

GMO-PG Services Provided to Fukushima Prefecture for Credit Card Payments of Automobile Taxes - Offering comprehensive support services for the payment processing of taxes and the development and operation of payment site

GMO-PG is pleased to announce that it will provide payment processing services and develop and operate a 'credit card payment site for automobile taxes in Fukushima Prefecture' (URL: <https://zei.fukushima.jp>), which will start accepting credit card payments for automobile taxes as of May 9 (Mon).

GMO-PG offers combined services for the processing of credit card payments of taxes and the development and operation of payment sites. To date, local governments such as the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Osaka Prefecture and Fukuoka City have introduced its services, and the company is planning to further its efforts in offering payment environments that are safe and convenient to more municipalities.

【Background and Overview】

In today's market for card-not-present payments, credit card payments are becoming accepted not only for online sales and services but for an array of items from 'NHK Receiving Fees' to fees for infrastructure such as power and gas, various taxes payable to municipalities, and public utility charges. The Japanese government is promoting the advancement of cashless payments^(*) as one of its growth strategies ahead of its hosting on the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and has said that the spread of public tax payments through electronic means will serve as one of its indicators, which leads to anticipation of further introductions of credit card payments for local taxes and various charges.

With such a backdrop, Fukushima Prefecture has decided to improve the level of convenience for people in paying their taxes and to promote payments within their due periods by enhancing the methods and opportunities for making payments. As of May 9, 2016, it is introducing a new system for credit card payments of automobile taxes.

GMO-PG is collaborating with Toyota Finance Corporation, the recipient of payments as designated by Fukushima, for its credit card payment services as it proceeds in the development and operation of the 'Fukushima Prefecture credit card payment site for automobile tax payments'.

(*) Measures Aiming for Cashless Payments, jointly announced on December 26, 2014 by the Cabinet Secretariat, the Financial Services Agency, the Consumer Affairs Agency, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and the Japan Tourism Agency.



【About GMO-PG's 'credit card payment / payment site operation services for tax payments'】

The 'credit card payment / payment site operation services for tax payments' being offered by GMO-PG at this time consists of a combination of 'credit card payment services for municipalities and public institutions' that the company offers municipalities, and the development and operation of payment sites. For municipalities to receive tax payments through credit card payments, there is a need to separately introduce the necessary procedures for the introduction of credit card payments and to develop and manage a website where people

will be able to make payments. The use of services offered by GMO-PG makes it possible to do both of these together. Examples of these services which have been introduced to date include taxes for the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and automobile taxes for Osaka Prefecture.

■ Credit card payment services for municipalities and public institutions

These services are offered specifically for the payment of 'public utility fees' and 'public charges', such as taxes and fees payable to the government or to municipalities, and have been introduced by numerous municipalities and institutions, including the Japan Pension Service and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. From irregular payments such as handling charges for online registrations and automobile taxes which are made once or several times a year to regular payments for items such as water and electricity bills, GMO-PG offers optimum services that meet the needs of payment structures for various types of taxes and charges. To enable municipalities and public organizations, not to mention each and every one of its customers, to use its services with peace of mind, GMO-PG is prepared with a comprehensive structure that includes certification of conformance ^{(*)2} for ISO/IEC 27001:2013, full compliance ^{(*)3} to PCIDSS Ver. 3.1, and its acquisition of a privacy mark.

(*2) GMO-PG has met and received certification for the international ISO/IEC 27001:2013 standard (domestic standard JIS Q 27001:2014), a global standard for information security management for all of its offices.

(*3) The services offered by GMO-PG are in complete compliance with PCIDSS V3.1, a global security standard for the payment card industry that was jointly established by five international credit card brands, JCB, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and VISA.

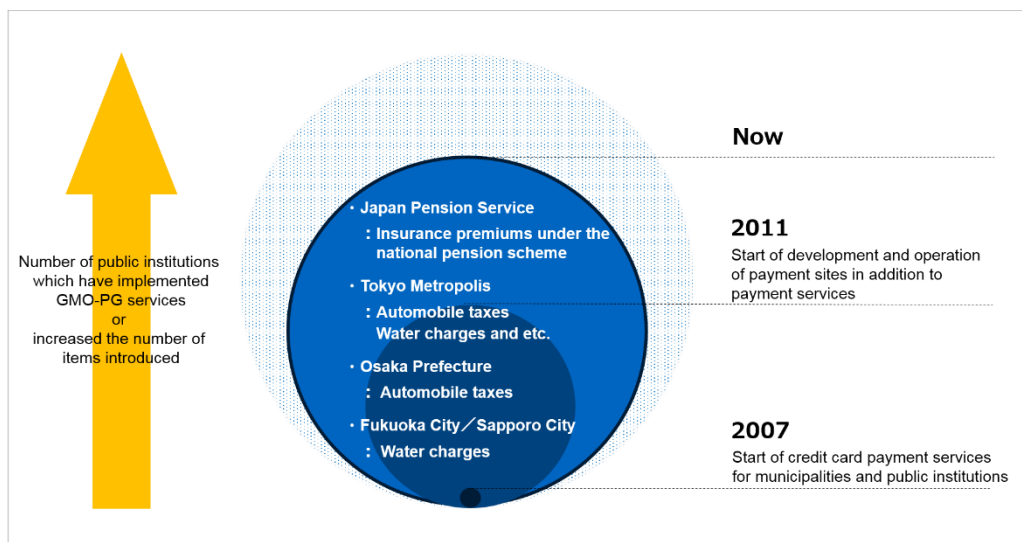
【About GMO-PG's initiatives for public charges and public utility fees】

GMO-PG offers payment processing services for credit cards and other payments for 65,642 merchant stores (as of December 2015, GMO Payment Gateway Group), which includes online businesses such as online shops and for digital content, recurring payments for NHK television and regular purchases, and public institutions like the Japan Pension Service and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

Since the 2006 revision to the Local Autonomy Act, GMO-PG has been offering safe, convenient payment services to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Osaka Prefecture, and many other municipalities in the area of payments for public charges and public utility fees. It is also currently used by government agencies for payments of insurance premiums for the Japan Pension Service.

In addition to water charges and usage fees for various facilities, public charges and utility fees, payable by credit card, have recently been expanding to items including taxes such as furusato nozei (hometown tax remittance) and automobile taxes payable to prefectures, cities, towns, and villages. GMO-PG offers support for introductions of credit card payment systems and provides comprehensive services that match the needs of each municipality, including everything from credit card payments to the development and operation of payment websites.

GMO-PG will boost its initiatives to promote broader uses of credit card payments, not only for municipalities and public institutions but also for operators in the electricity and gas business, among whom active moves are anticipated on the back of the liberalization of the industry, and it will extend efforts to offer a payment environment that is convenient and safe.



<Key services offered for payments of public funds and public utility charges>

【Related Links】

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