MUFG Announces the Second Batch of Start-up Accelerator Program

Tokyo, November 18, 2016 --- Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG; President and Group CEO: Nobuyuki Hirano) hereby announces that it conducts the second batch of its start-up accelerator program, "MUFG Digital Accelerator" *1.

The first batch (March 2016 – August 2016) successfully resulted in collaborations between MUFG and participant start-up companies with the wide range of innovative ideas. Entrepreneurs and start-up companies worldwide can apply for the second batch after November 28, 2016. Up to 7 companies will be accepted for the program.

*1. MUFG Digital Accelerator is a program that includes mentorship and educational components to support startup companies to launch new business. The program name was changed from the first batch one, "MUFG Fintech Accelerator".

Program Overview:

Name	MUFG Digital Accelerator – Second Batch		
Organizers	Presented by:		
	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.		
	The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.		
	Cooperation by		
	Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.		
	Mitsubishi UFJ Research and Consulting Co., Ltd.		
	Mitsubishi UFJ Capital Co., Ltd.		
	Heiwa Real Estate Co., Ltd.		
Program	MUFG offers 4 months intensive business acceleration		
	program for the selected startup companies.		
	2. Experienced consultants and mentors will conduct mentoring		
	sessions to improve their business models.		
	3. MUFG will also consider the business cooperation and		
	investment (from MUCAP) to the startup companies.		
Target Business and	1. FinTech		
Technology Areas	Banking, Loans, Settlement, Asset Management,		

Target Business and		Market Investments, Digital Banking etc.
Technology Areas	2.	Advanced Technologies
		AI(Artificial Intelligence), Blockchain, IoT(Internet of Things),
		Quantum Computing, Robotics, etc.
	3.	Others
		Risk Management, Security, Digital Marketing, etc.
Entry Qualifications	1.	Preference for startups established within the last 5 years.
		(Companies who have been established more than 5 years
		will be considered depending on applications)
	2.	Team of three or more individuals (minimum 20 years of age)
		planning a startup company
	3.	Financial ICT service experience is NOT a requirement.
Schedule	1.	Applications Open: November 28, 2016 – January 22, 2017
	2.	Preliminary Selection : Late January, 2017
	3.	Interview : Early February, 2017
	4.	Program Begins : Mid March, 2017
	5.	DEMO DAY : July 28, 2017
Official Web Site	http://www.bk.mufg.jp/innovation/accelerator/	

For more details and any inquiries, please refer to the Official Web Site.