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TechnoPro Design and Data Analysis Leader ALBERT Join Forces to Supply Data Scientists to Clients

~Data Analysis Consulting to More than 1,800 TechnoPro Group Clients; Training 100 Professionals Annually, Aiming to Build a Consulting Services Platform of 1,000 Professionals~

TechnoPro Design Company has entered into an alliance with data analysis firm ALBERT, Inc. to provide trained data scientists to clients of both companies. TechnoPro Design is an in-house company of TechnoPro, Inc., a subsidiary of TechnoPro Holdings, Inc. ALBERT is a leading provider of data analysis in the Artificial Intelligence and machine learning fields.

TechnoPro, Inc. is Japan's largest technology-focused staffing and services provider, serving major manufacturers, the information industry, universities, public and private research institutes, and government entities. TechnoPro Design, which will be working cooperatively with ALBERT, is the largest of the TechnoPro, Inc. in-house companies. The company provides technical staff to clients in the automotive, transportation equipment, industrial machinery and robotics, medical devices, and information devices sectors. TechnoPro Design staff specialize in machinery, electrical/electronic engineering, embedded controller, and other fields.

TechnoPro Design has been fielding numerous requests to supply specialists with skills in data analytics. These skills are indispensable in supporting thriving corporate research and development related to Artificial Intelligence and machine learning.

To meet this demand, TechnoPro Design will partner with ALBERT to educate TechnoPro Design software engineers in ALBERT's advanced data analysis technologies and consulting skills. This training will focus particularly on applications in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and machine learning. TechnoPro Design and ALBERT will work together to provide services in these technology fields for clients in manufacturing and other industries.

ALBERT will give TechnoPro Design access to the company's proprietary *Professional* data scientist training program, which delivers advanced analytical skills in a relatively short time. During the initial stages of this joint venture, ALBERT data scientists will be responsible for analysis requirement definitions and project management. TechnoPro Design engineers will perform the actual analysis work. This arrangement will allow the two firms to provide high-quality analysis services to numerous corporate clients.

As the Japanese Big Data analysis market continues to grow, data analysts and data scientists have come in short supply, creating an urgent issue for clients in this sector. TechnoPro Design and ALBERT plan on training 100 TechnoPro Design engineers as data analysts and data scientists annually, aiming to offer high-quality services in the growing field of analytics. Using a combination of experienced hires and training, the two companies plan to develop a services platform supported by 1,000 professionals in the future.

■ **Professional Data Scientist Training Program**

Since 2012, ALBERT has trained more than 1,000 professionals through its data scientist training program.

The program consists of lectures reflecting the latest technology trends, case study-based practical exercises, and on the job training to develop work-ready professionals.

This program provides a systematic platform for teaching analysis technologies (including basic statistics, multivariate analysis, machine learning, and Artificial Intelligence), programming (including R and Python), and business skills (working with clients to identify underlying issues, defining analysis requirements, etc.).

As a global technical staffing services company, TechnoPro Holdings, Inc. trains its engineers in the latest knowledge and skills, while finding locations to put these skills to work. The company contributes to the development of technology and society by supporting clients in need of the latest advancements in technology.

About ALBERT, Inc.: <http://www.albert2005.co.jp/>

ALBERT, Inc. was founded in July, 2005 as a data-driven, analytical data solutions firm. The company's core competencies draw on eight different specialties: Marketing research, multivariate statistics, data mining, analytical text and image analysis, Big Data processing, solutions development, platform building, and engineering optimization modeling. These eight solutions utilize ALBERT's proprietary algorithms and methods which have been proven in the business field as a competitive advantage.

About TechnoPro Design Company: <http://www.technopro.com/design/>

TechnoPro Design Company is the largest in-house company of technical staffing services company TechnoPro, Inc. As of June 2017, TechnoPro Design boasts 6,167 full-time professionals with skills in machinery, electrical/electronic engineering, embedded controller, and other fields. The company serves research and development and design development needs at more than 700 clients, including major firms in manufacturing and the information industry.

About TechnoPro Group: <http://www.technoproholdings.com/>

TechnoPro Group is Japan's largest technology-focused staffing and service provider, with more than 120 locations in Japan and 14,346 technicians and researchers (as of June 2017). The company is recognized for its expertise across a broad range of specialties, covering nearly every area of technology considered necessary in Japanese industry. These fields include machinery, electrical/electronic engineering, information systems, chemistry, biotechnology, medicine, construction, and civil engineering. The company provides a variety technology-based services to more than 1,800 companies, universities, and research institutions in Japan and overseas.

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