



News Release

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Yoshiyuki Sankai
CYBERDYNE, INC.

【News】 CYBERDYNE won the Prime Minister's Award in the third Nippon Venture Awards
~Rated as the top company in creation of new businesses with positive social impact~

CYBERDYNE, INC. (the "Company") became the winner of the Prime Minister's Award in the third Nippon Venture Awards. The Company received this award from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the presentation ceremony that took place in the Prime Minister's official residence on February 20, 2017.

Nippon Venture Awards aims to recognize and honor outstanding venture businesses for their creation of new businesses that have positive social impact and serve as role models for young people. It seeks to disseminate the significance of these positive and bold efforts to society and would-be entrepreneurs and to increase the society's esteem for entrepreneurs, thereby inspiring the society to take on challenges to start businesses with eagerness and confidence.

The Prime Minister's is designed to recognize top rated companies in the following criteria.

- Novelty of the business
- Innovativeness of the business
- Visions to expand its business into the global market
- Visions to solve various problems that the society faces today.

【Comment from the President and CEO, Yoshiyuki Sankai】

It is a great honor to receive the Prime Ministers Award in the third Nippon Venture Award on this occasion.

This award is will greatly encourage our company, that has been challenging to shape the future in the way it should be by developing innovative technologies to solve problems that the society and its people faces and by creating new market with this technology.

We will continue to utilize varieties of innovative Cybernic* technologies, promoting positive innovation from research stages to actual implementation in order to bring about innovation and revolutions in society and industry.

*Cybernics: Cybernics is a new academic field that combines and fuses cybernetics, mechatronics, informatics, brain and neuroscience, IT (information technology), robotics engineering, psychology, law, ethics, business management, etc., championed by Prof. Yoshiyuki Sankai of the University of Tsukuba (President and CEO of the Company). Cybernic technologies, systems, etc. are practical application of Cybernics to those fields.



【Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Yoshiyuki Sankai, CEO of CYBERDYNE,INC.】



【From the left,
Yuji Yamamoto Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries,
Yoshiyuki Sankai, CEO of CYBERDYNE,INC.
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
Hiroshige Seko Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry】



【About CYBERDYNE, INC.】

Based on its corporate philosophy, “Technology exists for humans and society”, the Company challenges to shape the future through creation of “human assistive industry”, which is a new industry centered around medicine, living support and labor support. Ever since it’s founding in 2004 as a spin-off venture from the University of Tsukuba, the Company has researched and developed innovative Cybernic technologies, implementing various applications of Cybernic systems (such as Cybernic devices and Cybernic interfaces), to solve various problems that the society faces. For example, the Robot Suit HAL, known to be the world’s first cyborg-type robot based on Cybernics, is now used to support care and other heavy works in addition to their originally focused areas of medicine & living support. The Company will continue its researches and development to produce new products.

List of major products

- Medical HAL (Lower Limb Type): a system that obtained medical device approval in Europe and Japan.
- HAL for Care/Labor Support (Lumbar Type): a system that reduces the stress applied on the lower back area during heavy work and half crouching posture.
- HAL for Living Support (Single Joint Type) : Light weight and compact system, used for patients in acute stages.
- Transport/Cleaning Robot: a system for transportation or cleaning with environment information recognition and artificial intelligence installed.
- Vital Sensor: a palm-size device for monitoring electrocardiogram for indices of arteriosclerosis and arrhythmia.

Link

Website of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry :

<http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2016/12/20161201005/20161201005.html>

Link to the video : <http://nettv.gov-online.go.jp/index.html> (In Japanese only)

Company profile

Company name:	CYBERDYNE,INC.
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Business Lines:	Development, Manufacturing and distribution of robot suits and other devices
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