

PRESS RELEASE

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SocioFuture Co., Ltd.

Launch of a Pilot Test for “YobCon Vacant House Prevention Concierge,” an Online Generative AI Service Specialized in Vacant Property Prevention

SocioFuture Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; Akihiko Sugawara, Representative Director, President & Executive Officer; hereinafter referred to as “the Company”) has entered into an agreement with the Yokohama City (Takeharu Yamanaka, Mayor) and will launch a pilot test of “YobCon Vacant House Prevention Concierge” (pronounced: YobCon Akiya Yobo Concierge; hereinafter referred to as “the Service”), a service that utilizes generative AI to address vacant housing issues, starting February 13, 2026. The Service is designed for the children of elderly homeowners (hereinafter referred to as the “next generation”) and provides stage-based information and comprehensive consultation across multiple fields to help prevent inherited homes from becoming vacant in the future, while offering continuous support to users. The Service is available free of charge through an official LINE account. As the increasing number of vacant homes can lead to risks to public safety and negatively impact community landscapes, this issue has become a major concern across Japan. Through this pilot test, the Company will develop a practical model for vacant property prevention and contribute to building a safe and secure society in local communities.



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Yokohama City Official Website: [Vacant House Prevention Page](#)

Overview of “YobCon Vacant House Prevention Concierge”

The Service is a dedicated online generative AI service available free of charge through an official LINE account, allowing users to consult about vacant property issues anytime, anywhere. By helping users understand and prepare in advance for homes they may inherit in the future, the Service reduces the risk of those properties becoming vacant. The Service, which is specialized in vacant property prevention, consists of the following three key functions:

Function 1: Vacant Property Risk Assessment

By answering a series of questions, users receive a scored assessment of the future risk of their home becoming vacant, along with risk-related information and advice based on the results.

Function 2: Inheritance To-Do Navigation for Homes

By answering a series of questions, users receive a proposed future action scenario based on their input, outlining the necessary procedures and steps related to inheritance, household item organization, and real estate.

Function 3: AI-Powered Consultation for Vacant Property Prevention

Users can ask questions related to vacant property prevention by selecting predefined topics or entering free-form text, and receive answers generated by AI.

Background of the Pilot Test

According to the Housing and Land Survey conducted by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications*1, the number of vacant homes in Yokohama City reached approximately 168,000 in 2023, while the number of elderly households living in detached houses stood at approximately 192,000. Inherited homes are often left unattended due to factors such as the procedural burden of inheritance registration and road access requirements, as well as financial considerations like demolition costs and property taxes. As a result, problems such as overgrown vegetation and deteriorating landscapes can lead to disputes with neighboring residents, placing a significant burden on local governments.

Yokohama City has been engaged in awareness-raising activities related to vacant property prevention, primarily through brochures and seminars. However, reaching the service's target audience—busy, working-age children of homeowners—has remained a challenge. To address this issue, the Company collaborated with Yokohama City to develop the Service, enabling outreach through LINE, an application that is widely used and familiar to the next generation. As a life infrastructure company linking the financial, public, and healthcare sectors, the Company has delivered DX solutions to address challenges faced by municipalities. Leveraging this expertise, the Company will provide stage-based information and comprehensive consultation across multiple fields to support users continuously.

Comments from a Representative of the Housing and Architecture Bureau Housing Policy Planning and Evaluation Division, Yokohama City

"In Yokohama City, we have implemented measures to prevent vacant properties, primarily targeting elderly homeowners. However, we have not been able to sufficiently address measures for the 'next generation'—those who inherit these homes from elderly homeowners. Therefore, in collaboration with SocioFuture Co., Ltd., we developed the generative AI-powered service 'YobCon Vacant House Prevention Concierge,' which allows busy members of the next generation to easily check the risk of their home becoming vacant and explore potential prevention scenarios using their smartphones during spare time."

For more detailed comments, please visit the case study page on the Company's corporate website.

[Case Study: "YobCon Vacant House Prevention Concierge —A Consultation Service Developed for the Children Who Inherit Homes \[Pilot Project\]"](#)

Future Developments

In 2023, the number of vacant homes nationwide reached approximately 9 million, with the vacancy rate rising to 13.8%*1. If its effectiveness is demonstrated in Yokohama City, which has a large population, it could serve as a practical model that can be expanded to other municipalities. While this pilot test will primarily focus on consultation services, the Company is also considering expanding the scope of services to include financial and real estate offerings in the future.

*1 Source: Yokohama City, Housing and Architecture Bureau Housing Policy Planning and Evaluation Division.

["23rd Yokohama Vacant Property Measures Council Materials: Results of the FY2023 Housing and Land Survey,"](#) released January 14, 2025.

Service Overview Diagram



Access to the Service

This Service is available free of charge via an official LINE account. Users can access the Service by scanning the QR code below. Instructions on how to use each function are also available in video format.

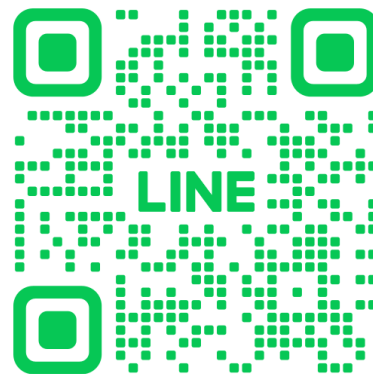
Official LINE Account: @701bkpor

The Service can also be accessed via the following URL on smartphones:

<https://line.me/R/ti/p/@701bkpor>

Video guides on how to use each function are also available:

- ["Vacant Property Risk Assessment Guide"](#)
- ["Inheritance To-Do Navigation for Homes Guide"](#)
- ["AI-Powered Consultation for Vacant Property Prevention Guide"](#)



[Overview of Yokohama City and the Company]

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