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Mirai Creation Fund II Invests in Diptab Ventures, an India-Based Last Mile Logistics Technology Platform "Lets Transport"

—Using technology to solve last mile logistics problems in India—

TOKYO—July 8, 2019—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE1: 8739) today announced that its Mirai Creation Fund—established in November 2015—has invested in Diptab Ventures Private Limited(DV), a tech-enabled provider of last-mile logistics services in India.

DV intends to use this round of fundraising to expand its service availability to more cities and to develop new businesses.

Portfolio Company Outline

DV was founded in April 2015 by classmates of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur. Through his work experience in a major consumer packaged goods (CPG) firm, CEO Pushkar Singh noticed that Indian logistics—especially last mile delivery—was extremely inefficient, so he founded the company to resolve this issue using technology.

In India, the logistics infrastructure has not yet caught up to the rapid economic growth, and there are few organized last mile logistics providers.Lets Transport which is a logistics service provided by DV, offers highly efficient, low-cost delivery services using technology.

Its services are currently available in nine cities, and its sales have more than doubled in the past year.

Mirai Creation Fund I and Mirai Creation Fund II Summaries

The Mirai Creation Fund I began operations in November 2015 with financing from three companies: Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and SPARX, the Fund's manager. Ultimately, the Fund received contributions from 20 companies, including the above three. Seeing intelligent technologies, robotics, and hydrogen-economy technologies as core technologies of the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan that possess innovative technologies in these fields. In H2 2018, SPARX began managing the Mirai Creation Fund II, which targets the three existing Mirai Creation fields along with the two additional areas of electrification and new materials. As of Jun 30, 2019, the combined AUM for Fund I and Fund II is ¥109.3 billion.

Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/investment/

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