



Startup Subcommittee

Social Issues Area : **Support for start-ups**
Content of Efforts : **Support start-up ecosystems in Kansai**

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「Kansai's Strengths in the Bio Industry」



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Strengthen
Collaboration

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Strengthen
Talent
Development

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Strengthen
Communications

Contribute to building and anchoring
a unique ecosystem in KANSAI

~Subcommittee Members~



Role	Organization · Company	Role	Organization · Company
Lead Organization	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)	Member Organizations	Marubeni Corporation
			Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited
Steering Organizations	The Japan Research Institute, Limited		Canon Inc.
	Mitsubishi UFJ Capital Co., Ltd.		Nippon Boehringer Ingelheim Co., Ltd.
	The Senshu Ikeda Bank, Ltd.		Nobelpharma Co., Ltd.
	Osaka Business Development Agency(OBDA)		DCI Partners
	Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company, Limited		Hankyu Hanshin Properties Corp.
	for Startups, Inc		MIRACLE SCIENCE INNOVATION inc.
	NTT WEST, Inc.		
	Bio-Sight Capital Inc.		
	Kinki Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry		
	DAIICHI SANKYO HEALTHCARE CO., LTD.		
	SYNAPTO VENTURES		
	Suntory Holdings Limited		

Support to the Subcommittee (「Special Trial」 Participants)

Role	Organization・Company
Operational Support	Urban Innovation Institute
BiocK Secretariat	NPO Kinki Bio-Industry Development Organization
「Special Trial」 Participating Advisors	TMI Associates Koichi Tsunoda Accounting Office Cambridge Consultants Kyoto University (Kyoto iCAP) Osaka University (OUVC) Kobe University (KUC) JETRO Osaka

Subcommittee Activities

Members from volunteer operating companies and startup support organizations come together to drive

- 1 Information exchange to build the ecosystem**
- 2 Hosting 「Special Trial」**
- 3 Communicating the Subcommittee's activities to society**

～ About 「Special Trial」 ～



What is 「Special Trial」?

We hold 「Special Trial」 every other month, where bio-related startups and Subcommittee members discuss and then consider and implement concrete support measures.

By accumulating 「Special Trial」 results, we aim to validate the effectiveness of support and feed it back into building a startup ecosystem in Kansai's bio industry.

The Startup Subcommittee supports the growth of companies presenting at 「Special Trial」.

FY2024 Special Trial



Company / Organization Description		Stage
1	FairMed Developing a support tool for surgeons for endovascular procedures (Kobe Univ.; pre-incubation)	Seed
2	Revascular Bio Co., Ltd. Microvascular regeneration therapy using endothelial stem cells (ESC) (Osaka Univ.)	Early
3	Bacterico inc. Research analysis support using bacteria and health support services (Keio Univ.)	Early
4	BTB Drug Discovery Research Center, Inc. Building a robust drug discovery pipeline to address unmet needs (Kyoto Univ. spin-out)	Early
5	MyCan Technologies Co., Ltd Manufacturing blood cells (Mylc) and supporting testing / drug discovery using them (Kumamoto Univ. / Kyoto Univ. spin-out)	Early
6	LUCASLAND inc. Wearable chemical analysis device based on the principles of Raman spectroscopy (Univ. of Tokyo spin-out)	Early
7	VentEase inc. Phrenic nerve stimulation device to help ventilator patients (Osaka Univ. spin-out)	Early
8	Cubec.inc Development and sales of healthcare / medical AI (National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center spin-out)	Early
9	Integrated Health Science inc. Development of Health Function® and provision of health solutions (Health Function Subcommittee)	Early
10	Holobio Inc. Innovative aquaculture technology leveraging functional gut bacteria (Kyoto Univ. spin-out)	Early