Dropcatching in .JP

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- Domain names 1.5m
  New registration 150k/year
  Expiration/Deletion 100k/year
  Dropcatched 8k/year

- Domain names are unleashed once a month
  - .JP domain name expires on the last day of the same month in the next year of registration
    - For example, a domain name registered on 22 February 2018 will be expired on 28 February 2019
  - Domain names have 20-days redemption grace period
  - Each deleted domain name is unleashed just after midnight on the 1st day of the month after its expiration (or deletion)
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- Domain names: 1.5m
  - New registration: 150k/year
  - Expiration/Deletion: 100k/year
  - Dropcaught: 8k/year

- Dropcatching is observed on the 1st day of each month
  - Sept. 1 2017: 696 dropcatching among 1076 registrations
  - Oct. 1 2017: 611
  - Nov. 1 2017: 579
  - Dec. 1 2017: 545
  - Jan. 1 2018: 603
  - Feb. 1 2018: 697

  total: 3731
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2/3 of the registrations on the 1st day are dropcatching
• There seems to be 3-4 syndicates that share their deleted domain names and their customers’ demands
  – Domain names are transferred to another Registrar in the syndicate just after dropcatched registration

• Registrars know their customers’ demands by
  – Customers tell the Registrar what domain names they want and the Registrar searches whois database to know the expiration date of the domain name
  – Registrar dropcatches to-be-prosperous domain names and sell them afterwards
  – Other

• To register dropcatched domain names, Registrants pay higher price to Registrars (not to Registry) than usual registration