

**JIC Venture Growth Investments has invested in LabBase, Inc.,  
a start-up developing a research empowerment platform.**

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JIC Venture Growth Investments (VGI), through its JIC Venture Growth Fund 1 (VGF1), has acquired the shares in LabBase, Inc. (LabBase).

LabBase was founded in 2016 and has been offering a research empowerment platform. "LabBase-Shushoku," a direct recruiting service specialized for science students that enables companies to send scouts to students registered in the database containing information on their research achievement and skills, has already been used by more than 500 companies.

Through appropriate matching of companies and students, the service contributes to the creation of opportunities for researchers to become highly motivated and active. The company is also working to solve issues in the research field by providing services that create new connections between people and companies, such as "LabBase-Tenshoku," which supports researchers in their job search activities, and "LabBase-Partner Match," which facilitates the matching of user companies with solutions developed based on R&D.

While Japan is losing its international competitiveness in various research-related indicators such as the number of papers and the ability to create innovations, LabBase aims to increase the productivity of talented researchers and thereby improve Japan's research capabilities by accelerating their business development. By providing a platform to solve problems in the research field through the matching of human resources, LabBase is expected to accelerate research activities as well as the implementation of research results in society.

This investment will support LabBase in further strengthening its functions as a research empowerment platform while promoting the hiring of human resources necessary for business expansion.

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