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Robot Delivery Association Launches Today

Tokyo, February 18, 2022 – Today, eight companies*¹ – Honda Motor Co., Ltd., Japan Post Co., Ltd., Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., Panasonic Corporation, Rakuten Group, Inc., TIER IV, Inc., TIS Inc. and ZMP Inc. – launched the Robot Delivery Association with the aim of providing greater convenience to people's lives through the use of delivery services provided by autonomous delivery robots.

As the number of home deliveries increases, the use of autonomous delivery robots represents a means of resolving delivery staff shortages and other logistics-related challenges, as well as an innovative channel for delivering greater levels of convenience to customers. This launch also coincides with recent Japanese government movement toward establishing new rules for small, slow-speed autonomous delivery robots traveling on public roads, in order to support the private sector in providing robot delivery services to society.

With these trends in mind, the association is positioning 2022 as the dawn of a new era of robot deliveries. It will capitalize on the knowledge acquired through robot delivery trials undertaken by its constituent companies, and coordinate with administrative agencies and organizations. The association will formulate safety standards and create a framework for industry certification, with the goal of operating automated delivery robots on public roads. Through these efforts, the association aims to build a foundation for convenient and safe robot delivery services which can be implemented into society in the near future.

**1 Companies listed alphabetically. Constituent companies as of February 18, 2022. The number of companies joining the association is expected to increase.*

Overview of the Robot Delivery Association



ロボットデリバリー協会
ROBOT DELIVERY ASSOCIATION

Name: Robot Delivery Association

Address: 3-19 Hayabusa-cho, Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo, Japan

Date of establishment: January 20, 2022

Official site: <https://robot-delivery.org> (Only available in Japanese)

Activities:

- Establish and revise safety standards for robot delivery services
- Create a framework for certification based on safety standards for robot delivery services
- Coordinate with administrative agencies and organizations on matters related to robot delivery services
- Collect and distribute information concerning robot delivery services

Founding companies (in alphabetical order):

- Honda Motor Co., Ltd.
- Japan Post Co., Ltd.
- Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.
- Panasonic Corporation
- Rakuten Group, Inc.
- TIER IV, Inc.
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Launch Event

From the right, Masatoshi Ishida (Kawasaki Heavy Industries) , Kentaro Ryu (ZMP) , Miki Yutani (TIS) , Shinpei Kato (TIER IV) , Michio Kaneko (Japan Post) , Yasumichi Murase (Panasonic) , Yoshiharu Itai (Honda Motor) , Koji Ando (Rakuten Group)

**Listed in Japanese alphabetical order of a company name.*



Autonomous Delivery Robots from Each Company

From the right, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, ZMP, TIS, TIER IV, Japan Post, Panasonic, Honda Motor, Rakuten Group

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