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## Honored *Minister of MEXT Award* under the Award for Academic Startups 2014 together with Prometech Software, Inc., and The University of Tokyo

Prometech Software, Inc. (head office: Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo; president: Toshimitsu Fujisawa), a partner company of Kozo Keikaku Engineering, Inc. (KKE, Head office: Nakano-ku, Tokyo; president & CEO: Shota Hattori), was honored a *Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award* at the Award for Academic Startups 2014 sponsored by the Japan Science and Technology Agency. The University of Tokyo and KKE shared the commendation as the supporting university and supporting company, respectively.

The Award for Academic Startups is a new awards program initiated in fiscal 2014 to commend outstanding venture companies that are expected to play an active role in the future, selected from among startup ventures incubated with R&D results from universities and other institutions. The program also commends the universities and companies that significantly contributed to the awarded companies' growth. This year, five venture companies were selected for the award out of 75 entries.

As a comprehensive engineering company that bridges universities, research institutes, and the business world, KKE is determined to contribute to the facilitation of next-generation social structures (design) by resolving societal problems through its ongoing provision of engineering knowledge created from knowledge circulation based on academic and empirical knowledge.

### ■ Overview of Award

#### ➤ Recipients

Company: Prometech Software, Inc.

Representative: Toshimitsu Fujisawa (President, Prometech Software, Inc.)

Supporting university: Seiichi Koshizuka (Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo)

Supporting company: Shota Hattori (President & CEO, Kozo Keikaku Engineering, Inc.)

#### ➤ Business content

Development and marketing of particle-based simulation software for CAE "Particleworks" and fluid analysis consulting

#### ➤ Reason for winning the award

"[The reviewers] appreciate the novelty and creativity that enabled, through the use of the particle method, simulation of the free surface of a fluid, which had been impossible to date. It is a technology with a wide scope of application, and the company has established strategic tie-ups with overseas firms under a clear long-term vision. Accordingly, [we] anticipate that it will grow substantially as a global company in the future."

(Quoted from comments by the Japan Science and Technology Agency)



Figure 1 Award ceremony (Thursday, September 11, 2014 at Tokyo Big Sight)  
(from left) Shota Hattori, Kazuya Shibata of the University of Tokyo; Toshimitsu Fujisawa,  
and Motoyuki Fujii, the State Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

For details, see the official website for the Award for Academic Startups:

<http://www.jst.go.jp/aas/award.html>

## ■ About Kozo Keikaku Engineering Inc.

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Description of business	Engineering consulting, systems solutions, product services

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