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Asian Entrepreneurship Award Announces 2015 Award Winners Cyfuse Biomedical K.K. of Japan Takes First Prize

Future Design Center, TX Entrepreneur Partners, Division of University Corporate Relations at the University of Tokyo, and Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd., held a global innovation showcase featuring Asian startups, Asian Entrepreneurship Award (AEA) 2015 from May 24 through 26, 2015.

AEA's fourth year saw ambitious 30 startup teams which passed their domestic selections from 12 countries and economies across Asia, and they gave impressive presentations to AEA judges at AEA's main event, AEA Business Pitching Competition. They competed for primacy in the following areas: uniqueness of innovative business model, economic and social impact potential, and feasibility of implementation.

With expanding the program this year, AEA 2015 hosted a number of Asian attendees at Kashiwa-no-ha Open Innovation Lab (KOIL) and the Kashiwa-no-ha Conference Center (KCC); the attendees are ambitious entrepreneurs, seasoned professional mentors, active venture capitalists, researchers of Asian premier academic institutions, business development professionals in private sectors, and students planning to start their own businesses.

The 30 startups accelerated their business ideas through productive discussions with AEA's seasoned mentors on Day 1. They also expanded their Asian networks to realize their global reach at the reception party held on the same day. On Day 2, they gave their great presentations to AEA's judges and audiences. After thorough discussion among judges, the 8 companies were selected as the finalists. In the Final round on Day 3, the 8 finalists brought their innovative ideas to the judges through their best presentations. After careful consideration, the judging panel announced the following award winners:

<http://www.fdc.or.jp/aea2015/en/>

Asian Entrepreneurship Award 2015 Winners

First Prize	Cyfuse Biomedical K.K.(Japan) Representative: Koji Kuchiishi (CEO) CyFuse develops a bio 3D printer, Regenova®, which is a state-of-the-art robotic system that can automatically fabricate three-dimensional artificial tissues/organs from living cells. Prize: 2 million yen and bonus prize
Second Prize	DynaOptics (Singapore) Representative: Chan Li Han (CEO) DynaOptics' technology allows an optical zoom camera module to fit inside the footprint of today's mobile phone. Prize: 700,000 yen and bonus prize
Third Prize	Soft Space Sdn Bhd.(Malaysia) Representative: Chang Chew Soon (Founder, Chief Executive Officer) Soft Space is a digital payments company. Prize: 500,000 yen and bonus prize
Japan New Business Conferences President's Prize	INNOVA NANO TECH (THAILAND) Co., Ltd.(Thailand) Representative: TANAUT SIRACHAITUS (Provider the Solution for wastewater treatment) Innova Nanotech(Thailand), is the flocculating agent producer. Prize: 300,000 yen

*Bonus prizes were free tenancy for two years at Kashiwa-no-ha Open Innovation Lab (KOIL) and Clip Nihonbashi, offices for startup companies operated by Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.

AEA is the platform of global innovation ecosystem where all attendees encounter the latest business ideas from Asian innovative startups. AEA is the hub for entrepreneurs, investors, public sectors, researchers, and business development professionals to forge new relations, to create new businesses, and to have innovative impact on global society.

Scenes from Asian Entrepreneurship Award 2015

Day 1: May 24 (Sun)

After the opening keynote speech by Dr. Kagami at the University of Tokyo and an instructive panel discussion by AEA nominating committee, Asian 30 startups improved their business ideas through mentoring sessions.



Panel discussion by nominating committee



Mentoring session

Day 2: May 25 (Mon)

An alumnus of AEA 2012 held a speech to the attendees, and premier investors brought innovative ideas to audiences through their panel discussions. In the afternoon, the AEA's judges selected 8 finalists among Asian 30 startups.



Investors panel discussion



Semifinal competition



Networking party

Day 3: May 26 (Tue)

Japan's policy maker, senior decision maker of a global company, and Japan's top incubator had the special speeches in the morning. The 8 finalists gave their best presentations to AEA's judges and the winners were announced at the reception held in the evening.



Final presentation



First prize winner
Cyfuse Biomedical K.K. receiving award



Group photo of AEA2015 winners