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Nagase & Co., Ltd.

Investment in NexaScience Inc. —Acquiring Knowledge for Next-generation Business Development

Nagase & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director, President and CEO: Hiroyuki Ueshima), as part of the growth strategy in its Medium-Term Management Plan ACE 2.0, has specified the four quadrants of Foundation, Focus, Development, and Improvement, and is carrying out its businesses along the axes of the trading, manufacturing, and R&D functions. With the goal of building the foundations for next-generation business development, Nagase has made an investment through J-KISS stock acquisition rights into NexaScience Inc. (Head Office: Shibuya-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Yoshitaka Ushiku). This investment was executed via a corporate venture capital (CVC) fund managed by Nagase Future Investments Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary established in April 2025.

NexaScience is a domestic AI company engaged in the development of AI products and robots that support and automate research and development, intellectual property creation, and commercialization, including its flagship AI products under the “Nexa Series.” The company was spun out from industry–academia collaborative research conducted under the Cabinet Office’s Moonshot Research and Development Program. NexaScience accelerates R&D across various fields such as AI, data science, chemicals, and advanced materials, while also promoting automation of surrounding operational tasks through AI and robotics. With the participation of the NAGASE CVC fund through this investment, NexaScience will strengthen development of “NexaFlows,” an initiative to further advance AI-driven automation by applying AI to the automation process itself. With the goal of carrying out more advanced investment activities in startups to create businesses with different perspectives from existing businesses, the NAGASE Group began utilizing corporate venture capital (CVC) in 2023. As a CVC initiative, through this investment in NexaScience Nagase will acquire knowledge in different quadrants than its existing businesses, and apply that knowledge to new business creation.

As a company that solves manufacturing issues through materials, the NAGASE Group will continue to provide new value to everyone.

■NexaScience Profile

- Company Name: NexaScience Inc.
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- Representative: CEO Yoshitaka Ushiku
- Business Overview: R&D of AI products
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