at the Yokosuka City Municipal of Kanagawa Prefecture in collaboration with their Digital Government Promotion Office of an AI system that utilizes RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) technology combining text generation capabilities of large language models (LLMs) with external information retrieval.

Collinear served as a lecturer at Yokosuka City Digital Government Promotion Office's Yokosuka Generative AI Training Camp, a generative AI training program for local governments and companies across Japan.

RAG is a technology that combines the text generation capabilities of LLMs with external information retrieval. This technology generates responses that incorporate information unique to a specific municipality or company, while adhering to their specific rules, thus allowing the LLM to provide answers tailored to the specific needs of the municipality or company's employees.

1. Yokosuka Generative AI Camp Overview

Yokosuka City is a municipality at the forefront of advanced initiatives such as DX and utilization of generative AI. The city is the first in Japan to implement the use of the generative AI service "ChatGPT" throughout the city hall. On February 6 and 7, 2025, the Yokosuka City Digital Government Promotion Office held a generative AI training program for local governments and companies. 60 participants from across Japan were selected via a lottery to attend the training program in Yokosuka City.

2. Collinear Training Overview

Since early last year, Collinear has been collaborating with the Yokosuka City Digital Government Promotion Office to conduct deployment testing of an AI system that utilizes RAG technology which combines text generation capabilities of LLMs with external information retrieval. The project used Dify, an open-source low-code generative AI application development program, as a tool to alleviate the burden on employees with respect to contract close out operations, which requires a significant amount of time searching for required information. Based on the expertise gained through this project, Collinear developed a Dify workshop for the AI Training Camp.

Collinear's Naoto Iwase and Tatsuki Iwasawa served as the lecturers of the training, where participants deepened their knowledge of Dify and learned the practical uses of generative AI via group work.

The use of generative AI requires technical knowledge and engineering skills, thus the use of this technology by the majority of companies has been limited to basic use, and they have not been able to fully utilize it to drive efficiency and innovation. The workshop aims to accelerate the integration of generative AI by introducing practical use cases of generative AI.

Yokosuka City's release on the generative AI camp (Japanese only):
www.city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp/0835/nagekomi/20250206_ai_gasshuku2.html

Ichigo's release on the deployment testing of Collinear and Yokosuka City's AI system:
www.ichigo.gr.jp/news/p_news_file/file/Ichigo_20240611_Collinear_Yokosuka_City_Project_ENG.pdf

About Collinear

Collinear designs optimal solutions for issues faced by companies and works to achieve the practical deployment of these solutions. In generative AI utilization, Collinear defines business requirements through the practical understanding of the business, and builds models that fit business challenges. In addition, Collinear provides solutions not found in existing packaged services, by incorporating interrogative steps to extract the information necessary to obtain the answers the user is looking for.

Website: https://clnr.inc (Japanese only)

3. Earnings Impact

This initiative has no impact on Ichigo's FY25/2 earnings. Ichigo and Collinear will generate new earnings opportunities via the provision of multi-faceted, DX-driven real estate solutions achieved through the synergies between Ichigo's real estate assets and Collinear, thus driving shareholder value for Ichigo.