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**Mirai Creation Fund III Invests in BPO Technology Inc., creator of virtual assistant
"Ms. Fujiko®"**

— Leading provider of online assistant solutions that relieve pain points for companies and workers
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TOKYO—November 20, 2023—SPARX Group Co., Ltd. (SPARX; TSE Prime: 8739) today announced that its Mirai Creation Fund III—established in October 2021— has executed an investment (the amount is not disclosed) in BPO Technology Inc.

■ Portfolio Company Outline

BPO Technology's vision is "to make online assistants ubiquitous in Japan". BPO Technology provides solutions for companies facing recruitment difficulties and manpower shortages, as well as for workers with high skills but limited employment opportunities due to changes in life stage. Its aim is to create a new market by popularizing online assistant services, which are still not fully utilized in Japan.

■ Mirai Creation Funds I, II, and III Summaries

The Mirai Creation Fund I began operations in November 2015 with financing of JPY 13.5 billion from three companies: Toyota Motor Corporation, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, and SPARX, the Fund's general partner. Ultimately, the Fund received contributions from 20 companies, including the above three. Casting intelligent technologies, robotics, and hydrogen-economy technologies as vital to the future, Fund I has invested in approximately 50 companies and projects—from the US, the UK, Israel, Singapore, and Japan—that possess innovations in these fields. In H2 2018, SPARX began managing the Mirai Creation Fund II, which targets the three existing Mirai Creation fields along with the two additional areas of electrification and new materials. In October 2021, SPARX launched the Mirai Creation Fund III with SPARX Asset Management Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of SPARX, acting as its fund manager, adding carbon neutrality to the five fields of the Mirai Creation Fund II. As of October 31, 2023, the combined AUM for Funds I, II, and III were JPY 124.6billion.

Mirai Creation Fund investment track record: <https://mirai.sparx.co.jp/en/investment/>

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