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DIGITAL HEARTS HOLDINGS Co., Ltd.**DIGITAL HEARTS certified as Global Partner in the Partner Program of  
the International Software Testing Qualifications Board****~ The number of qualified employees of the company group reaches over 350,  
and it has been certified as the 9th(\*1) Global Partner company in the world ~**

DIGITAL HEARTS HOLDINGS Co., Ltd. announced today that its subsidiary, DIGITAL HEARTS Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as “DIGITAL HEARTS”), has been certified as Global Partner, the top grade for the partner program of the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (hereinafter referred to as “ISTQB”) in July 2021.



In recent years, the social needs for software quality and security have been increasing, while software is becoming increasingly complex and development time has been shortened. As a result, development companies tend to outsource test processes to specialized companies in order to efficiently conduct high-accuracy tests. For these increasing demands, our group companies have strengthened the recruitment and training of human resources who have expertise in software testing, and have worked to build a system that can utilize state-of-the-art technologies and testing methods such as test automation and agile QA(\*2). As for human resource development, from among approximately 8,000 registered testers in our group, we have provided those who have potential capability with some training programs of our own or by alliances partners. In this way, we have trained lots of test engineers who are able to perform testing operations and also to design testing processes or test plans. Especially since April 2018, the company has developed in-house special programs to acquire qualifications including ISTQB for software testing engineers, and at the end of March 2021 the number of employees in our group with ISTQB qualifications reached 368, the top-level size in the industry.

By these efforts, DIGITAL HEARTS successively acquired Platinum Partner in ISTQB partner program, and our subsidiaries, ANET Corporation and DIGITAL HEARTS (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., were also certified as Gold Partner. As a result, we met the criteria of ISTQB and DIGITAL HEARTS has been certified as Global Partner, which is the top-level of ISTQB partner program.

Our group will continue to enhance its expertise in software testing by continuing to develop human resources and improve our technological capabilities, thereby supporting the development of high-quality products at client companies.

(\*1) The number of Global Partner companies as of July 2021.

(\*2) agile QA... A software testing method tailored to the agile development, becoming much popular recently.

## ■ ISTQB and its Partner Program

ISTQB is an international qualification institution for software tests, and it has been established to develop software test engineers by providing qualifications for software test professionals.

ISTQB partner program has the system that a company obtains its points according to the number of certified technicians for each level of degree as ISTQB standard, and it will be certified among four ranks of “Silver,” “Gold,” “Platinum,” and “Global” according to the total points. This certification is an indicator to show the technical capabilities of the entity with human resources as test engineers recognized by international standards. The criteria to become “Global” Partner is to have at least one company with “Platinum” and to have other two or more group companies with “Gold” in two or more countries.

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