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【NEWS RELEASE】

Bacchus Bio innovation Co., Ltd.

「KSII Zebra」 Certified Eligible Company ～Awarded to 12 University-based start-ups in the Kansai region～

Bacchus Bio innovation Co., Ltd. (located in Chuo-ku, Kobe, Japan; Representative Director and CEO: Akihiko Kondo), a leading university-based start-up in the Kansai region of Japan, is pleased to announce that it has been selected by the "Kansai Innovation Initiative" (hereinafter referred to as "KSII") (Representative Executive Agency: Public Interest Incorporated Foundation) as a member of the KSII. The award was presented at the "KSII Zebra Recognition Ceremony 2024" held at Grand Front Osaka on Friday, November 29, 2024.



Since last year, KSII has been recognizing and awarding "KSII Zebras", startups that have achieved steady business growth and are suitable as leaders and role models for university-based startups and to revitalize the startup ecosystem in the Kansai region. This year, KSII recognized 12 startups based on the following criteria: (1) engagement in solving social issues; (2) a certain scale of business in the market; and (3) continued expected growth.

■About 「Kansai Innovation Initiative (KSII)」

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan adopted the project as part of its J-NEXUS program to create a leading center for industry-academia fusion. This project involves 91* organizations, including 30* universities, economic organizations, financial institutions, and local governments in the Kansai area. The program aims to create an innovation ecosystem of industry-academia fusion centered on the growth of university-based startups.

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*As of November 2024.

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