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Notice of Group CAIO (Chief AI Transformation Officer) Appointment

The GMO Internet Group, Inc. Board of Directors agreed at a meeting convened on July 13, 2026 to newly establish the position of Group CAIO (Chief AI Transformation Officer), which integrates and oversees the Group's AI strategy, implementation, governance, talent development and business transformation, and to appoint Masatoshi Kumagai, Group Representative, Founder, Chairman and Group CEO, to concurrently hold the position. Details are as follows.

1. Background

GMO Internet Group has been working to develop talent capable of utilizing AI across the Group and to promote the use of AI, amid the rapid evolution of generative AI, under the banner of "Becoming the No.1 Corporate Group Creating the Future with AI and Robotics."

In order to further strengthen these efforts and to integrate the Group's AI strategy, implementation, governance, talent development and business transformation under unified leadership, the Company has newly established the position of Group CAIO (Chief AI Transformation Officer), which Masatoshi Kumagai, Group Representative, will concurrently hold. Amid this era of major transformation in which generative AI is expanding into physical AI, and under a structure in which top management itself leads the transformation, the Group will further strengthen its AI strategy and governance, and accelerate improvements in the productivity of all partners and the creation of new value.

2. Group CAIO Appointment

(Changes Underlined)

Name	New title	Current title
Masatoshi Kumagai	Founder, Chairman, Group CEO, and <u>Group CAIO</u>	Founder, Chairman and Group CEO

(Effective July 13, 2026)