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“Gensentoshi” won The First Prize of “R&I Fund Award 2018”

Investment Trusts / 10-year Category : Based on the 10 years Quantitative Evaluation Ranking

Tokyo (April 23, 2018) – SPARX Group Co., Ltd. is honored to announce that SPARX NEW GLOBAL BLUE CHIP JAPANESE EQUITY FUND (“Gensentoshi”), launched and managed by SPARX Asset management Co., Ltd. (President and CEO: Shuhei Abe) a subsidiary of the SPARX Group Co., Ltd. won The First Prize of R&I Fund Award 2018 in Investment Trusts / 10-year Category / Japanese Equity Fund by Rating and Investment Information, Inc.. SPARX Asset management won The Second Prize in Investment Trusts / Aggregate Category / Japanese Equity Fund Aggregate.

**Investment Trusts / 10-year Category / Japanese Equity Fund
The First Prize**

SPARX NEW GLOBAL BLUE CHIP JAPANESE EQUITY FUND
 (“Gensentoshi”)

**Investment Trusts / Aggregate Category /
Japanese Equity Fund Aggregate
The Second Prize**

SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.

According to R&I, “Investment Trusts / 10-year Category”, ranked the top 75% of the annual quantitative evaluation for three consecutive years based on the actual performance data for each year ending in March 2016, 2017 and 2018, and ranked quantitative evaluation for the five-year period ending in March 2013 and 2018. Based on these elements, Winners are selected according to the ranking quantitative evaluation for the ten-year period ending in March 2018.

Encouraged further by this prize, all members at the SPARX Group remain dedicated to improve our investment capabilities, product offerings and client service activities, such that more and more investors come to recognize **SPARX as a leading Japanese and Asian Equity investment manager.**

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