# More Than an App for Accessibility Information:

Bmaps

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**Parallel Session: Orientation Map-Apps** 







## What is Bmaps?

- App for collecting and sharing accessibility information
- Supported by:
  the Nippon Foundation and
  the CANPAN Center
- Launched in April 2016
- PC, iOS, Android
- Japanese, English, Spanish
- Google Maps





## **What Makes Bmaps Innovative?**

#### Useful for everyone – with or without disability



### What Makes Bmaps Fun?

# Ranking and competition features

- User rankings
- City competition
- Team competition





# Movement for Accessibility Information Collection and Sharing

Over 5,000 users Over 70,000 places Companies and schools involved

Collaboration with central and local governments

Users in Japan, China, Korea, India, Thailand, Vietnam, France, US, UK, Ecuador

### **Success Factors**



User centered



Place review events



Awareness raising

# **Issei's Story**

"I used to give up entering the shops. Now I can check the accessibility in advance.

I am more eager to invite my friends out now that I can suggest them where to go.

Other users' reviews make me feel encouraged to go out"



## **Next Steps**

Comprehensive concierge services connecting persons with disabilities and businesses



