

#### News Release

# Nomura Research Institute provides Kumon with next-generation IT System to support its worldwide education activities

### New IT system to be dispatched in 48 countries and regions worldwide has stably commenced in North America and the UK

TOKYO – December 2, 2014 – Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (headquarters: Tokyo; President & CEO: Tadashi Shimamoto; "NRI") has announced today it has provided the next-generation core system to be used worldwide by Kumon Institute of Education Co., Ltd. (headquarters: Osaka; President: Akio Tsunoda; "Kumon"), and the system has begun its operation in North America and the United Kingdom.

### ■ IT system to support 4.27 million learners in 25,000 study centers spanning 48 countries and regions worldwide

This core system is the next-generation information management platform supporting activities to develop each and every student that Kumon is aiming for. It is an information system with functions for managing the information of 4.27 million learners and supporting instructors in around 25,000 centers operated in 48 countries and regions worldwide, including Japan. After the system goes online in North America and the United Kingdom, the system will be expanded to cover Europe, Africa, South America and Asia within one year. It will then be introduced in Japan, with plans to integrate the analytic databases.

# ■ Total support from design to operation of the system forming the foundation of Kumon's overseas expansion strategy

The introduction of this system is one of the pillars of Kumon's medium-term management strategy, and is a vital step for contributing to further enhancement of the company's corporate value by creating the foundation of future overseas expansion strategy.

This was also a symbolic project for NRI globally supporting all aspects from design to development and operation of a system at the core of a client's business activities.

NRI will continue to assist the acceleration of Kumon's overseas expansion by supporting the company's next-generation core system.

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