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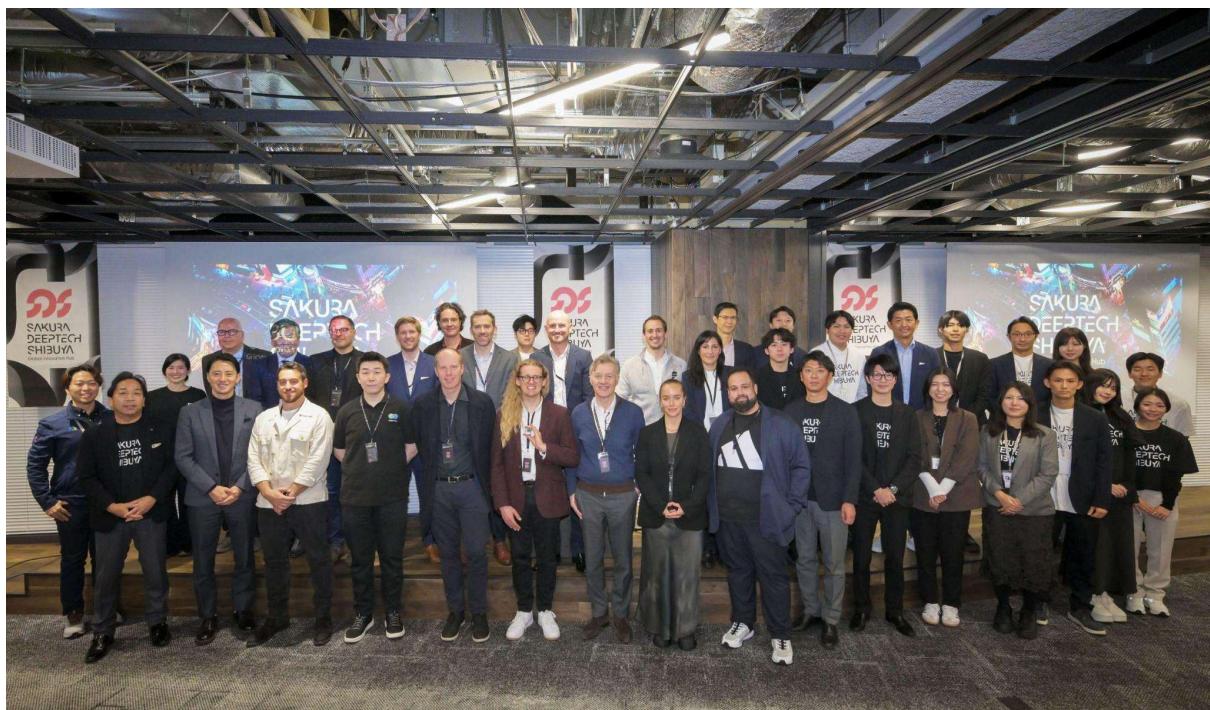
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## Global Deeptech Startups Explore Business Validation with Tokyu Land Corporation and Kai Corporation

— SAKURA DEEPTech SHIBUYA Marks Its First Anniversary and  
Announces Its Accelerator Program Achievements —

Tokyu Land Corporation (Headquarters: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; President and Representative Director: Hiroaki Hoshino; hereinafter “Tokyu Land”) and Scrum Studio Inc. (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President and Representative Director: Masami Takahashi; hereinafter “Scrum Studio”) held a Demo Day on Thursday, December 4, to mark the first anniversary of **SAKURA DEEPTech SHIBUYA** (hereinafter “SDS”), which they jointly operate at Shibuya Sakura Stage (Shibuya-ku, Tokyo). The event showcased the outcomes of the six-month program, **Sakura Deeptech Shibuya Accelerator**, launched in June 2025 with 10 startups from Japan and abroad.

Since its opening on January 23, 2025, SDS has served as a global community hub for deeptech startups collaborating with world-class partners led by faculty members from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



Participating Startups, Mentors, and Stakeholders

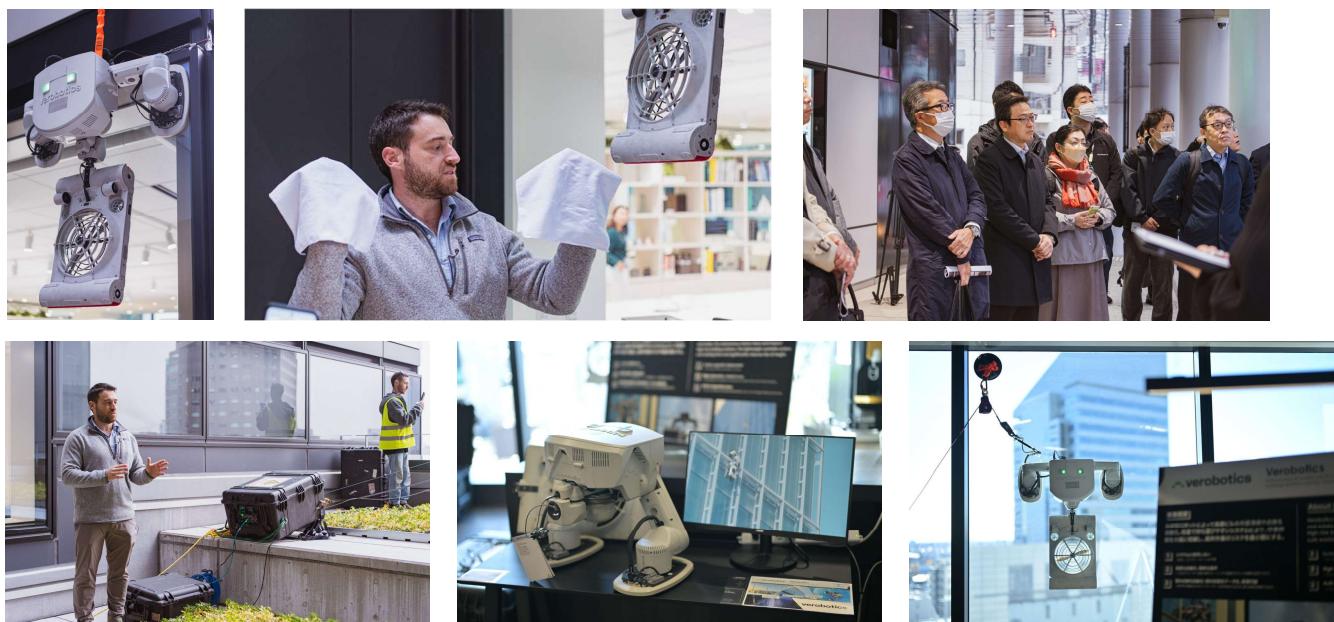
One of SDS's core initiatives, the **Sakura Deeptech Shibuya Accelerator**, is a six-month program in which 10 selected global startups deepened their understanding of the Japanese market through activities such as proof-of-concept testing with Japanese companies and discussions on product development and commercialization. In addition to showcasing program outcomes, the Demo Day also provided valuable networking opportunities with Japanese companies that have a strong interest in startups.

### Key Program Outcomes

#### 1. Verobotics & Tokyu Land Corporation

Verobotics is an Israel-based startup developing fully automated exterior wall-cleaning robots that can simultaneously collect and manage façade data. Ahead of the Demo Day, on December 3, Verobotics conducted a live demonstration of its robot cleaning the windows of the Central Building at Shibuya Sakura Stage.

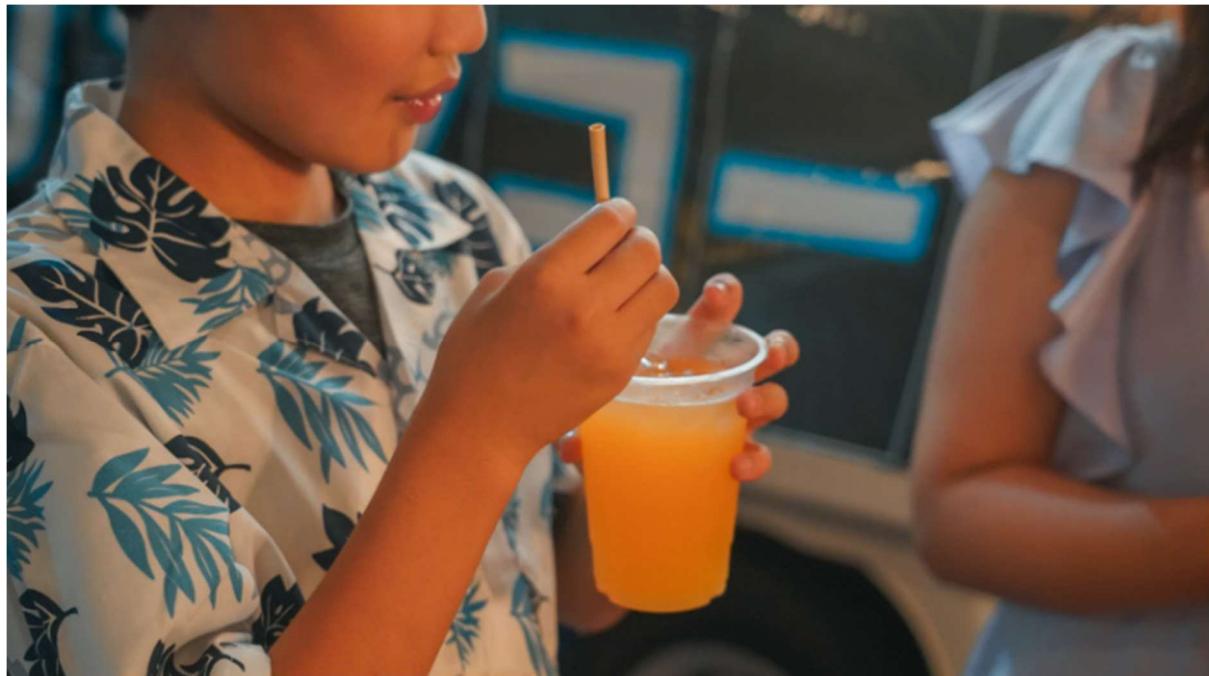
As part of an assessment for potential full-scale deployment in Tokyu Land-operated buildings, on-site staff closely examined the equipment and validated operational procedures while receiving detailed explanations of usage and operation methods. Going forward, Tokyu Land will continue to support and deepen its collaboration with Verobotics to advance the company's expansion in the Japanese market.



#### 2. Loliware & Tokyu Land Corporation

Loliware is a U.S.-based startup developing innovative seaweed-derived materials as alternatives to plastic. At an event held on September 20 at Tokyu Resort Town Katsuura, a facility operated by

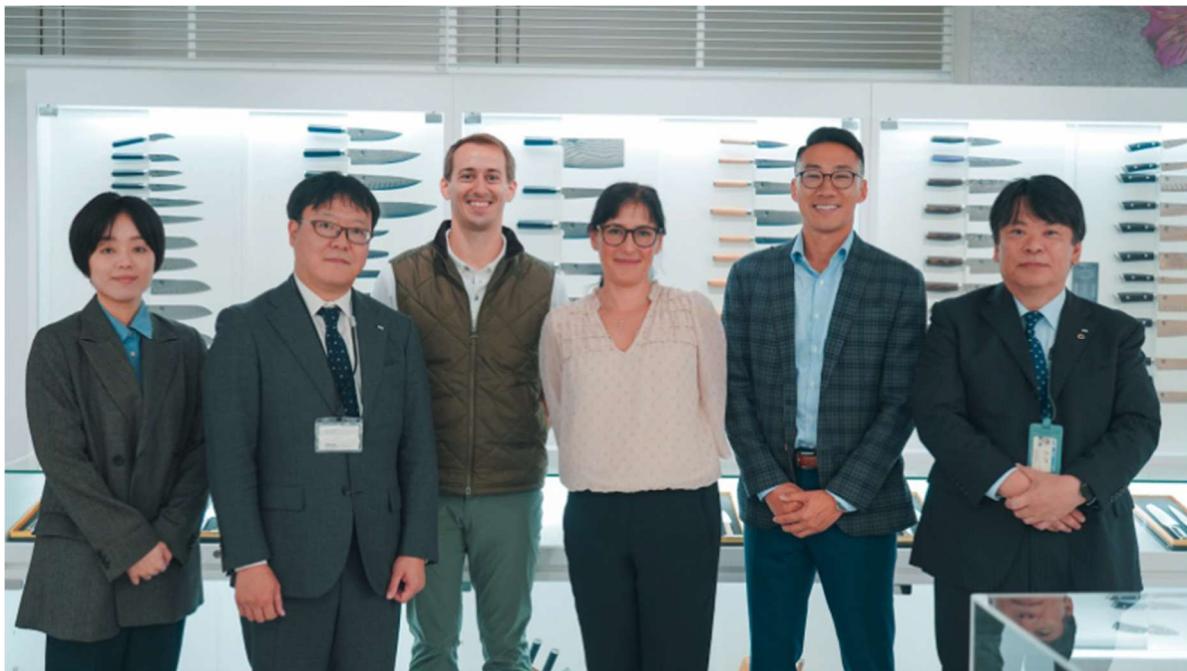
Tokyu Land, Loliware's seaweed-based straws were introduced on a trial basis for use in beverage service. Looking ahead, Tokyu Land is considering expanding its use across other projects.



### **3. Foundation Alloy & Kai Corporation**

Foundation Alloy is a U.S.A.-based startup developing ultra-high-performance metals using the world's first fully solid-state metal technology. Through the accelerator program, the company began exploring collaboration with Kai Corporation, with a proof-of-concept experiment scheduled in 2026 to manufacture kitchen knives using Foundation Alloy's metal-processing technology.

In Kai's conventional knife manufacturing process, material loss occurs during molding, particularly in the outer sections of the mold. By applying Foundation Alloy's metal-processing technology, the molding step can be eliminated, thereby streamlining the manufacturing process, reducing waste, and lowering production costs. Both companies plan to validate the metal forming process and operational methods while advancing collaboration toward future commercialization.



## Over 200 Participants Attend Lively Sessions and Exhibitions

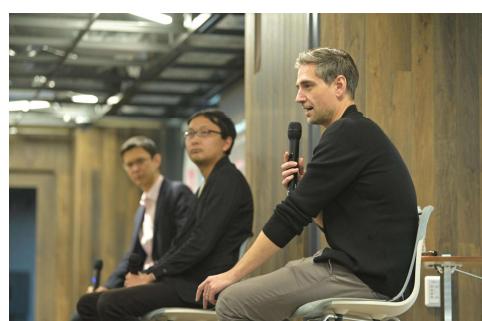
More than 200 participants attended the Demo Day, including representatives from leading corporations, venture capital firms, universities and research institutions, government agencies, and startups from Japan and abroad.

Michael Cottrell, Chief Product Officer of Octopus Energy Japan, a UK-origin energy company experiencing rapid growth in Japan, spoke on a panel, sharing insights on communication strategies and cultural differences encountered when overseas startups engage in business co-creation with Japanese companies.

In addition, booth exhibitions by the 10 startups selected for the program showcased their latest initiatives and featured technology demonstrations, creating a dynamic setting that fostered new connections and meaningful interactions among participants.



Approximately 200 people attended the day.



Panel discussions



Demo Day booths (Photo: Edgenesis)

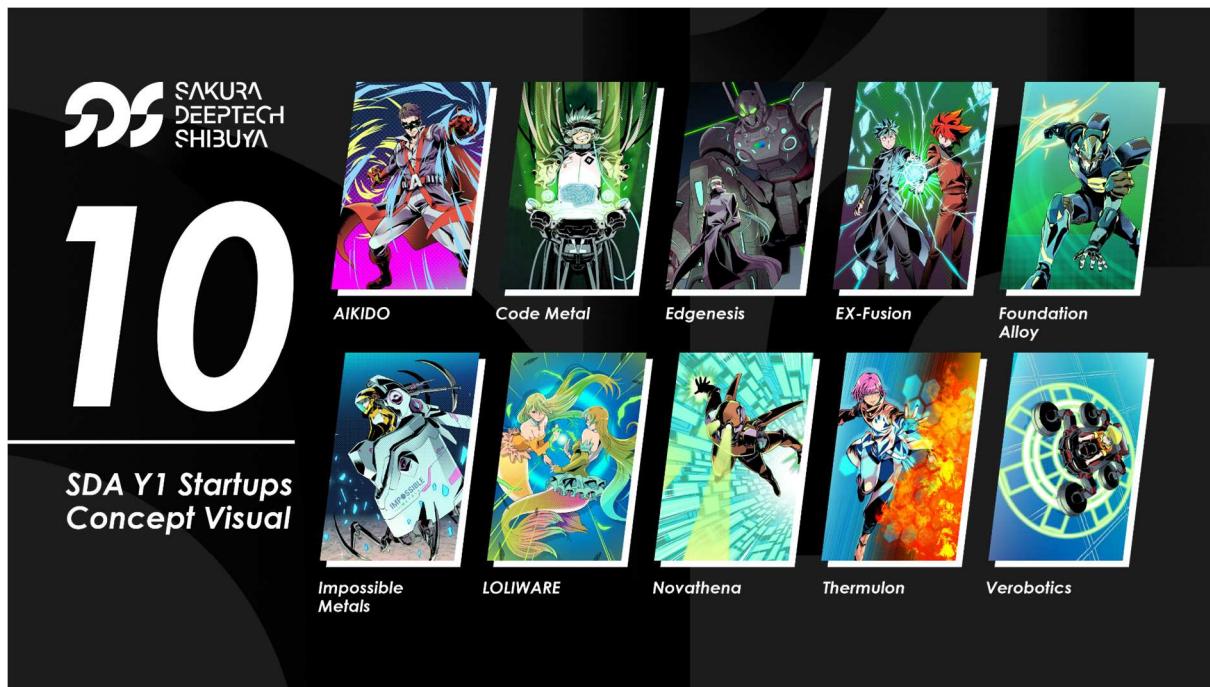


Networking opportunities

## ■ List of Year 1 Accelerator Startups

#	Startup Name	Country	Category	Description
1	<a href="#">Aikido Technologies</a>	USA	Climate Tech	Self-upending floating offshore wind platform technology
2	<a href="#">Code Metal</a>	USA	AI & Robotics	Agentic workflow that executes automatic code conversion and optimization platforms for edge devices
3	<a href="#">Edgenesis</a>	Singapore	AI & Robotics	Developer of an open-source IoT gateway to achieve interoperability in IoT
4	<a href="#">EX-Fusion</a>	日本	Climate Tech	Developer of next-generation energy through inertial confinement fusion
5	<a href="#">Foundation Alloy</a>	USA	Climate Tech	Developer of next-generation high-performance metal alloys
6	<a href="#">Impossible Metals</a>	USA	AI & Robotics/ Climate Tech	AI-powered robots to sustainably mine and sell critical minerals from the seabed
7	<a href="#">LOLIWARE INC.</a>	USA	Climate Tech	Developer of Sustainable, Seaweed-derived plastic alternatives
8	<a href="#">Novathena</a>	USA	AI & Robotics	Developer of real-time AI collaborators to deliver procedural excellence in device manufacturing
9	<a href="#">Thermulon</a>	England	Climate Tech	Developer of scalable and cost-efficient next-generation aerogels
10	<a href="#">Verobotics</a>	Israel	AI & Robotics	Robotics platform that provides fully automated cleaning and inspection services

To help audiences better understand each startup's technology and initiatives, SDS produced a concept video. The video conveys the social challenges each technology aims to address and the potential impact they may have on the future, presenting the value of each startup in a compelling way. The video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/IYIIjX9p0kI>



## About the SDS Community

As it marks its first anniversary since opening, SDS has seen significant growth and momentum in its community-building activities, driven by participation from a wide range of partner companies, universities, and organizations. By bringing together talent from diverse fields, SDS has further strengthened its role as an innovation hub, creating new value through interaction and collaboration.

Looking ahead, SDS will continue to engage with an even broader range of stakeholders and contribute to the development of a deep tech ecosystem that addresses societal challenges.



A community of over 200 partner organizations



Daily study sessions and community activities

## Call for Startup Applications for the 2026 Program

Tokyu Land Corporation and Scrum Studio Inc. are now accepting applications from deeptech startups worldwide to participate in the 2026 program they jointly operate.

### **[Concept] Innovating Content — Sharing from Shibuya, the World's Most Unique City**

Shibuya is a one-of-a-kind city where diverse cultures across media, gaming, music, fashion, food, and art intersect and are shared with the world. **SAKURA DEEPTech SHIBUYA** seeks to combine Shibuya's rich content and intellectual properties (IP) with cutting-edge technologies to create new experiences and value, and to share them globally from Shibuya.

The core challenge is to align technology and culture to drive content innovation. Through the upcoming accelerator program, we are seeking deeptech startups that will empower Shibuya's culture and help shape the future of content.

### **[Application Details]**

- **Target Stage:** Early to growth-stage startups
- **Eligible Regions:** Worldwide
- **Focus Areas:** Deeptech aligned with the above concept (including sustainability tech, AI & robotics, and other technologies)
- **Application Period Opens:** Late January 2026 (tentative)
- **Application Details:** Further details will be announced on the website below in late January.

<https://www.sakuradeeptechshibuya.com/accelerator/>

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### **Facility Overview**

- **Name:** SAKURA DEEPTech SHIBUYA – Global Innovation Hub –
- **Location:** 12th Floor, Central Building, Shibuya Sakura Stage (1-2 Sakuragaokacho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo)
- **Opening Date:** January 23, 2025
- **Website:** <https://www.sakuradeeptechshibuya.com/en/>

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## Company Profiles

### Tokyu Land Corporation

- **Head Office:** Shibuya Solasta, 1-21-1 Dogenzaka, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
- **Representative:** Hiroaki Hoshino, President and Representative Director
- **Established:** 1953
- **Website:** <https://www.tokyu-land.co.jp/>

Tokyu Land promotes area value enhancement and urban vibrancy through the creation of new industries and cutting-edge businesses in collaboration with startups, particularly within the Greater Shibuya area. The company supports startup growth by providing spaces, offering ongoing investment support, and creating opportunities for collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders across industry, government, and academia.

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### Scrum Studio Inc.

- **Head Office:** 1-1-1 Nishishimbashi, Minato-ku, Tokyo
- **Representative:** Masami Takahashi, President and Representative Director
- **Established:** 2020
- **Website:** <https://scrum.vc/ja/studio/>

Scrum Studio drives business co-creation between Japanese corporations, global startups, and municipalities, leveraging open innovation to foster collaboration through programs such as Hokkaido F Village X and Sakura Deeptech Shibuya Accelerator. The company also supports global startups entering the Japanese market. By bridging Japanese corporations and innovative global technologies, Scrum Studio accelerates the creation of new value and opportunities. <https://scrum.vc/ja/studio/>

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