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Launching the Fourth Entrepreneurship Training Course at Sophia University

A six-session practical program to cultivate entrepreneurial spirit
in collaboration with the SEN initiative

TOKYO—October 29, 2026—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced the launch of its fourth Entrepreneurship Training Course as a collaborative course under the Sophia Entrepreneurship Network (SEN) initiative promoted by Sophia University (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Miki Sugimura).

This year, the course will again be offered as a medium-length program consisting of six sessions, enabling motivated students to learn the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and business over a short period. Open to students regardless of whether they intend to start a business, their faculty, or their academic year, the practical program is designed to encourage students who wish to take on challenges aimed at solving social issues.

SPARX venture investment professionals will serve as instructors and mentors, guiding students through a comprehensive curriculum covering the mindset required for entrepreneurship, business model analysis, case studies, financial fundamentals, and methods for approaching investors through pitching. This year, Keito Nakao, Representative Director, Co-CEO and CTO of New Innovations Inc., and Shingo Ito, CEO of Medeta Inc., both from startups in which SPARX has invested, will also participate as guest speakers. Students will have the opportunity to hear directly from entrepreneurs working at the forefront about the realities of starting a business and to gain practical insights.

As a new initiative this year, SPARX has expanded its practical support for students who achieve outstanding results in the final presentation (pitch). The first-place student will receive JPY 100,000 in research funding and six months of mentoring, while the second-place student will receive JPY 50,000 in research funding and six months of mentoring, helping them further develop their business ideas.

■ Course Outline

Title:	Entrepreneurship Training Course (fourth run)
Dates:	October–December 2026 (six sessions)
Eligibility:	Sophia University undergraduate students (open to students in all faculties and academic years)

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Details: (Tentative)	Session 1: Mindset Entrepreneurial spirit; self-analysis and values clarification; vision-mission-values Session 2: Business Perspective Business model analysis using familiar examples; market research; building competitive advantage Session 3: Case Studies Business lessons from successful and unsuccessful cases Session 4: Financial Fundamentals How to read financial statements; earnings planning; capital efficiency and cash flow; share prices Session 5: How to Build a Pitch Pitching and approaches to investors Session 6: Final Presentation Final pitches by participating students who wish to present

Support for Top Performers in the Final Presentation
• First place: JPY 100,000 in research funding + six months of mentoring
• Second place: JPY 50,000 in research funding + six months of mentoring

This course forms part of SPARX's efforts to support the development of entrepreneurial talent who will shape the future. Through collaboration with Sophia University's SEN initiative, the program aims to help students cultivate an entrepreneurial spirit and grow into globally competitive business professionals.

■ Related Press Releases

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