

MITOU

is Changing the World



未踏-MITOU(Me-Toe) Program is a national project to discover and develop a new generation of unique IT talent who can drive innovation. With their learning, MITOU graduates transform and disrupt various industries to bring new value to our society.

Since the Program Started

25 years

Total Alumni

2,300+



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What is MITOU?



The MITOU Program is a project implemented by the Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan (IPA) to discover and develop outstanding IT talent. The primary aim of the MITOU Program is to discover talented IT creators and help them to develop their skills.

Results are not the primary focus.

However, many of the Creator have grown significantly in the process of seriously working on the themes they set for themselves. It's producing amazing results.

Project managers (PMs) play a major role in identifying and nurturing talent. Our unique PMs are in charge of everything from selection to development, helping to develop the talents of outstanding individuals who would otherwise be overlooked.

Startup Companies from MITOU



We are featuring companies founded (or co-founded) by our program graduates that meet at least one of the following criteria: they have been selected for the J-Startup program, listed on a stock exchange in Japan, achieved an estimated corporate valuation of over 10 billion yen (as reported in the Nikkei NEXT Unicorn Survey), or been involved in a large-scale M&A transaction valued at over 10 billion yen.

Our Alumni

Daiyu Nobori



He is a developer and manager of VPN technology. The "SoftEther VPN" he developed during the period of the MITOU program has acquired 5 million users worldwide.

Wataru Yoshizaki



He developed the "V-Sido" OS, which can control a wide variety of robots of all sizes and shapes. He is a leading figure in the world of robot control.

Hiromi Nakamura



She continues to take on the uncharted theme of "extending food through electric taste". In 2023, she received the Ig Nobel Prize.

Naho Yashiro



She started her own business by developing a marine monitoring system that can be checked in real time via the web or smartphone. She is also expanding her sales channels overseas.