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Two Scientists Associated with Mirai Creation Fund Portfolio Companies Win Nobel Prizes

TOKYO—October 15, 2025—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced that two scientists affiliated with portfolio companies under the Mirai Creation Fund*—managed by SPARX subsidiary SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd.—have won Nobel Prizes for 2025.

The Mirai Creation Fund invests in companies and projects that utilize cutting-edge technologies and innovative business models, supporting value growth in these companies and projects wherever they are located worldwide.

■ Nobel Laureates and the Mirai Creation Fund Portfolio Companies

1. **Nobel Prize in Chemistry: Susumu Kitagawa, executive vice-president for research promotion at Kyoto University and distinguished professor at the Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study (KUIAS)**

Affiliated Company: Atomis Inc.

Dr. Kitagawa, a global pioneer in porous coordination polymer (PCP/MOF) technology, has made significant contributions to expanding its academic and industrial value. He serves as a scientific advisor to Atomis, which leverages his technology to develop innovative solutions utilizing gas adsorption and storage technology, advancing efforts toward realizing a carbon-neutral society.

2. **Nobel Prize in Physics: John M. Martinis, Emeritus Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara**

Affiliated Company: Nanofiber Quantum Technologies, Inc. (Nano QT)

Dr. Martinis is globally recognized for his research on fundamental quantum computing technologies and serves as an advisor to Nano QT, supporting its technological development. The company is developing quantum computer networking technologies, intending to commercialize quantum technology.

■ Comment from Takaki Demichi, Head of the Mirai Creation Fund:

"We are extremely pleased that two individuals associated with Mirai Creation portfolio companies have been awarded the Nobel Prize. We will continue to support startups to help bring such outstanding Nobel Prize-winning technologies to market as quickly as possible."

■ Mirai Creation Funds I, II, and III Summaries

The Mirai Creation Fund I began operations in November 2015 with financing of JPY 13.5 billion from three companies: Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and SPARX, the Fund's general partner. Ultimately, the Fund received contributions from 20 companies, including the above three. Casting intelligent technologies, robotics, and hydrogen-economy technologies as vital to the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects—from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan—that possess innovations in these fields. In H2 2018, SPARX began managing the Mirai Creation Fund II, which targets the three existing Mirai Creation fields along with the two additional areas of electrification and new materials. In October 2021, SPARX launched the Mirai Creation Fund III with SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of SPARX, acting as its fund manager, adding carbon neutrality to the five fields of the Mirai Creation Fund II. As of September 30, 2025, the combined AUM for Funds I, II, and III were JPY 104.4 billion.

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Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: <https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/investment/>

■ This announcement is intended solely to provide information regarding the business activities of our group companies, for the purpose of enhancing understanding of the operations of our corporate group. It does not constitute, and should not be construed as, a solicitation or offer to invest.

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