

Chubu Electric Power Miraiz joins Berkeley SkyDeck's Industry Partner Program

- Development of the decarbonized energy system and services for the local community

April 20, 2023

Chubu Electric Power Miraiz Co., Inc.

Chubu Electric Power Miraiz Co., Inc. has become a member of Berkeley SkyDeck's Industry Partner Program. Berkeley SkyDeck is a startup accelerator (Note 1) of the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley). Based on this membership, we will accelerate the development of new services by exploring new technologies and innovative startups and seeking to collaborate with entrepreneurs, startups, and members of UC Berkeley.

By utilizing this membership, we and Mirai Design Power Co., Inc. (CEO: Takahiro Yamada, HQs: Tsukuba, Ibaraki), our group company, will develop the decarbonized energy system (Note 2) by March 2028, and contribute to decarbonization around the area of Tsukuba Station where Mirai Design Power supplies heat. In addition, this membership will enhance service development, such as launching the service for the local community with the Mirai Design Metaverse (Note 3) and the Craft Coin (Note 4), the local digital currency, by March 2026. This service will be used mainly for Tsukuba residents to have a more enjoyable experience and use energy more efficiently. The decarbonized energy system and new services for local communities will consider expanding to the Chubu area and all of Japan in the future.

We are committed to solving various social issues by providing our customers with services that contribute to realizing a decarbonized society and leveraging the knowledge we have accumulated in our energy business.

[Overview of Berkeley SkyDeck]

Establish	2012
Target Sectors	Deep tech including the energy sector
Location	Berkeley, California, United States of America
Applicants	3,000+ /year
Alumni	1,300

Note 1: An accelerator is an organization that provides a business program supporting early-stage startups through education, mentorship, and financing.

Note 2: The decarbonized energy system is that it reduces a community's energy-related CO2 emissions to zero through microgrids connected to carbon-neutral power such as solar and biomass.

Note 3: The Mirai Design Metaverse is a metaverse space reproducing Tsukuba City's underground space and heat supply facilities provided by Mirai Design Power.

Note 4: The Craft Coin is a digital currency available at stores in the Tsukuba area and others via the Craft Tsukuba app provided by Mirai Design Power.