

## The Evolving Japanese Startup Ecosystem

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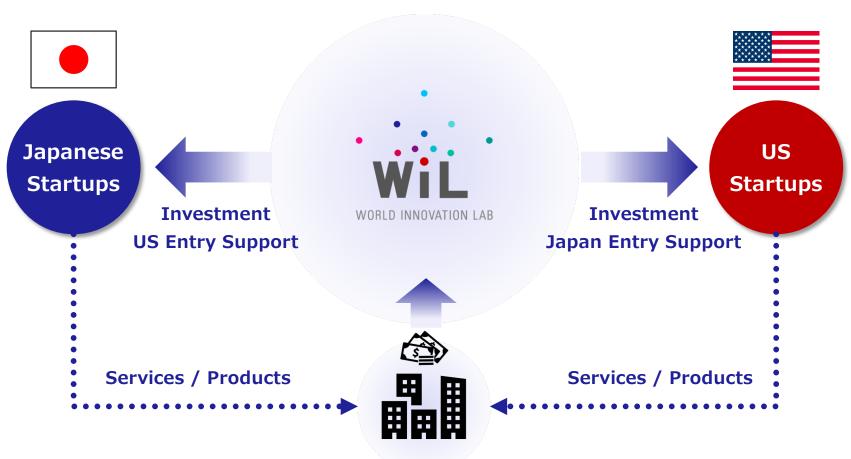


## What is World Innovation Lab (WiL)?

## **Our Mission**

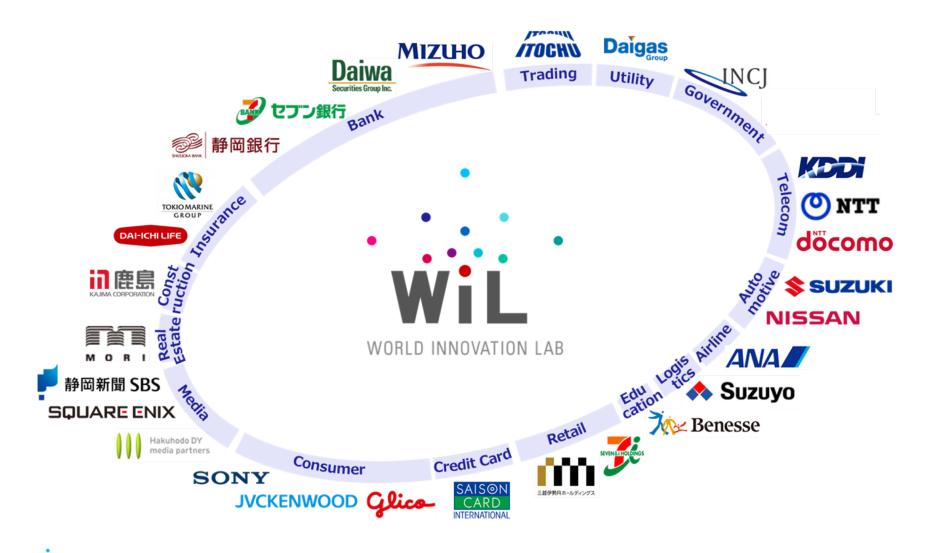


## BRIDGE between the US and Japan & startups and corporates



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





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



1. Investments

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## **Best talent entering startups**

#### **Large Corporations**









#### **Serial Entrepreneurs**









#### **Consulting / Investment Banks**

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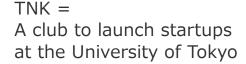
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#### **New Grads from Top Schools**









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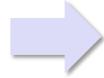


## Some are inspired through working at top US IT firms

**Previous Jobs** 

**Startups Founded** 



















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## Large corporations playing an increasing role



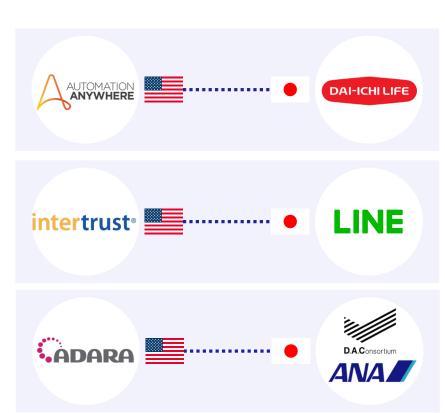
## Large corporations as INVESTORS – 5x in 5 years

#### **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

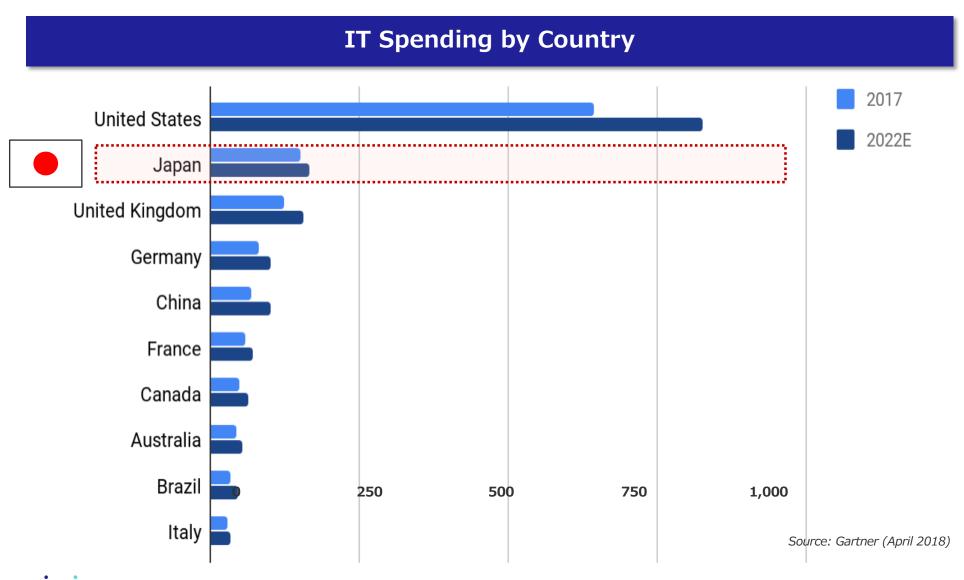


## Large corporations as USERS of startup services





## Japan as global #2 IT spending market

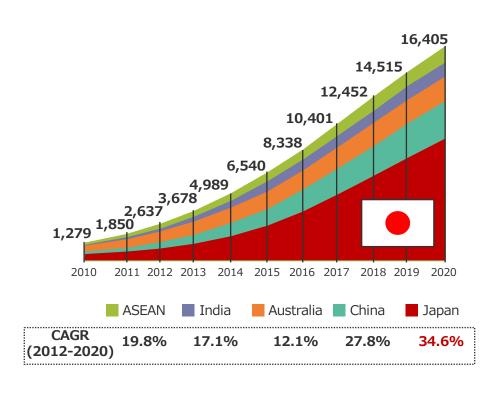


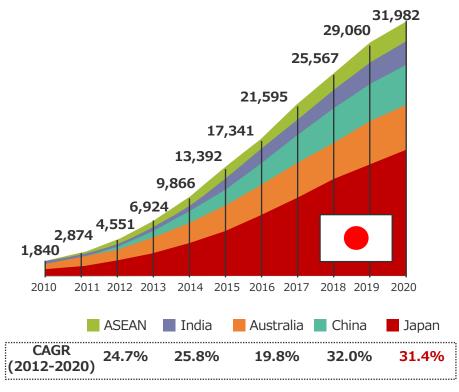
## Japan as the largest SaaS and Cloud Market in Asia

#### **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 SLEI	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 workshop in Silicon Valley
- Final Demo Day held in Tokyo

#### **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

