

Press Release

July 29, 2020

Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR)
Public Foundation of Kansai Research Institute

**Online Event Connecting Keihanna Science City and Global Innovation Hubs Held
-Supporting Startups Around the World Challenging for Innovation under Post-COVID-19 Era-**

Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR), together with the global innovation hubs that have built partnerships through the Keihanna Research Complex project(Keihanna RC), **held an online event “KGAP+ DAY -Meet Startups Around the World!-” on July 29, where startups from Japan and abroad participated by relaying with our innovation partners around the world.**

“KGAP+ (Keihanna Global Acceleration Program Plus)” is a startups-supporting program launched in 2019 by ATR, who boosts global collaboration, business development support, and innovation hub development under the Keihanna RC Project. Japanese and overseas startups selected by each of our global innovation partners strive for PoC or pilot testing of their products/services with Japanese major companies. During a 3-months-program, ATR, along with cooperating organizations and mentors, supports startups by utilizing the PoC-friendly feature of the Keihanna Science City, matching for collaboration, mentoring, and conducting seminars.

Prior to the regular KGAP+ program in 2020, ATR held a total of 7 online events “KGAP+ Special Edition -Take Initiative after COVID-19 with Key Players and Startups in Worldwide Innovation Bases-” in cooperation with global innovation hubs, where ATR and key persons in each region shared the social and economic impact/changes caused by COVID-19, and startups challenging to take quick actions for innovations under the pandemic gave their business presentations.

“KGAP+ DAY -Meet Startups Around the World!-” is the finale of the series of events and opening of the regular program Batch3, and startups appointed through the Special Edition series gave their presentations from Japan, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Israel, and Barcelona. Expanding from the participation of 19 companies/5 countries in Batch 1 and 2, ATR this time supports 16 startups including a new region from India and Hong Kong, who work on collaborations with Japanese major companies.



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■ Online Event “KGAP+ DAY -Meet Startups Around the World!-” Outline

- Date/Time: July 29, 2020 9:30-17:30
- Program
 - 9:30 – 10:15 Opening Remarks, Canada Session
 - 11:00 – 12:00 Presentation about KGAP+, Japan Session
 - 13:00 – 13:50 Talk
 - 14:30 – 15:30 Hong Kong & India Session
 - 16:30 – 17:30 Israel & Barcelona Session, Closing Remarks
- Details of program/participants: <https://keihanna-rc.jp/events/event/kgapday200729/>

■ Participating Companies in KGAP+ (Keihanna Global Acceleration Program Plus)

- The 3rd Batch (July 28 - Oct. 28, 2020)
Pegara, Inc.(USA/Japan), Amegumi Inc. (Japan), Cross Edge Lab Co., Ltd. (Japan), AI Samurai Inc.(Japan), Mira Robotics, Inc.(Japan), AdInte co.,ltd.(Japan), Bluink Ltd. (Canada), OVA inc. (Canada), Deeplite (Canada), Seaerra Vision Ltd (Israel), OutSense Diagnostics Ltd. (Israel), Bigthink Software Pvt. Ltd. (India), Ethereal Machines Pvt. Ltd. (India), Film Players Limited (Hong Kong), Customindz Limited (Hong Kong), Shotl(Barcelona, Spain)
- The 2nd Batch (Sep. 30 – Dec. 17, 2019)
3 (Japan), 3 (Israel), 2 (USA), 2 (Canada. Continued from 1st Batch), 1 (Spain)
- The 1st Batch (July 22 – Oct. 4, 2019)
5 (Japan), 1 (Israel), 1 (USA), 1 (Spain), 2 (Canada)

■ Keihanna Research Complex project (Keihanna RC)

Keihanna Research Complex project, called Keihanna RC, is promoted by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). From October 2016 to March 2020, Keihanna RC supported the construction of a mechanism producing continuous scientific and technological innovations in the regions where universities, research institutes and companies are strategically integrated. 47 organizations in the Keihanna Science City have participated in the project and collaborated with other large enterprises, SMEs, startups, and local residents in the pursuit of world-class innovations and creation of a global innovation ecosystem. In June 2020, Keihanna Research Complex promotion committee (secretariat: Public Foundation of Kansai Research Institute) was established, carrying on the past achievements and continuing to develop innovation platform that is unique to Keihanna.

URL: <https://keihanna-rc.jp/>

■ **Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR)**

Location: 2-2-2 Hikoridai Seika-cho, Sorakugun, Kyoto, Japan (Keihanna Science City)

Overview: Aiming to promote innovations and contribute to regional revitalization, ATR pursues world-leading, brilliant research achievements in computational neuroscience, deep interaction science, wireless communications, and life science as well as business developments, in collaboration between industry, academia and government.

URL: <https://www.atr.jp/>

■ **Public Foundation of Kansai Research Institute (KRI)**

Location: Keihanna Plaza, Laboratory Building. 3F, 1-7 Hikoridai Seika-cho, Sorakugun, Kyoto, Japan

Overview: KRI is a public corporation established for the purpose of promoting construction of the science city and communication among residents, researchers, and companies there.

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