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**SPARX's Space Frontier Fund Invests in IDDK,
a Provider of Space Bio-Experiment Services using Micro Imaging Devices**

—Aiming to expand the market for space bio-experiments
by leveraging lightweight and compact microscopic observations—

TOKYO—December 4, 2023—SPARX Innovation for the Future (SIF)—a subsidiary of SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739)—today announced that its Space Frontier Fund, operating since June 2020, has invested in IDDK Co., Ltd. (IDDK), a provider of space bio-experiment services using micro imaging devices (MIDs). IDDK plans to use this round of raised capital to develop its next-generation MIDs and bolster its corporate systems.

Portfolio Company Profile

IDDK develops space experiment equipment that utilizes its core MID technology. It provides services for space bio-experiments in low Earth orbit (LEO) on the International Space Station (ISS) and satellites. Leveraging the micro observation technology that can be used “anytime, anywhere, by anyone,” IDDK offers its services to new clients that have struggled with bio-experiments in microgravity environments. With an eye on the post-ISS era, the firm aims to develop its new client pipeline and expand the market for bio-experiments in the microgravity of space in collaboration with commercial space station and satellite developers.

For more details on IDDK, visit <https://iddk.co.jp/>.

Space Frontier Fund Overview

The Space Frontier Fund primarily seeks to support human resources and technology development in space-related industries, to foster Japanese space companies that are competitive on the world stage, and to contribute to technological innovation throughout Japan. Under SIF as its manager, the Fund began operations in June 2020 with an initial investment of JPY 9.2 billion from Toyota Motor Corporation, Mitsubishi UFJ Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Mizuho Bank, and others.

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