

# DI Vietnam Director Kazuhiro Nakashoji spoke at the nation's biggest impact investment event "TECHFEST"

 $\sim$ Publication of presentation material showcasing research findings by DI and JICA $\sim$ 

Dream Incubator Inc. (headquartered in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director and COO: Takayuki Miyake; hereinafter, "DI") is pleased to announce that DI Manager (also DI Vietnam Director) Kazuhiro Nakashoji recently spoke at the "CONSULTING & CONNECTING INVESTMENT FOR IMPACT STARTUP CONFERENCE" held by the National Economics University (NEU) - one of Vietnam's leading universities.

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Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in developing countries will require the development of an impact investment and startup ecosystem. Given this, in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter, "JICA"), DI has been exploring different options to build an impact investment ecosystem in Vietnam and other Southeast Asian countries. At the conference, DI has presented insight into the said subject with a presentation titled "How to be a Great Social Startup" showcasing our research findings found through real-life project implementations with JICA and the knowledge as an investor.

## ■ Overview

- Date: March 30, 2022 (Wednesday) from 9:00∼11:30 (local time in Vietnam)
- Format: Hybrid (online and offline)
- Topic: How to be a Great Social Startup

### ■ DI's global activities

DI strives to support the creation of new businesses through public-private partnerships, financial schemes, and collaboration between major corporations and startups to maximize the social impact of social programs at a national and global level.

Our recent efforts involve jointly formulating a new development assistance scheme for developing countries with JICA and various stakeholders in the target countries, drawing on our extensive experience providing government agencies and private firms in Southeast Asia with strategy consulting service and a proven track record of venture capital investments in India.

#### Recent press releases

- Signing of the Japan Impact-driven Financing Initiative, which aims to solve environmental and social issues through investment and financing
- Seminar materials on realising low-carbon societies in developing countries open to the public and companies invited to apply - Japanese Only
- JICA/IDB Lab Open Innovation Challenge TSUBASA2021 Video Introduction of Selected Companies - Japanese Only

To achieve the mission of "creating businesses and changing societies", DI will continue to work closely with its overseas offices (in Vietnam, India, Indonesia, and Thailand) to further expand and accelerate the Group's current social initiatives globally.

#### ■ Dream Incubator Vietnam JSC

Since its inception in November 2007 as the first overseas office of DI Group, Dream Incubator Vietnam has been engaged in a range of incubation activities for local businesses under the "DI Asia Industrial Fund" (DIAIF), as well as in providing support for new industry and business producing initiatives aiming at private corporations domestically and overseas, along with the Japanese and Vietnamese governments. DI Vietnam also manages Indonesia and Thailand units, undertaking various activities including fostering an impact investment ecosystem and startup community in the ASEAN region.

In addition to this presence, DI Vietnam produces "DI-GEST" (links below) - a series of regularly published market reports exploring business producing opportunities in fast-growing sectors.

- Navigating an Alternative Venture Path in Vietnam (English)
- Vietnamese Pharmaceutical Sector (English)
- <u>Vietnamese Fashion Retail Sector (English)</u>

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