

Acquisition of Shares in M2Labo Inc. to Acquire 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, 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. As a partnership in the Development quadrant with the goal of building the foundations for next-generation business development, Nagase has acquired a portion of the shares of M2Labo Inc. (Head Office: Makinohara, Shizuoka; President and CEO: Yuriko Kato), a think tank with multifaceted businesses with agriculture at its core. This investment was made through a corporate venture capital (CVC) fund managed by Nagase Future Investments Co., Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary established in April 2025.

M2Labo engages in businesses to solve social issues as a solutions trading firm combining agriculture and technology. Leveraging the agricultural technology expertise cultivated through initiatives such as the outdoor multi-work mobility “Mobile Mover” and the fresh-produce distribution platform operated by their affiliated company Yasai Bus Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Makinohara, Shizuoka; President and CEO: Yuriko Kato), they are providing solutions to India and other countries overseas. By combining M2Labo’s network of producers and logistics with the NAGASE Group’s expertise in the bio field and its provision of solutions for creation in sustainable markets, we will work towards solving social and environmental problems by creating new value proposals in the field of agriculture.

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 partnership with M2Labo Nagase will acquire knowledge in the agriculture quadrant, 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.

■M2Labo Profile

- Company Name: M2Labo Inc.
- Head Office: 1076-2 Nunohikihara, Makinohara, Shizuoka
- Representative: President and CEO Yuriko Kato
- Business Overview: Agriculture & technology solutions trading firm
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