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TechnoPro announces investment into PlayNext Lab Inc.

TechnoPro Holdings, Inc. (“TechnoPro”) announced today that it has completed an investment into PlayNext Lab Inc. (“PNL”), a venture company promoting the online recruitment platform for non-Japanese engineers, “TalentHub”, to promote capital and business alliances with PNL.

TalentHub is an online recruitment platform that matches non-Japanese engineers seeking employment with businesses seeking to recruit engineers. The platform utilizes social media connectivity and community functions, skill-based placement tests, and employment-position matching functions; these functions are intended to eliminate job-applicant mismatches and to facilitate the direct recruitment of engineers that best match businesses’ needs. TalentHub is currently in a test-operation period and is scheduled to launch full-scale operations later this year, initially targeting at Vietnamese IT engineers.

The HR service industry is paying higher attention to HRtech – the use of Information technologies such as cloud, big data analysis and AI (artificial intelligence) to facilitate the effective hiring, evaluation, and placement of human resources. As such, the TechnoPro Group sees involvement with TalentHub as an opportunity to engage in the field of HRtech, and intends to realize its long-term growth in line with evolving HR service market. In addition, it is expected that the use of highly skilled non-Japanese engineers will increase in future, due to scarcity of domestic engineers, and consistent with the policy set out in the Japanese government’s “Japan Revitalization Strategy 2016”. The TechnoPro Group believes that promoting the use of non-Japanese engineers in Japan will deliver social and economic benefits, as well.

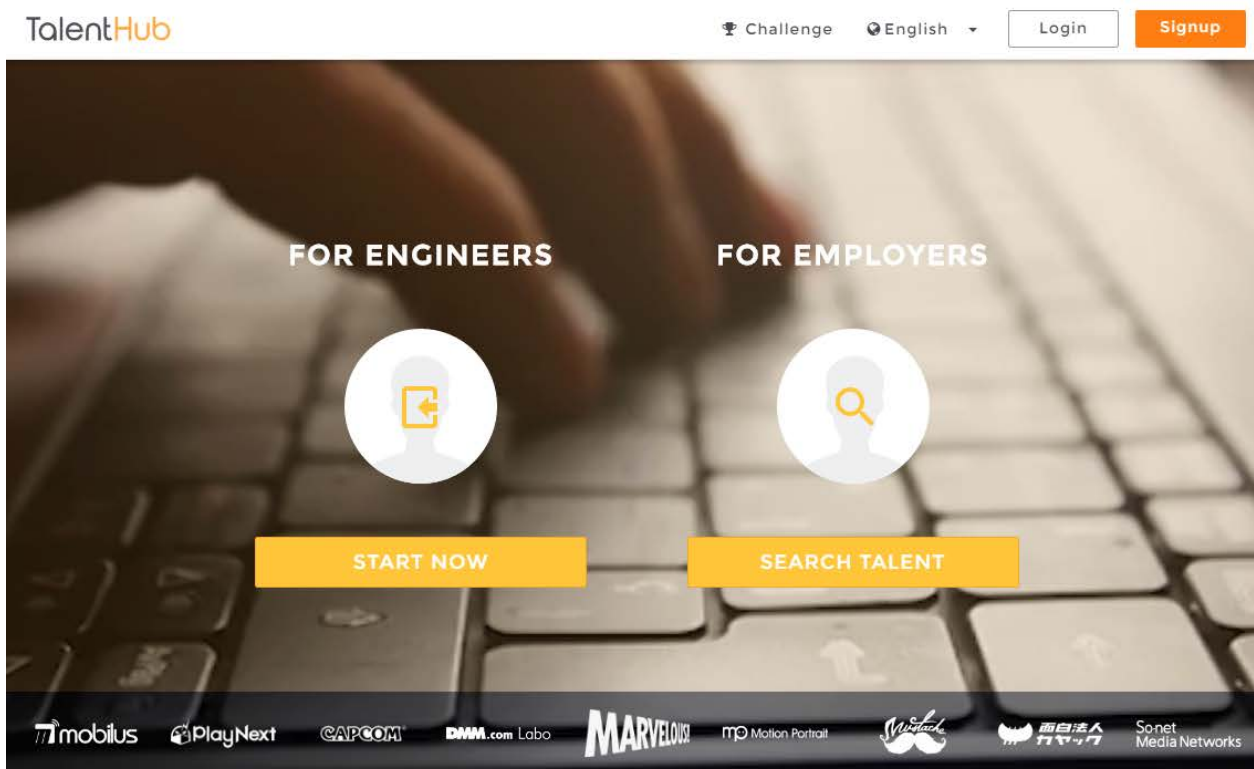
Through this investment, TechnoPro will acquire approximately 48% of PNL’s common stock. PNL possesses development expertise in the areas of web, mobile, and AI, and a network of foreign, mainly Vietnamese, engineers. In addition, it’s expected that Vietnamese IT engineers are highly motivated to work in Japan, since IT industry in Vietnam has been growing, driven by off-shore development, over half of which is for Japanese companies. By combining these strengths with the TechnoPro Group’s client base and engineer hiring/training base, TechnoPro will accelerate the growth of TalentHub.

Please see below for an overview of PNL and an opening screen of TalentHub:




Overview of PlayNext Lab Inc.

(1) Company name		PlayNext Lab Inc. URL: http://www.playnext-lab.co.jp/
(2) Location		1 Chome-1-8 Nishigotanda, Shinagawa, Tokyo
(3) Representative		Representative Director Takumi Kashiwa
(4) Main business		On-line recruitment platform for non-Japanese engineers, dispatch and placement services for non-Japanese engineers
(5) Date of establishment		January 25, 2016
(6) Major shareholders (%)	Prior to investment	PlayNext Japan Inc.: 40%; Mobilus Corporation: 31%; Asia Commerce Limited: 29%
	Post investment	TechnoPro Holdings, Inc.: 48%; PlayNext Japan Inc.: 21%; Mobilus Corporation: 16%; Asia Commerce Limited: 15%

URL: <https://talenthub.jp/> (test-operation)



Why TalentHub

		
GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERS	FAST, FREE & EFFECTIVE	LARGE DATABASE OF COMPANIES
Join the fastest growing community of foreign engineers looking to work in Japan.	Let us find you the best career opportunities.	We have proven results with Japanese companies, large and small, interested in foreign talents.

Impact on consolidated performance:

The impact of this investment on TechnoPro's consolidated results for the fiscal year ending June 2017 will be minimal.