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### **Mirai Creation Fund Holds Its First Mirai Creation Summit**

—LP investors, portfolio companies, academic advisors, and SPARX come together for a four-way discussion on Japan’s future—

TOKYO—June 13, 2024—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced that its subsidiary and Mirai Creation Funds manager, SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd., hosted the Mirai Creation Summit on May 29, 2024. This conference was meant to contribute to developing the venture capital ecosystem in Japan. More than 200 LP investors, portfolio companies, and academic advisors connected to the Mirai Creation Funds attended this first-ever summit. The event included screening a video titled “Mirai Creation: A Retrospective,” a panel discussion on generative AI and the future of Japanese industry, elevator pitches from several companies, and exhibition booths with detailed presentations to promote further discussion and exchange among attendees. SPARX plans to hold the summit again next year, creating an annual event that contributes to growing Japan’s venture capital ecosystem.

- Visit the following URL for more information on the Mirai Creation Summit (Japanese version only)  
<https://www.sparx.co.jp/news/detail/1468.html>
- The Mirai Creation Funds also cultivate the next generation of entrepreneurs (Japanese version only)  
<https://www.sparx.co.jp/news/detail/1287.html>

#### ■ Mirai Creation Funds I, II, and III Summaries

The Mirai Creation Fund I began operations in November 2015 with financing of JPY 13.5 billion from three companies: Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and SPARX, the Fund’s general partner. Ultimately, the Fund received contributions from 20 companies, including the above three. Casting intelligent technologies, robotics, and hydrogen-economy technologies as vital to the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects—from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan—that possess innovations in these fields. In H2 2018, SPARX began managing the Mirai Creation Fund II, which targets the three existing Mirai Creation fields along with the two additional areas of electrification and new materials. In October 2021, SPARX launched the Mirai Creation Fund III with SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of SPARX, acting as its fund manager, adding carbon neutrality to the five fields of the Mirai Creation Fund II. As of May 31, 2024, the combined AUM for Funds I, II, and III were JPY 115.4billion.

Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: <https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/investment/>

- This press release is not intended to solicit investments. Its sole purpose is to promote understanding of the SPARX Group’s activities and provide information on its companies’ businesses.
- We enthusiastically accept interviews from media outlets to discuss Mirai Creation Funds.

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