

## Press Release

### The 1<sup>st</sup> AIF Young Entrepreneur Award to be held (October 12 in Tokyo)

International Business Plan Competition to Discover High Potential Candidates from 13 Asian Nations/Areas.

Asia Innovators' Initiative  
Fourth Valley Concierge Corporation  
Quantum Leaps Corporation (cooperation)

**Asia Innovators' Initiative (AII)** (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, President: Nobuyuki Idei) and **Fourth Valley Concierge Corporation** (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, CEO: Yohei Shibasaki) will organize the **1st AIF Asia Entrepreneur Award (AIF YEA)** to collect innovative business plans from young talents at top Asian Universities. Our vision is to create a platform that brings together young entrepreneurs with investors to discover and produce technologies and contents with high potentials.

#### Over 230 applications received from 13 Asian nations/areas. 15 semi-finalists selected.

15 groups have passed the 1st screening, and after the 2nd screening, about half of them shall be selected to gather in Tokyo for the final round on October 12th (Fri) 2012.

#### [Details]

##### The 1st AIF Young Entrepreneur Award (AIF YEA) Final Round

**Date :** Afternoon, October 12th (Fri)

**Location:** National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) , Tokyo, Japan

The final round and announcement of results will be held during the program of Asia Innovation Forum (AIF) 2012 entitled "Innovation from Chaos – Asia's Challenge and Japan's Revitalization." (October 12th-13th 2012. Co-hosted by Asia Innovators' Initiative, and National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies/GRIPS, <http://www.aif21c.com/> ). It will be a great opportunity for the finalists to network with the 7 judges including Nobuyuki Idei, and other experienced business leaders, investors and venture capitalists, as well as for the participating companies to discover high potential candidates from Asia and to invest on their potential talents.

On the final round, there will be special guest speeches by leading Asian business leaders and venture capitalists.

#### [Organizers]

Asia Innovators' Initiative ( <http://www.asia-ii.org/> )

Fourth Valley Concierge Corporation ( <http://www.4th-valley.com/index.html> )

#### [Special Cooperation]

Samurai Incubate Inc. (Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Representative Director CEO Kentaro Sakakibara  
<http://www.samurai-incubate.asia/index.html> )

#### [Awards]

- First Prize : USD \$10,000
- Samurai Incubate Award : Investment of approx. US \$ 50,000 provided by Samurai Incubate Inc.
- Other awards provided by sponsors (to be announced)

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