

The Evolving Japanese Startup Ecosystem

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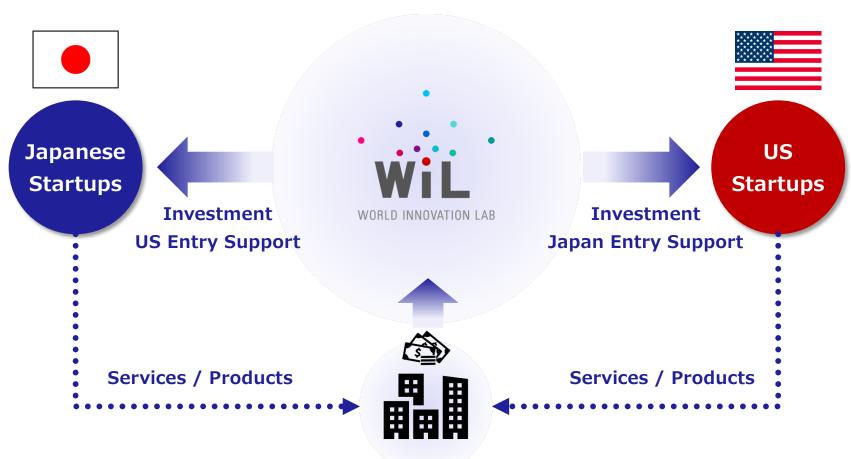


What is World Innovation Lab (WiL)?

Our Mission

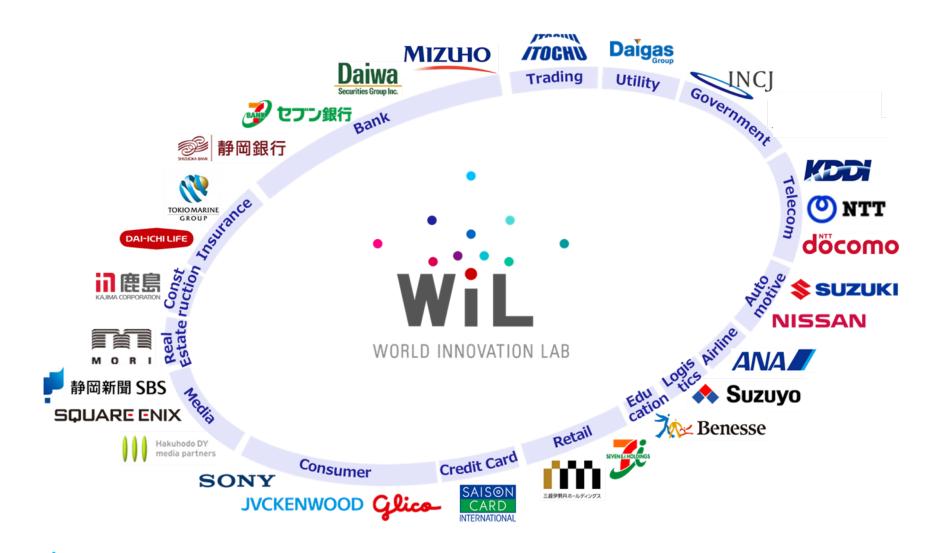


BRIDGE between the US and Japan & startups and corporates



WiL's LPs = Large Japanese Corporations

WiL's Capital Base – Backed by Large Japanese Corporates





How has the Japanese startup ecosystem evolved?

Japanese startups ecosystem: the last decade

1 Investments and exits

2 Entrepreneurs

2 Large corporates & government

The Japanese startup market size is only 1/40 of the US





1. Investments

Source: JVCA, Pitchbook

But growing 6x in the last 6 years

Startup investment in Japan #of companies \$M 4,500 1,800 1,631 1,619 1,608 3,848 4,000 1,600 1,386 3,500 1,400 3,145 1,179 1,368 3,000 1,200 1,060 2,500 1,000 2,231 1,852 2,000 800 1,419 1,500 600 826 1,000 400 638 500 200 0 0 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 Fund Raised ---# of Companies Source:JVCA

IPO exit for tech/internet startups

IPO Offering Size Ranking in Japan

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1					Sansan
2		LINE		Mercari	freee
3			Macromill		Medley
4					
5					Chatwork
6					
7				Raksul	JTOWER
8	Gunosy	imobile			BASE
9	Metaps	Akatsuki			
10					
11			Beaglee		Bushiroad
12	Itokuro			ACSL	
13					Gifty
14	Aming				
15					

US investors accelerate investment in Japanese startups



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Best talent entering startups

Large Corporations









Serial Entrepreneurs









Consulting / Investment Banks

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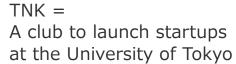
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New Grads from Top Schools











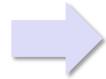


Some are inspired through working at top US IT firms

Previous Jobs

Startups Founded



















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Large corporations playing an increasing role



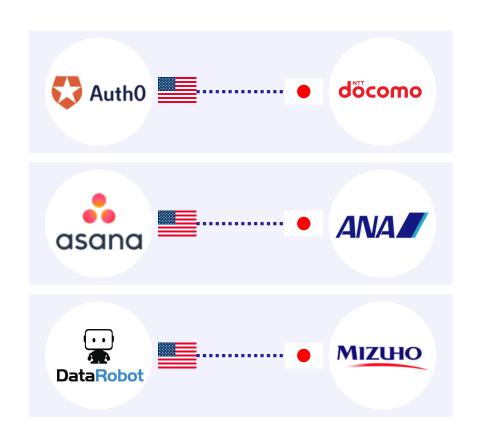
Large corporations as INVESTORS – 5x in 5 years

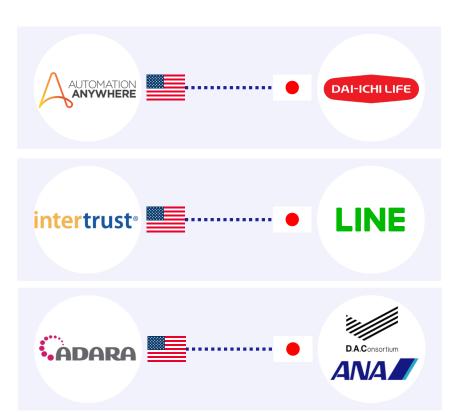
Startup investment by investor type \$M 4,481 4,500 4,000 3,751 **Investment by corporates** 3,500 **CAGR 38%** 3,000 2,507 1,551 2,305 2,500 1,798 2,000 1,500 1,181 621 1,000 1,615 1,217 1,125 500 753 718 525 0 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 VC ■ Financial Institution Oversea ■ Individual Others Corporates



Source : JVCA, entrepedia Japan Startup Finance

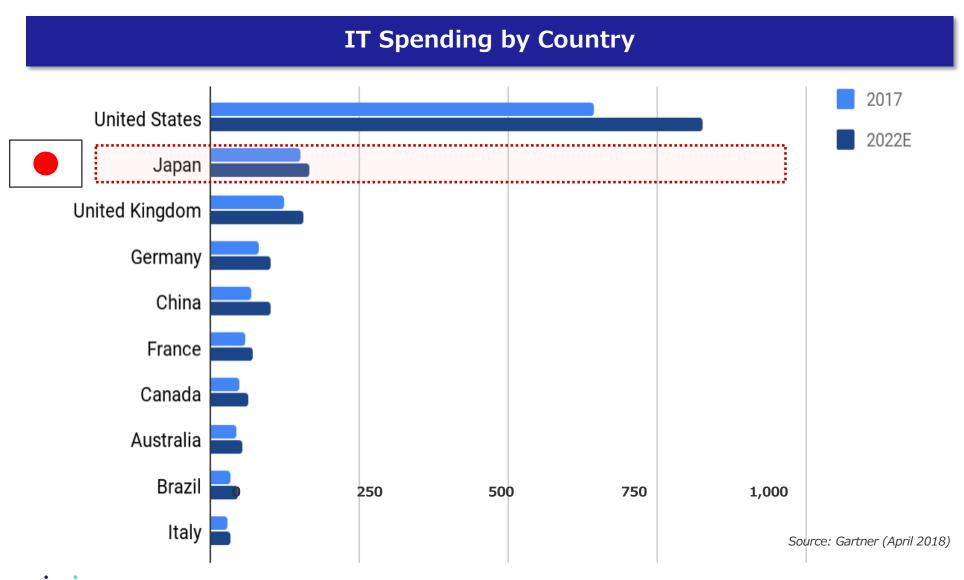
Large corporations as USERS of startup services







Japan as global #2 IT spending market

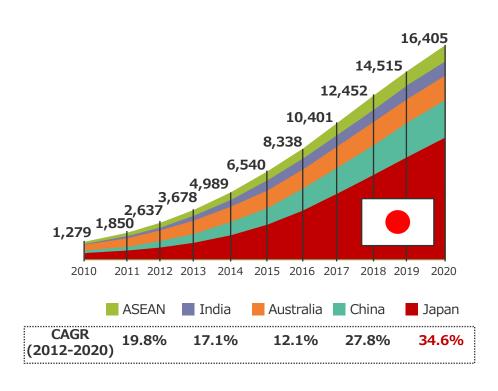


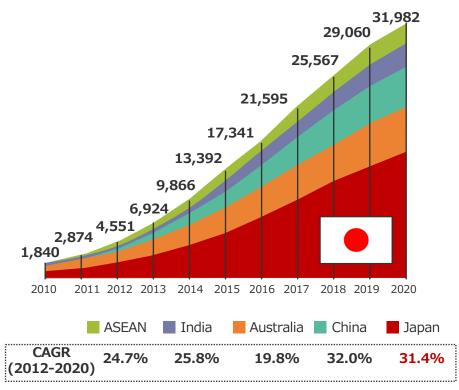
Japan as the largest SaaS and Cloud Market in Asia

Largest SaaS and Cloud Market in Asia

Asia Pacific SaaS Market Size (\$M)

Cloud Market Size (\$M)







Source: Forrester

Large corporations as CONTRIBUTOR of technology

Incubation/Spinout	JV Partners	
SORACOM	NTT docomo Ventures, Inc.	IoT communication platform spun off from NTT
Qrio	SONY	Smart Lock jointly incubated by Sony and WiL
ambie.	SONY	Earphones spun off from Sony
# G H E L I A	SONY	Deep learning AI developed by Sony, UEI and WiL
pring	MIZUHO metaps@	Mobile payment app jointly developed by Metaps and WiL
あなたとベットに安心の毎日を ペット手帳 ベット手帳をはじめました!	Hakuhodo DY media partners	Pet healthcare monitoring service spun off from Hakuhodo



Government initiatives paving the road for startups

Next Innovators Program "SIDO"







- Operated by
- 100+ people are selected for 5 month program from Aug to Dec; 20 will be awarded 10 day
- Final Demo Day held in Tokyo

workshop in Silicon Valley

J-Startup Program



Hosted by







- 49 startups selected in 2019
- Sponsors exibition at overseas events such as CES, Slush, etc.
- WiL CEO, Gen Isayama is one of the recommenders

