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### **Shinsei Bank to Invest in “Kansai Science City ATR-Venture NVCC Investment Limited Partnership”**

Tokyo (Monday, February 23, 2015) --- Shinsei Bank, Limited (hereinafter “Shinsei Bank”; “the Bank”) announced today that it will make an equity investment in “Kansai Science City ATR-Venture NVCC Investment Limited Partnership” (hereinafter “Keihanna ATR Fund”), an investment fund established on February 10, 2015 by Nippon Venture Capital Co., Ltd. (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Shuichi Okuhara; hereinafter “NVCC”) along with Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (Seika-cho, Soraku-gun, Kyoto Prefecture; President: Yasuo Hirata; hereinafter “ATR”).

For the purpose of creating new business model mainly from research institutes, Keihanna ATR Fund will invest in venture companies established with ATR’s computational neuroscience, robots and wireless communications technologies as their core technology, as well as venture companies that utilize such technology. With a good track record in operating university venture funds, NVCC has made equity investment as a General Partner, while Shinsei Bank, together with Innovation Network Corporation of Japan (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President & CEO: Kimikazu Noumi) and other business and financial institutions, will invest as a Limited Partner.

ATR is one of the core research institutes in Kansai Science City. It has launched ground-breaking and original research in the information communication field based on industry-government-academic collaborations in Japan and overseas, while working on the commercialization of its technologies. In addition to its investment in Keihanna ATR Fund, Shinsei Bank will provide practical support to the Fund’s investees in cooperation with NVCC and other business and financial institutions investing in Keihanna ATR Fund in order to realize a new business creation model centered on a research institution and to support to generate fast-growing venture companies in ATR’s research areas.

As part of its institutional business strategy under the Second Medium-Term Management Plan, Shinsei Bank promotes business incubation that aims to cultivate new business areas and to support regional development. Our focus is on middle-market and small- and medium-sized enterprises that have a growth potential in their technology or business model as well as businesses that contribute to the revitalization of regional economies such as those in new business areas and which help reconstruction efforts from the Great East Japan Earthquakes. Shinsei Bank endeavors to support and nurture these growth industries by providing various solutions to their management challenges. Because of a high degree of compatibility between the purpose of the Keihanna ATR Fund and Shinsei Bank’s institutional business strategy, Shinsei Bank will proactively work on cultivating new business areas and supporting innovation creation through its investment in the Fund.

#### **[Outline of Keihanna ATR Fund]**

Name:	Kansai Science City ATR-Venture NVCC Investment Limited Partnership
Investment Target:	Venture companies and other businesses that use or are acknowledged by ATR as using the intellectual property owned by ATR.
General Partner:	Nippon Venture Capital Co., Ltd.
Limited Partners:	OMRON VENTURES Co., Ltd., The Bank of Kyoto, Ltd., KDDI Corporation, KOZO KEIKAKU ENGINEERING Inc., Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International, Innovation Network Corporation of Japan, SUNCALL CORPORATION, Shinsei Bank, Limited, Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd., among others
Established:	February 10, 2015
Commitment Amount:	Up to 5 billion yen
Establishment Period:	Until June 30, 2024

**[Outline of Nippon Venture Capital Co., Ltd. (NVCC)]**

Name: Nippon Venture Capital Co., Ltd.  
Representative: President Shuichi Okuhara  
Headquarters: Tokyo Head Office: 34<sup>th</sup> Floor, Marunouchi Building, 4-1 Marunouchi  
2-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
Western Japan Office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Koan-Nissay Building 2-20 Imabashi  
3-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, Osaka  
Established: February 1, 1996  
Paid-in Capital: 2,050 million yen

**[Outline of Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR)]**

Name: Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR)  
Representative: President Yasuo Hirata  
Headquarters: 2-2 Hikaridai 2-chome, Seika-cho, Soraku-gun, Kyoto Prefecture  
Established: March 22, 1986  
Paid-in capital: 100 million yen

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