

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

MUFG to Invest in Noetra

Tokyo, July 16, 2026 --- 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 Noetra Corp. (Noetra), an AI research and development company.

Noetra was established with Sony Group Corporation, SoftBank Corp., NEC Corporation, and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. as its major shareholders to create Japan-developed AI foundation models. These models will serve as a development platform for AI robotics and physical AI across Japanese industry. In June 2026, Noetra was selected to lead a publicly solicited project to develop multimodal foundation models, promoted by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO). Noetra plans to embark on full-scale development of these foundation models.

AI is increasingly becoming an important social infrastructure that supports economic activity and industrial competitiveness. Meanwhile, global competition in AI technologies and data utilization has intensified, and the importance of sovereign AI, which enables important national data and intellectual assets to be managed and utilized securely and sustainably, is growing. MUFG recognizes the establishment of Japan-developed AI infrastructure as an important priority.

Through collaboration with Noetra and the participating companies, MUFG will contribute to initiatives that promote the development of sovereign AI and the creation of an environment in which Japanese companies can securely utilize the data and knowledge that underpin their industrial competitiveness. Through these initiatives, MUFG will contribute to enhancing Japan's industrial competitive advantages, fostering innovation, and the sustainable growth of the Japanese economy.

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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 its operating companies and by flexibly responding to all of the financial needs of its 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.mufig.jp/english>.

About Noetra

Founded in January 2026 and based in Tokyo, Noetra Corp. (Noetra) was established with Sony Group Corporation, SoftBank Corp., NEC Corporation, and Honda Motor Co., Ltd. as major shareholders, and is led by Hironobu Tamba. Noetra is a Japan-based AI company focused on developing Japan-originated foundation models for broad industrial use. Following its selection for the METI and NEDO project in June 2026, Noetra intends to accelerate the full-scale development of these foundation models.

For more information, visit <https://www.noetra.co.jp/>.