

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG)
MUFG Bank, Ltd.

MUFG To Make Additional Investment in Sakana AI

Tokyo, November 17, 2025 --- Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) and its consolidated subsidiary, MUFG Bank, Ltd. (MUFG Bank) today announced that they have entered into an investment agreement with Sakana AI K.K. (Sakana AI), an AI R&D company, as part of its Series B funding round. This will be MUFG's second investment in Sakana AI, following the Series A round in 2024. This investment is expected to make MUFG in Sakana AI's largest Japanese investor.

Japan-based Sakana AI has been attracting global attention due to its high level of technological expertise. Since MUFG's initial investment in September 2024, Sakana AI has consistently released groundbreaking research results, including the "AB-MCTS," which leverages the strengths and weaknesses of multiple AI models to solve complex problems, and the "Darwin Gödel Machine," an AI capable of rewriting its own code for self-improvement. Additionally, Sakana AI has established a new "Applied Team," and has been expanding its efforts in "AI social implementation," which involves linking its research achievements and technologies to real-world business challenges and advancing the development and implementation of solutions in collaboration with client companies.

MUFG Bank entered into a partnership agreement with Sakana AI in May 2025, and since then, have been working together to implement AI solutions aimed at addressing MUFG Bank's business challenges. Considering Sakana AI's cutting-edge research, development, and implementation capabilities, MUFG has decided to make this additional investment to further strengthen and accelerate this collaboration.

Through this investment, MUFG aims to achieve the goals outlined in its medium-term business plan, which include realizing data-driven management by enhancing AI and data infrastructure, improving customer value and productivity, and delivering value to MUFG's stakeholders. Furthermore, MUFG shares Sakana AI's mission of implementing world-leading AI technologies in Japan and is committed to supporting Sakana AI's efforts to strengthen Japan's industrial sector through AI, thereby contributing to the enhancement of Japan's international competitiveness.

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About MUFG

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) is one of the world's leading financial groups. Headquartered in Tokyo and with over 360 years of history, MUFG has a global network with approximately 2,000 locations in more than 40 countries. The Group has about 150,000 employees and offers services including commercial banking, trust banking, securities, credit cards, consumer finance, asset management, and leasing. The Group aims to "be the world's most trusted financial group" through close collaboration among our operating companies and flexibly respond to all of the financial needs of our clients, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world. MUFG's shares trade on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and New York stock exchanges. For more information, visit <https://www.mufg.jp/english>.

About Sakana AI

Founded in July 2023 and based in Tokyo, Sakana AI K.K. (Sakana AI), is a rapidly growing AI R&D company, led by David Ha, Llion Jones, and Ren Ito. Sakana AI has continuously achieved significant and innovative milestones, including its early achievements "Evolutionary Model Merge," a method for merging multiple AI models, and "The AI Scientist," the first comprehensive system for fully automatic scientific discovery, enabling foundation models to perform research independently. Additionally, it launched "Applied Team" in March 2025 to scale collaborations with leading Japanese companies, including strategic partnerships to develop and implement custom AI. For more information, visit <https://sakana.ai/blog/>