

## **I776 & JIN Collaboration Agreement**

Japan Innovation Network (JIN) and the Washington D.C. based I776 have entered into a collaboration agreement during their joint hosting of the I776 Challenge Cup Regional Tokyo on 25 February 2016.

The agreement was signed by David Zipper, Managing Director of I776, and Naohiro Nishiguchi, Executive Managing Director of JIN.

This partnership serves to foster exchanges between I776's extensive network of start-ups in the U.S. and JIN's network of large Japanese corporations and academia, strengthening the innovation ecosystems of both partners.

In particular, the collaboration will realise innovation projects and build partnerships in areas of mutual interest.

JIN is actively working towards strengthening its cooperation with innovation ecosystems around the globe. This partnership will form a cornerstone in this endeavour.

### **About Japan Innovation Network (JIN)**

Established in 2013 to break the 'large companies cannot be innovative' paradigm, JIN's aims to create 100 continuously innovative enterprises: <http://ji-network.org/en/>

### **About I776**

The Washington D.C. based global incubator and seed fund operates campus programs, acceleration programs as well as the Challenge Cup.

The Challenge Cup is a business tournament taking place in 45 cities across 9 regions, with JIN as its East Asia regional partner. It is meant as a platform to discover promising start-ups tackling pressing social and business issues across eight major themes: Smart City, Infrastructure, Security, Energy, Education, Healthcare, F&B, and Finance.

<http://www.i776.vc/>