

CEL and High-Tech Bridge Announce a Strategic Partnership in Cybersecurity

Launching AI and Machine Learning based application security testing in Japan market

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High-Tech Bridge(Geneva, Switzerland) and CEL (Tokyo, Japan, 100% subsidiary of VLC HOLDINGS / stock code:2467) have announced a strategic business partnership in the Japan region to provide VLC HOLDINGS group's clients with the most comprehensive cybersecurity, compliance and risk management digital services.

High-Tech Bridge's [award-winning](#) Application Security Testing (AST) platform, ImmuniWeb® leverages machine learning technology for intelligent automation of application vulnerability scanning. Thanks to machine learning technology, ImmuniWeb® AI detects 240% more OWASP Top10 vulnerabilities, 300% faster, reducing AST cost by 170% with contractually guaranteeing 0% false-positives. (2018 Quality Assurance questionnaire data of ImmuniWeb® AI customers). ImmuniWeb® can be easily integrated with any other corporate solutions, such as WAF or SIEM.

VLC HOLDINGS was originally founded in 1994 as market research company, started security certification service after 2003, and currently market No.1 share for security certification consulting: Privacy mark, ISO27001 (ISMS). Also No.1 in security assessment inquiry for small and mid-size business ([IT trend](#)). So as to make more value for 3000+ existing customers, VLC group is focusing on state-of-the-art technology since 2017 and has track record of investment or business development for Security, AI, IoT, and Blockchain business: [CYBERGYM](#):Israel, [AerNos](#):USA. [Keypair](#):Korea, [SIGA](#):Israel.

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Regulatory and Compliance atmosphere is growing globally: GDPR, Basel II, PCI DSS, FISMA, GLBA or HIPPA. Such vulnerability standards as OWASP Top 10, PCI DSS (6.5.1-6.5.10), CWE/SANS Top 25, Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE), Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) are also growing. Even technology giants are lacking talents that can handle these exploding security information fraud. HTB has cleared this headache by ImmuniWeb®AI Platform, getting 4.6 star customer satisfaction out of 5 in [Gartner® peer insights™](#).

Ekaterina Khrustaleva, Chief Operating Officer at High-Tech Bridge says: *"We see a lot of potential on the emerging cybersecurity market of Japan and we are excited to join our efforts with proven market leaders such as VLC HOLDINGS. Jointly we deliver a cost-effective and scalable solution to cover web and mobile application security testing in the most comprehensive manner; tailored and adopted for the Japanese market. We certainly consider developing this partnership to cover other countries in the APAC region, maximizing the value we can jointly deliver."*

Shoichiro Tanaka, Chief Executive Officer at CEL, Director of VLC HOLDINGS says: *"Japanese companies are struggling to find security talents. Even globally, there is skills shortage and high demand for white hat hackers. High-Tech Bridge is exactly what VLC group customers were seeking and totally fit to the market demand: compliance to global regulations, high quality, quick and reasonable price. "*

Japan's cybersecurity skills shortage is expected to 200,000 by 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games, according to the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. VLC group is tackling cybersecurity skills shortage in Japan, training white hat hacker specialists via [CYBERGYM TOKYO](#). Today, CEL is glad to announce partnership with HTB, one of the best talented company in the world.



About **CEL LTD.**

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About **VLC HOLDINGS CO.,LTD.** (Stock code:2467)

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About **High-Tech Bridge SA**

Established in 2007, High-Tech Bridge is a global provider of web and mobile Application Security Testing (AST) services. HTB's [award-winning](#) ImmuniWeb® AI platform provides human-enhanced AI and Machine Learning technology for most reliable and comprehensive security testing, ISO 27001 certified and CREST accredited. ImmuniWeb® has been adopted as part of the UN International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) toolset. HTB's technologies were recognized by prestigious awards, including Gartner Cool Vendor 2017, SC Awards Europe 2018 for Best Usage of Machine Learning / AI. ImmuniWeb® is also part of PwC TVM Framework trusted by global companies in over 158 countries. HTB has Technology Alliance Partners including F5 (NASDAQ: FFIV), Imperva (NYSE:IMPV), Qualys (NASDAQ: QLYS) and Barracuda (NYSE: CUDA).

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