

Nomura SPARX Invests in ThinkCyte

Tokyo, November 28, 2023—Nomura SPARX Investment, Inc. (NSPI), a subsidiary of Nomura Holdings, Inc., today announced that an investment corporation managed by NSPI has acquired shares in ThinkCyte K.K. (ThinkCyte).

ThinkCyte is a biotechnology company established in 2016 to drive innovation and growth in life sciences and medicine based on advanced technologies developed by the University of Tokyo and Osaka University. The company focuses on the development of next-generation cell analysis and sorting platforms based on its proprietary image-based cell sorting system that uses a combination of proprietary advanced imaging, machine-learning techniques and microfluidics. The company aims to contribute to innovative treatments and diagnostics by enabling novel regenerative medicine, cell therapy, medical testing and drug discovery.

NSPI expects ThinkCyte to grow and play an important role in the future development of cell therapy, regenerative medicine, medical testing and drug discovery.

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Nomura SPARX Investment

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