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Kyoto Robotics Corporation

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Kyoto Robotics Corporation Received ¥800 Million in Capital from Three Investors, Including Mirai Creation Fund II

Accelerating marketing activities as well as R&D

Kyoto Robotics Corporation (President Gang Xu, "Kyoto Robotics"), intelligence picking robots manufacturer and seller, today announced that it has raised 800 million yen in capital from three investors, including Mirai Creation Fund II (two), operated by SPARX Group (CEO Shuhei Abe, "SPARX"). In May 2016, SPARX, through Mirai Creation Fund I (one), invested in Kyoto Robotics' predecessor, 3D MEDIA Company Ltd., liaising with Innovation Network Corporation of Japan and Mitsubishi UFJ Capital, and this is our second investment. With this finance, Kyoto Robotics intends to accelerate its marketing activities, as well as its research and development.

■ Overview of Kyoto Robotics

Kyoto Robotics, in April 2017, began developing and marketing intelligent picking robots for the logistics industry, while also operating a 3D robot vision sensor business for general factory automation (FA). On January 1, 2018, the firm changed its name from 3D MEDiA to clarify its position as a robotics company. On February 1, it established an additional head office in Tokyo to complement its HQ in Shiga Prefecture, allowing it to expand its business in the nation's capital. In October, Kyoto Robotics entered a capital partnership with YOODS, which is developing a small, lightweight 3D camera for installation in robotic arms. This partnership is accelerating the provision of 3D robotic vision and intelligent picking robot solutions for logistics and FA applications. Furthermore, in 1st half of 2019, the company will establish joint venture company in China and start business there.

■ Overview of Mirai Creation Fund I (one) and Mirai Creation Fund II (two)

Mirai Creation Fund I (one) targets investment in enterprises and projects that possess innovative technologies in the core three areas of Intelligent Technology (e.g. artificial intelligence), robotics, and technologies for a hydrogen-powered society. It began its operations in November 2015 with SPARX as an operator, with investment of 13.5 billion yen by Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and SPARX. Actually, 20 companies have invested in the Fund. The Fund has been investing in about 50 companies, in US, UK, Israel, Singapore and Japan. (https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/). In the second half of 2018, SPARX started operations of investments, with Mirai Creation Fund II (two). In addition to the three categories of that Fund I focused on, the Mirai Creation Fund II mandate also includes electrification and new materials. Combining Mirai Creation Fund I and Fund II, AUM reaches 92.5 billion yen, at the end of December, 2018.

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