Embark Business into Japan and Abroad!

Keihanna Global Acceleration Program Plus

KGAP+

- Launched in 2019 by ATR that takes initiative to boost ecosystem in Keihanna Science City where is a PoC-friendly city in Kyoto, Japan.
- Provide hands-on support to startups in securing partners to expand business in the Japanese market according to startups’ needs.
- Supported 107 startup companies from 13 countries.
- **74% of the companies in Batch 1 - 7 succeeded** in finding partner(s) that are positive for PoC/pilot test and collaboration.
- 71 professionals from Japan and abroad engaged as mentor, coordinator and management.
- Criteria is having PoC level-product/service and motivation to expand business not only to Japan but abroad.
- **Can apply through global partners:** JETRO (Japan External Trade. Organization), Barcelona Activa, Israel Innovation Authority, Entrepreneurs Roundtable Accelerator in NYC, The National Research Council of Canada, Confederation of Indian Industry, NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) in India, Invest in Bavaria, Catalonia Trade & Investment Office – ACCIÓ (Tokyo Office), Startup Terrace Kaohsiung in Taiwan, InnovationRCA (Royal Collage of Arts in UK), as well as other innovation-driven organizations around the world.
- KGAP+ collaborates with the Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo – Kobe Consortium which is selected a **Global Startup City under the Japanese Cabinet Office.**

**BATCH 9 - 2023 Summer - Online**

**PRE-SCREENING**
- Review applications sent by partnered organizations in the world
- Close applications 4 weeks before Local Challenge

**SELECTION - LOCAL CHALLENGE (March - April)**
- Pitch events to select participants
- Held for each of partnering regions
- 5-10 startups per region

**FIND PARTNERS (June 13 to DEMO DAY)**
- Unveiling pitch event
- Mentoring
- B2B meetings
- Intermediate pitch events in collaboration with local innovation key players

**DEMO DAY (October 5 TBD)**
- Showcase achievements to seek more partners
- Select some to participate in Special Program to expand business to an overseas partnered region

**PARTNERS**

- Barcelona Activa
- National Research Council Canada
- Entrepreneurs' Roundtable Accelerator
- NASSCOM
- The Kansai Israel Business Promotion Consortium
- Government of Canada
- Gouvernement du Canada
- Québec
- Invest Alberta.ca
- Saskatchewan
- Ontario
- National Research Council of Canada
- Confederation of Indian Industry
- The National Research Council of Canada
- National Association of Software and Services Companies
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