

Summary of the Press Conference

Date and time: Friday, September 25, 2026, 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Venue: TSE Hall

Speaker: Yamaji Hiromi, Director & Representative Executive Officer, Group CEO

Yamaji:

There is one item I would like to discuss.

Today, we have selected 23 companies as the 2026 Supported Companies of the TSE Asia Startup Hub. Of these, seven companies have been newly selected, while 16 companies have been re-selected.

The TSE Asia Startup Hub was launched in March 2024. Focusing on promising Asian companies with ties to Japan, it promotes business expansion in the Japanese market and partnerships with Japanese companies through the development of an ecosystem that supports startup growth, thereby supporting IPOs on TSE as one of the outcomes.

As a result of our efforts to date, some Supported Companies have formed new business partnerships with Japanese firms or established entities in Japan. In this way, the TSE Asia Startup Hub is working solidly as a platform that supports promising overseas startups in expanding their business and preparing for listing in Japan.

Today, seven additional companies from six countries/regions, namely the Republic of Korea, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong, and Mongolia, have been added, bringing the total to 23 companies across ten countries/regions.

This is the first time that companies from Thailand, Hong Kong, and Mongolia have been selected. The scope of both the regions and the companies encompassed by this initiative continues to expand steadily.

In addition, as many stakeholders have expressed their support for the purpose of this initiative, the number of partners and observers has grown from 15 domestic entities at its launch to 62 entities in Japan and overseas. In particular, 10 of the 22 venture capital firms participating in the initiative are based outside Japan.

The formation of an Asian startup ecosystem involving a broad range of public- and private-sector stakeholders is also progressing steadily.

Furthermore, the “Japan Growth Strategy” approved by the Cabinet in July 2026 includes a policy of providing support, in cooperation with TSE and others, for promising overseas startups from their entry into Japan through to their listing on TSE.

Going forward, TSE, together with its partners and observers, will continue to provide support tailored to the needs of the 23 Supported Companies, including business expansion and financing in Japan as well as IPO support.

That is all from me today.