

### ■ Osaka University (OU) Initiatives

- OU promotes pre-incubation activities for establishing academic startups and supports entrepreneurial activities that utilize research solutions through its Gap Fund.
- At OU, which promotes government-sponsored projects, Osaka University Venture Capital Co., Ltd. (OUVC), a wholly owned subsidiary, has provided support and investment to more than 30 startups over the past five years and has become a deep tech startup base.
- As a core program for developing innovative professionals, OU coordinates the Osaka University Innovators' Club, which supports student entrepreneurship activities and promotes entrepreneurship education.
- In collaboration with 21 private venture capital firms, the University has built a support network for pre-incubation activities.
- In cooperation with external organizations, such as NEDO and JETRO, OU promotes support for entrepreneurs and the overseas expansion of startups.

### ■ Facilities and Other Amenities Provided

- OU provides use of its on-campus incubation facilities (Office for Industry-University Co-Creation, TechnoAlliance Complex, etc.) to university-initiated startups and teachers, researchers, and students interested in launching a startup. Here, various forms of support for entrepreneurs, such as enabling head office registration, are implemented.

### ■ Strategies for the Future

- OU and OUVC provide the support know-how for establishing startups to other universities and research institutions in the Kansai region.
- OU and OUVC contribute to the enhancement of corporate value through transfer of the University's technological solutions via joint research and other efforts with startups in the Kansai region.
- Hold business contests and pitch competitions independently in cooperation with other organizations to help foster entrepreneurship in the Kansai region.
- Contribute to the establishment of an organic network with various institutions, including overseas research institutions, VBs, and VCs, by providing them with professional science communicators and coordinators.



Commercializing OU's research results to create an innovation ecosystem that further advances OU's research based on the feedback received from society

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