

“Japan Wi-Fi auto-connect”, a free Wi-Fi application that connects automatically to Wi-Fi spots, is now even more convenient with OpenRoaming support!

— Connectivity to more than 3 million spots in Japan and abroad —

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NTT Broadband Platform, Inc. (President and CEO: Shigeharu Kato, hereinafter “NTTBP”) has been providing the “Japan Wi-Fi auto-connect” application for smartphones that automatically connects to free Wi-Fi spots provided by local governments, public transportation facilities, commercial facilities, tourist spots, etc. nationwide since December 2019. In order to provide users with even greater convenience, NTTBP will support OpenRoaming, a new authentication mechanism for free Wi-Fi, beginning February 27, 2025 (Thursday).

In addition to existing free Wi-Fi spots, this change will enable automatic connection to more than 3 million OpenRoaming-compatible Wi-Fi spots in Japan and overseas.

We will continue to make efforts to further help our users make use of free Wi-Fi that support Japan Wi-Fi auto-connect provided by municipalities and companies throughout Japan in order to make Japan Wi-Fi auto-connect more convenient to use.



1. What is OpenRoaming?

OpenRoaming is an international wireless LAN roaming infrastructure jointly developed by the Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA) (*1) and participating companies. NTTBP provides services that support OpenRoaming in cooperation with Cityroam, a roaming infrastructure operator in Japan which is also a member of the WBA.

<https://www.ntt-bp.net/product/service/openroaming/index.html>

*1: An industry association of public wireless LAN service providers, including telecommunications carriers, that operates on a global scale.

2. How to Use

Download the Japan Wi-Fi auto-connect application and register. OpenRoaming support will be available once the application has been upgraded (version 4.0.1~) after February 27, 2025 (Thursday). Please refer to the following website for details.

Japan Wi-Fi auto-connect official website (latest information)

<https://www.ntt-bp.net/jw-auto/ja/news/index.html>

Smartphones must be running Android 11 (*2) or later or iOS 15 or later for compatibility with OpenRoaming spots.

*2: Users using Android devices with OS version 10 will not be able to use OpenRoaming-compatible Wi-Fi spots as they are unsupported, but will still be able to connect automatically at free Wi-Fi spots.

3. Pricing

Free of charge for all users.

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