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To All Persons Concerned

SBS Holdings, Inc.

EC Noda Seto Logistics Center, the first strategic base for the EC platform business, will open in February 2024

- “Limited Public Tour of LT Lab” will also be held -

The SBS Group (Representative: Masahiko Kamata, Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo) will open the EC Noda Seto Logistics Center, a large strategic base for the EC platform business, in February 2024. It will be located within the Noda Seto Logistics Center (tentative name) in Noda City, Chiba, which is scheduled to be completed in January 2024. As its outline has been finalized, we will disclose it as below.

We also decided to hold a limited public tour of LT Lab, our cutting-edge robot solutions testing facility in Koshigaya City, Saitama, prior to the opening of the Center.



In the rapidly growing EC market, EC companies are facing a number of management challenges, including severer competition, volume fluctuations, inventory optimization, rising delivery costs, and labor shortages. In order to solve these problems and contribute to the further growth of the EC market, the SBS Group announced in December 2022 that it would provide “EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment)” service as a platform optimized for each industry to combine the warehouse management and delivery expertise cultivated in the 3PL business, as well as the digital transformation (DX) in logistics utilizing logistics technology (LT). In this way, the Group is accelerating efforts for the EC logistics business. The EC Noda Seto Logistics Center, which will open in February 2024, is the first strategic base to realize diverse services of EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment) in a one-stop manner.



The EC Noda Seto Distribution Center will be opened on the fourth floor, with an area of 10,000 *tsubo* of the Noda Seto Logistics Center (tentative name, scheduled to be completed in February 2024).

The Center has a large area of 10,000 *tsubo* (approx. 33,000 m²) occupying the whole floor, which is the largest EC-dedicated zone in the SBS Group, and is a jointly operated logistics center that can

be used by multiple EC businesses simultaneously. The Center is equipped with functions for storage at three temperature zones and constant temperature in addition to normal room temperature. It also has a hazardous materials warehouse that can store special products, various facilities for upgrading (repair) and fine retail processing of returned products, a drug store and a photography studio, enabling it to handle a wide range of industries such as apparel, food, cosmetics, health food, pharmaceuticals and general miscellaneous goods. User companies will enjoy a wide variety of benefits through a menu of more than 200 EC services and support for sustainability.

As the main feature, the Center will introduce many LT facilities selected based on expertise in robotics and material handling and tailored to various types and processes of work. We have evaluated the effect of introducing them and evaluated the functions at the SBS Group sites. The facilities have also been selected based on empirical data collected at the dedicated testing facility LT Lab in Koshigaya City, Saitama. The Center will maximize performance and achieve high service levels by taking into account mutual compatibility among devices for each product.

▼ Conceptual image of installed facilities



[From left: Shelf transfer robot, ACR, Cuebus, photography studio]

SBS Group President Masahiko Kamata said, “Establishing the Center will accelerate the services we have been preparing for several years to solve problems of businesses engaged in EC logistics, as the EC market is steadily expanding. We will support EC logistics in all industries and make it a pillar of our business next to our main business, 3PL. ”

Shigeru Omori, General Manager of the E-Commerce Business Promotion Department of SBS Holdings, Inc. and in charge of the EC Noda Seto Logistics Center, said, “The EC Noda Seto Logistics Center is a joint logistics center of EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment) that allows users to select and use functions necessary for EC fulfillment according to their needs. We are making efforts to save labor and space, and standardize operations, leading to cost benefits for our client companies. If you are a business operator who wants to solve logistics problems and improve services, please consider EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment). ”

The SBS Group is committed to providing the optimal solutions for EC businesses according to their stage of growth.

We will hold Limited Public Tour of LT Lab!

Prior to the opening of the EC Noda Seto Logistics Center, we will hold a limited public tour of LT Lab. During the tour, our LT Professionals will provide explanations and accept consultations while the participants watch state-of-the-art material handling equipment in operation. We will also introduce an outline of the services of EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment). Please take this opportunity to see the SBS Group's advanced LT utilization.

■ Dates: **Thursday, October 19 and Monday, October 30**

■ Venue: SBS Holdings LT Lab (3-3-5 Ryutsu-Danchi, Koshigaya City, Saitama)

■ Apply at: EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment) Service Website

(<https://ec.sbs-group.co.jp/news/post-67.html>)



What is “EC Logistics Omakase-kun (Entrustment)” ?

This is a service that provides one-stop support for all phases of EC logistics from warehousing, storage, shipping, retail processing, last one mile, and website production to operation and order management.

The SBS Group aims to back up EC logistics, which will support a total distribution volume of approximately 1 trillion yen by 2030. The Group will also support our customers' EC and logistics strategies through a diverse lineup of services for EC and for each industry, the establishment of new EC-dedicated bases, the utilization of more than 700 bases in Japan and overseas, and logistics DX.

Overview of the Noda Seto Logistics Center

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| Name | (Tentative name) Noda Seto Logistics Center, Building A *The EC Noda Seto Logistics Center occupies the entire fourth floor and part of the first floor. |
| Primary use | Warehouse for the warehousing business |
| Structure | RCS structure, four floors above ground |
| Building area | 43,595.72 m ² / 13,178.63 <i>tsubo</i> |
| Maximum height | 31.38 m |
| Constructed floor area | 168,398.09 m ² / 50,940.42 <i>tsubo</i> |
| Leased area | 145,389.94 m ² / 43,980.36 <i>tsubo</i> |
| Effective height under beam | 5.5 m |

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| Floor load | 1st Floor: 2.0 t/m ² , 2nd to 4th Floors: 1.5 t/m ² |
| Special website | https://www.sbs-logicom.co.jp/sbslgcm/location/sp-nodaseto/ |

<Overview of the SBS Group>

Holding company: SBS Holdings, Inc. (SBS Group's holding company)

Established: December 1987

Representative: President and Representative Director Masahiko Kamata

Exchange: The Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (Securities Code: 2384)

Head Office: 8-17-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Sumitomo Realty & Development Shinjuku Grand Tower 25th floor

Capital: 3.9 billion yen

Sales: 455.4 billion yen (Consolidated basis, the Fiscal Year Ended December 2022)

Number of employees: 22,829 (including 11,970 full-time employees, consolidated basis)

Business content: Since its foundation in 1987, the SBS Group has contributed to the creation of profit for customers by providing one-stop logistics services through the enhancement of logistics services and services associated with logistics. The Group has companies that handle a variety of products ranging from food to ultra-heavy goods, companies that can respond to a variety of delivery types including routes, areas and same-day delivery, and companies that specialize in logistics facility development and environmental logistics.

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