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The Second Entrepreneurship Training Course at Sophia University Has Been Closed.
Up-to JPY 10 Million Funding Provided to Five Successful Applicants to Help Them Refine and Realize Their Business Ideas

TOKYO—February 3, 2025—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced the closing of its Entrepreneurship Training Course at Tokyo-based Sophia University, which began in October 2024.

The course was hosted by the Sophia Future Design Platform Promotion Office at Sophia University from October to December 2024. SPARX planned and ran the 10-session program for all undergraduate students at Sophia University who wished to participate. There were more sessions for this second course than the first run of the program in the previous academic year, allowing students to learn the basics of entrepreneurship and business systematically.

Participants gained a deeper understanding of the basics of investment, finance, and marketing while having opportunities for dialogue with entrepreneurs (external lecturers) and hands-on experiences in turning entrepreneurial ideas into reality, such as drafting business plans and sales strategies. In the final session, students had a chance to present their business ideas. SPARX selected five of those that were particularly attractive.

The students behind these five ideas are scheduled to receive funding of up to JPY 10 million from SPARX to help them refine and realize their business ideas, aiming toward commercialization.

SPARX has prepared a practical program for students who have completed this course, and we will continue to work with Sophia University to help develop entrepreneurs.

Visit the following URL for a detailed course report on the website of SPARX subsidiary, SPARX Asset Management. (Japanese version only)
https://www.sparx.co.jp/news/detail/2313.html

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