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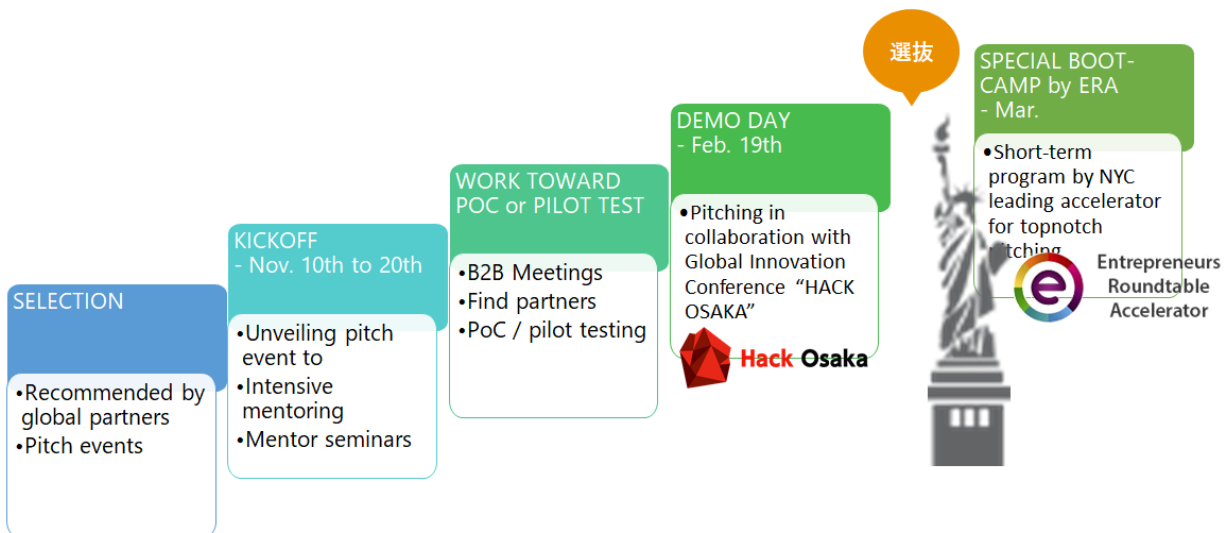
**A Global Acceleration Program “KGAP+” Holds its Batch 4 Result-Reporting Event
-Startups challenging to collaborate with major Japanese enterprises
by their innovative & advanced technologies & services-**

Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR), and Keihanna Research Complex (secretariat: Public Foundation of Kansai Research Institute) **will hold an online event “KGAP+ DAY - Batch 4 DEMO DAY-” on February 19, relaying from around the world.**

“KGAP+” 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.

The Batch 4 program started on November 10, 2020, with 13 companies from 6 countries: Japan, Israel, India, USA, Canada, and Finland. While the entire program was conducted online, the participating startups have refined their business models for the Japanese market, actively held online meetings with potential Japanese partners, and started to work for PoCs or pilot tests. Through the program, they were able to learn and get a chance to expand their business into Japan.

At this event, in addition to startups sharing their achievements, winners of Batch 3 and Global Business Matching Award from “The 11th Business Creation Contest” by Shinagawa Business Club will also join and give their presentations to introduce innovative and advanced technologies and services.



KGAP+ Batch 4 Schedule

■ Overview of “KGAP+ DAY - Batch 4 DEMO-DAY -”

- Date and Time: 19th February 2021, 10:00 - 17:50
- Program:

Session 1

- 10:00 - 10:10 Opening remarks, Greetings from Mr. Noboru Aoki, Director-General, International Affairs Department, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry Trade Department
- 10:10 - 10:35 Presentation about “KGAP+”, Talk “New York City Ecosystem”
- 10:35 - 11:50 Pitch by startups (Canada, USA, Japan)

(11:50 - 16:00 Break)

Session 2

- 16:00 - 16:25 Presentation about “KGAP+”, Talk “New York City Ecosystem”
- 16:25 - 17:40 Pitch by startups (India, Israel, Finland)
- 17:40 - 17:50 Greetings from Mr. Hiroyuki Nemoto, Director-General, JETRO Osaka Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Closing remarks

- Program & participating companies: <https://keihanna-rc.jp/en/events/event/kgapday210219/>
- This event will be held in collaboration with Global Innovation Conference “Hack Osaka”. It is implemented with Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City, Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City, Hyogo Prefecture, Kobe City as Regional Business Conference (RBC) Program supported by JETRO and Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry.

■ Participating Companies of “KGAP+ (Keihanna Global Acceleration Program Plus)”

- Batch 4 (Nov. 10, 2020 - Feb. 19, 2021):
hyperia Corp. (Tokyo, Japan), KYOTO’S 3D STUDIO Inc. (Kyoto, Japan), Lapain. (Hyogo, Japan), Altumview Systems Inc. (Canada), Audio Cardio (USA), REDROCK BIOMETRICS (USA), Synersense Private Limited (India), KBCols Sciences Pvt. Ltd. (India), CASTOR technologies (Israel), Hailo Technologies Ltd. (Israel), DiA Imaging Analysis (Israel), Rail Vision LTD. (Israel), Sensible 4 (Finland)
- Batch 3 (Jul. 28 - Oct. 28, 2020):
6 (Japan), 3 (Canada), 2 (Israel), 2 (India), 2 (Hong Kong), 1 (Spain)
- Batch 2 (Sep. 30 – Dec. 17, 2019):
3 (Japan), 3 (Israel), 2 (USA), 2 (Canada. Continued from Batch1), 1 (Spain)
- Batch 1 (Jul. 22 – Oct. 4, 2019):
5 (Japan), 1 (Israel), 1 (USA), 1 (Spain), 2 (Canada)

■ About Keihanna Research Complex project

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 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 Hikaridai Seika-cho, Sorakugun, Kyoto, Japan (Keihanna Science City)

President: Tohru Asami

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, Lab. Building. 3F, 1-7 Hikaridai Seika-cho, Sorakugun, Kyoto, Japan

Chairman: Atsushi Horiba (Vice-Chairman of Kansai Economic Federation)

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.

URL : <https://www.kri.or.jp/>

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