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SPARX Group Establishes the Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund II

—Investing in Japanese *monozukuri* (manufacturing)—

TOKYO—April 6, 2026—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) announced the establishment of the Japan Monozukuri Mirai II Investment Limited Partnership (the “Fund”), together with Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), MUFG Bank, Ltd., and Mizuho Bank, Ltd.

The Fund represents a follow-on initiative to the Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund, established in December 2020, and seeks to contribute to the sustainable development of Japan’s *monozukuri* (manufacturing) industry by investing in domestic *monozukuri* companies with exceptional talent, technologies, and services. In addition, by leveraging a broad network that includes its limited partners, the Fund will support portfolio companies in areas such as on-site operational and management improvements, execution of productivity enhancement measures, strengthening governance frameworks, and the formulation and implementation of business strategies.

The Fund commenced operations on April 3, 2026, with SPARX Asset Trust & Management Co., Ltd. serving as the general partner (GP) and receiving capital commitments from each limited partner (LP). Moreover, by the end of March 2027, the Fund aims to raise additional commitments from investors who share the Fund’s vision, with the ultimate goal of reaching a total fund size of JPY 50 billion.

Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund II Overview

Fund name	Japan Monozukuri Mirai II Investment Limited Partnership (the “Japan Monozukuri Mirai Fund II”)
Founding Principle	To contribute to the sustainable development of Japan’s manufacturing sector by investing in companies with outstanding

	talent, technologies, and services, and by supporting the enhancement of their enterprise value.
Investments	Japanese <i>monozukuri</i> companies with outstanding talent, technologies, and services (in principle, companies in the manufacturing sector)
Support to portfolio companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To leverage the financial and investment knowledge and expertise cultivated by SMBC, MUFG Bank, and Mizuho Bank • Support for on-site operational and management improvements, and assistance in the formulation and execution of business strategies and medium-term management plans, and other related initiatives
Investors	General Partner: SPARX Asset Trust & Management Co., Ltd. Limited Partners: Toyota, SMBC, MUFG Bank, and Mizuho Bank, SPARX Group Co., Ltd.
Fund size	JPY 40.7 billion (as of April 3, 2026)

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