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## **Mirai Creation Fund Executes an Investment in giftee Platform Company for e-Gift Service**

—Allocating business tie-up projects and developing services for its overseas expansion—

Tokyo (April 2, 2018) –Today, SPARX Group Co., Ltd. ("SPARX") announced that Mirai Creation Investment Limited Partnership ("Fund") has executed a new investment (the amount is not disclosed) in giftee Inc. ("giftee"), an e-gift service operator. Using this capital, with partners, including fund subscribers, giftee will undertake partnerships new joint development and business tie-up initiatives, while also organizing its business structure and developing services for its overseas expansion.

### ■ Overview of Investment

giftee aims to create a cultural habit of freely sending gifts as a way to express everyday feelings of gratitude. To achieve this goal, the firm is working to make its digital gift services available to even more people and to expand these services. giftee's eponymous casual gift service has more than 910,000 registered users (as of March 31, 2018), and it continues to grow its user base as the number one casual gift service in Japan. Through its lineup of products at more than 33,000 stores in Japan, giftee allows users to choose a gift to fit any occasion from among products for coffee shops, convenience stores, and restaurants. The average sale price for the company's gifts is roughly ¥600. The firm has a wide selection of reasonably priced gifts —easily sent via LINE or email—that will not put a burden on gift receivers. In addition, in May 2016, giftee launched its Welcome! Stamp service, a solution for community-based digital currencies. (Excerpt from Corporate information, including giftee's website, <https://giftee.co.jp>)

### ■ Overview of the Fund

The Fund targets investment in enterprises and projects that possess innovative technologies in the core fields of AI, robotics, technologies to enable a hydrogen-based society, as well as other related projects. The Fund 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. At the end of December 2017, 20 companies have invested in the Fund and AUM reached 36.7 billion yen. The Fund has been investing in about 40 companies, in US, UK, Israel and Japan. (<https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/>)

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## Examples of Invested Companies by Mirai Creation Fund (at the end of December 2017)

Category	Company Name	Features
AI	Xevo Inc. (Prev. UIEvolution, Inc.)	Develops middle ware smoothly accessible UX (user experience) from vehicles, hotels and luxury liner.
AI	Getaround	A venture develops car sharing system "The Airbnb for car rental" Establishes a strategic relationship in Toyota "connected vehicle" project.
AI	freee, K.K.	The Japan's leading market share company in the area of cloud accounting and payroll software.
AI	FiNC Inc.	A digital health company providing personalized health and wellness recommendations to individuals via a combination of healthcare experts and AI, based on various data including genetic tests, medical diagnostics and lifestyle habits.
AI	aptpod, Inc.	Bi-directional cloud system provider, applicable to autonomous driving.
AI	Guardian Optical Technologies Ltd.	Accelerates its R&D efforts and aims to enable car manufacturers with more advanced safety systems by offering rich data regarding the occupants in the vehicle.
AI	Autotalks Ltd.	Prepares and expands its operations for the upcoming start of mass productions of the chipsets as well as continues to develop communication solutions for both connected and autonomous cars.
AI	Japan Taxi Co., Ltd	Adds new functions, such as "pre-fixed tariff" and "ride together system" to the app and aims to triple its market share from current 22% to 60% by the year of 2022 in the taxi distribution network, thereby making it a "national taxi app."
AI	Sansan, Inc.	Accelerates the spread of Eight, Japan's biggest business network based on business cards, within Japan and internationally, while aiming to become Asia's number one business platform.
AI	Fly Data Inc.	Aims to be a total solution provider for data applications by offering solutions in the industry IoT and AI sectors in addition to its data integration solutions.
Robotics	GROOVE X	Aims to create a global standardized home robot by utilizing experiences via developing Pepper .
Robotics	Kymeta Corporation	Technology of satellite antenna which will realize high data capacity and high-bandwidth connected mobility.
Robotics	3D MEDiA Co., Ltd.	Contributing to industrial robots' intelligence by providing function of eye and brain.
Robotics	WHILL Inc.	Develops, produces and sells high end e-wheelchairs complex of hardware and software.
Robotics	MJI Inc.	Develops communication robots, "Tapia", which provide not only convenient but also joyful and exciting life.
Robotics	Magellan Systems Japan, Inc.	R&D on base technologies for self-driving with envisaging the launch of Japanese GPS service.
Robotics	Exvision Corporation	Enhances technology development for its High Speed Vision Development Platform and deepens the penetration of its application system portfolio via expanded global sales and marketing efforts.
Robotics	RT Corporation	By utilizing deep learning, aims to develop the prototyping of next generation multi articulated robot with artificial intelligence, which can pick up not solid item, like food stuff in the food production factory. In addition, hiring new talents to strengthen the fundamentals of its growth.
Robotics	Realtime Robotics Inc.,	Accelerates R&D efforts on its proprietary motion planning processor architecture, which enables robotic systems to calculate paths to avoid obstacles and determine optimized routes at a much faster speed, with less power consumption and a much lower cost. Also it aims to accelerate its growth by applying this technology in collaboration with big global players in industrial robots and autonomous car industries.
Robotics	iQPS Inc.	Aims to build cutting-edge social infrastructure through which "earth observation is instantly available at any time" by launching many small SAR satellites.
Robotics	Intuition Robotics, Inc.	Its multidisciplinary team of roboticists, industrial designers, full stack developers, android developers, gerontologists, and machine learning experts, are currently developing ELLIQ, the active Aging Companion.
Robotics	Meltin MMI	Successfully reproduced fine finger movements using its proprietary bio signal processing and robotic mechanism control technologies. The technologies developed by it are promised a wide range of applicants, starting in the medical and nursing care fields.
Hydrogen	Exergy Power System Co., Ltd.	Has unique technology on hybrid-hydrogen batteries and hydrogen production.