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FINOLAB Inc.
FINOVATORS**WINNER ANNOUNCED FOR JAPAN FINANCIAL INNOVATION AWARD 2026**
~Innovative in Financial Service Awarded and Grand Prize to be announced on Mar. 2~

TOKYO, Jan. 29, 2026 – FINOLAB Inc. and FINOVATORS – have announced the winners of “Japan Financial Innovation Award 2026 (JFIA2026)” of the respective category.

JFIA was inaugurated in the year 2020 to promote innovative initiatives in financial area by adopting information technology and share best practices in the industry and expected to further expand open innovation beyond the corporate group and business sector. JFIA2026 consists of 3 categories, including Startup, Financial Institution, and Collaboration. FINOLAB, the FinTech Center of Tokyo, administrated the evaluation process by extracting over300 innovative initiatives from press releases during the year 2025. And candidates and winners were selected by the group of professionals, FINOVATORS, based on the criteria of innovation, growth, and transformation.



Further judgment is scheduled to announce Grand Prize and Category Excellence on Mar. 2 during “Future Frontier Fes by FINOLAB (4F) 2026.” <https://4f-otmcblgdg.tokyo/>

JFIA 2026 Winners		
Category	Company	Initiative (Some are Only in Japanese)
Startup	Trinity Technology Co., Ltd	"OHI-SAPO," a lifelong support service for elderly living alone, forms business alliances with 20 banks nationwide. https://trinity-tech.co.jp/corporate/news/108/
	Recept K.K.	Announcement: Launch of "proovy Bank VC Service". https://prtimes.jp/main/html/rd/p/000000056.000139472.html
	Digital Wallet Corporation	We have started offering the overseas remittance service "TAX REFUND JAPAN" in response to the reform of the tax exemption system for inbound tourists. https://digitalwallet.co.jp/en/news/tax-refund-japan

	BANKEY Inc.	BANKEY officially releases "Pay By Bank," a cashless payment system for direct-from-account payments. https://prtimes.jp/main/html/rd/p/000000005.000137193.html
	Wise Payments Limited	Wise becomes the first fund transfer service to connect to Japan's Zengin System via API; opens settlement account with Bank of Japan. https://prtimes.jp/main/html/rd/p/000000004.000139099.html
Financial Institution	The General Insurance Association of Japan	Launch of "One-JIBAI," an industry-wide collaborative system for Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance. https://www.sonpo.or.jp/news/release/2024/g34l0i0000005i6g-att/250121_01.pdf
	Seven Bank, Ltd	A new financial experience for daily life: Launch of "FACE CASH" facial recognition deposit and withdrawal service. https://contents.xj-storage.jp/xcontents/AS96633/da9a0e7d/c7e6/4db7/8a95/6ef297424f6c/20250205144424504s.pdf
	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	Launch of "Trunk," a comprehensive digital financial service for corporations, starting May 2025. https://www.smbc.co.jp/news/pdf/j20250415_01.pdf
	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited	Launch of "Shareholder Passport": Supporting DX-driven dialogue between listed companies and individual shareholders. https://www.smtb.jp/-/media/tb/about/corporate/release/pdf/250417.pdf
	ALTERNA TRUST, Ltd.	Establishment of "Alterna Trust," a New Company that Specializes in Digital Securities. https://www.smtb.jp/english/-/media/tb/english/news/pdf/E250703.pdf
Collaboration	Dwilar, Inc Seven Bank, Ltd	Seven Bank × Dwilar, Inc.: Utilizing cross-border credit across 42 countries to innovate daily infrastructure for foreign residents. https://prtimes.jp/main/html/rd/p/000000004.000149219.html
	GMO Aozora Net Bank, Ltd. Senshu Ikeda Holdings, Inc.	"BaaS by GMO Aozora" enables advanced initiative: A bank providing BaaS services and functions for 01 Bank. https://gmo-aozora.com/news/2025/20250724-01.html
	Charichari, Inc. Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation Music Securities, Inc. Impact Circle, Inc.	Local production & consumption of finance: Charichari × MUTB launch Japan's first retail financial product secured by shared-cycle bicycles. https://prtimes.jp/main/html/rd/p/000000183.000048038.html
	SBI SECURITIES Co., Ltd. Shinsei Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. Tokio Marine Asset Management Co., Ltd. BOOSTRY Co., Ltd.	Japan's First: Development of a blockchain-based Private Equity fund investment product for individual investors. https://www.sbigroup.co.jp/news/2025/0926_15775.html
	UI Bank Co., Ltd. The Kansai Electric Power CO., INC.	UI Bank and Kansai Electric Power announce the launch of "CQ BANK," a new banking service. https://contents.xj-storage.jp/xcontents/AS04434/1a4190e6/8f67/4c9d/ba3d/72bb26f3a76f/140120251104586138.pdf

(In order of announced dater)

■About FINOLAB Inc.

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Representative : CEO, Hiroshi Yamamoto

Founded : 2019-07-11

Capital : JPY 300 Million

Business Domain : Promoting FinTech initiatives of Members, including startups and corporates, and expand FinTech ecosystem in Japan.

Web : <https://finolab.co.jp/>

■About FINOLAB Community

The Fintech Center of Tokyo, FINOLAB is a membership community and an office space located in the heart of international financial district in Tokyo) to promote FinTech ecosystem. Launched in Feb. 2016 by Mitsubishi Estate and Dentsu Group as the first FinTech Center in Japan. Consists of 62 Startup Members, 6 Associations and 23 Corporate Members (As of Jan. 2026).

<https://finolab.tokyo/>

■About FINOVATORS, General Incorporated Association

Non-profit organization, with a group of pro-bono experts (Layer, Investor, Consultant, Analyst, Engineer, Entrepreneur, Banker, Public Sector Specialist, etc.) for supporting startups. Driving health innovation ecosystem in Japan by activities based on global and future vision, not limited to any organization or business area. <http://finovators.org/>

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