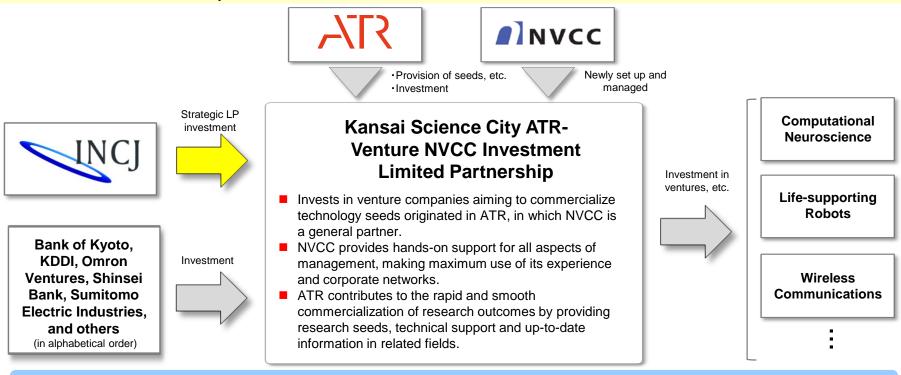
Kansai Science City ATR-Venture NVCC Investment Limited Partnership



Target: Strategic LP investment in Kansai Science City ATR-Venture NVCC Investment Limited Partnership (Keihanna ATR Fund) newly set up and managed by Nippon Venture Capital Co., Ltd. (NVCC)

Outline: Venture investment operation to support commercialization of technology seeds in the fields of computational neuroscience, life-supporting robots, and wireless communications, chiefly elicited from ATR's BMI*1 research development and artificial intelligence research, with the aim of achieving social implementation of research outcomes

Authorized investment: 2.5 billion yen (maximum)



- Providing growth funding to Kansai-based venture companies, thereby contributing to the vitalization of Keihanna Science City and the rest of the Kansai area
- INCJ aims to create a platform for innovation and incubation among the seeds coming out of research institutions and academia
 that drive the ecosystem supporting Japan's growth.

^{*1} Brain Machine Interface (BMI): Unlike traditional interfaces in which users convey instructions to robots and other machines by physically operating switches etc., BMIs surmise the user's instructions based on brain activity, and are characterized by not requiring physical input.