

KOEI TECMO GAMES INFORMATION

Announcing Patent Cross License Agreement with IBM

We, Koei Tecmo Games Co., Ltd. (President and COO: Hisashi Koinuma. Hereinafter "KT" or "we") and INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION (hereinafter "IBM") have concluded a comprehensive cross-licensing agreement for patents held by the two companies' group on the date of September 25, 2019.

By signing this agreement, KT group companies and IBM group companies will be able to use each other's various patents.

We are actively working on the creation of entertainment content using advanced technologies in the fields of AI (artificial intelligence), e-sports, mobile and social. IBM inventors received a record 9,100 patents in 2018, marking the company's 26th consecutive year of United States patent leadership. IBM has among the largest global patent portfolios, including the aforementioned AI, e-sports and other software-related patents.

In recent years, the technical fields necessary for the development of entertainment content have expanded and advanced. In order to respond to this situation and further strengthen our development capabilities, we have established a cooperative relationship with IBM in which patents owned by either company can be used mutually. KT group companies will make full use of the cooperative relationship with IBM that has been realized, and plan to create entertainment content that has never existed before.

Aiming to become the world's #1 entertainment content provider, we will continue to promote the development and sales of products that actively utilize new technologies.