



SUCCESS

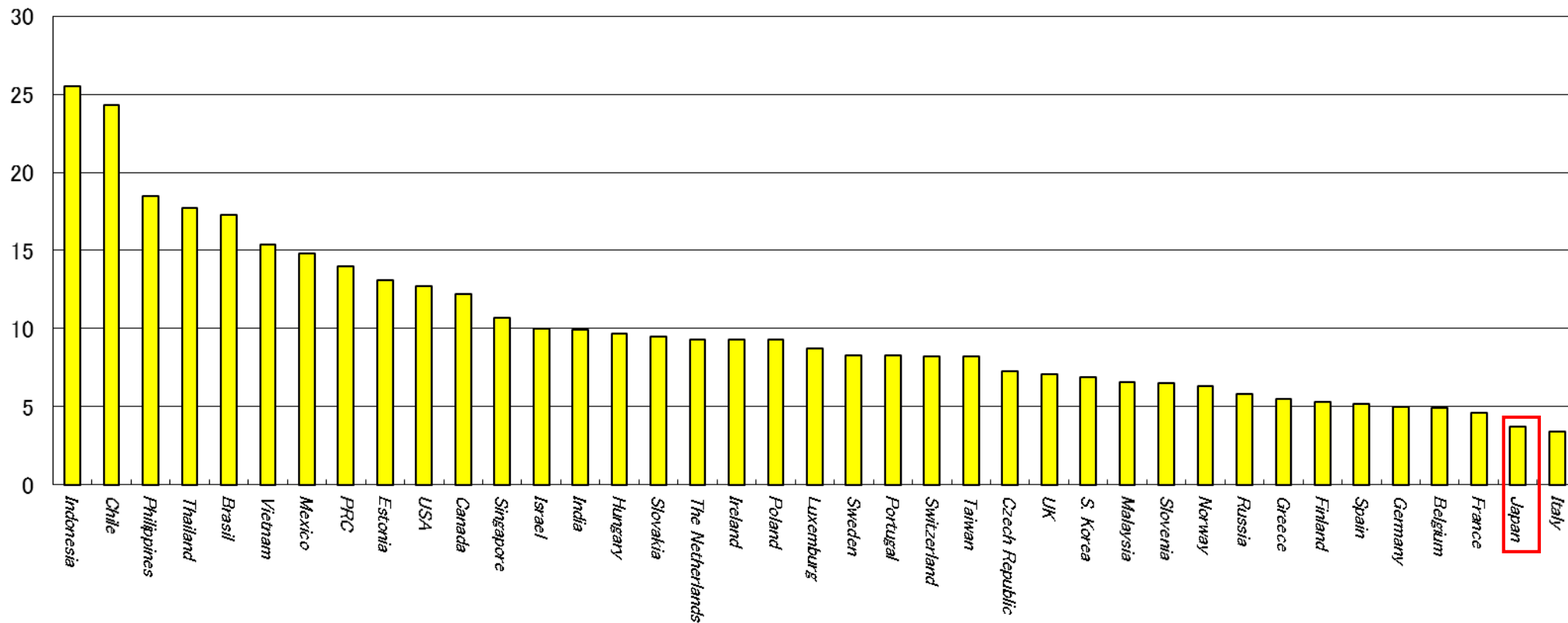
SUpport Program of Capital Contribution to Early-Stage Companies



科学技術振興機構

1. Background(1) Entrepreneurship Index

Number of people who have founded or will found their own companies(%)

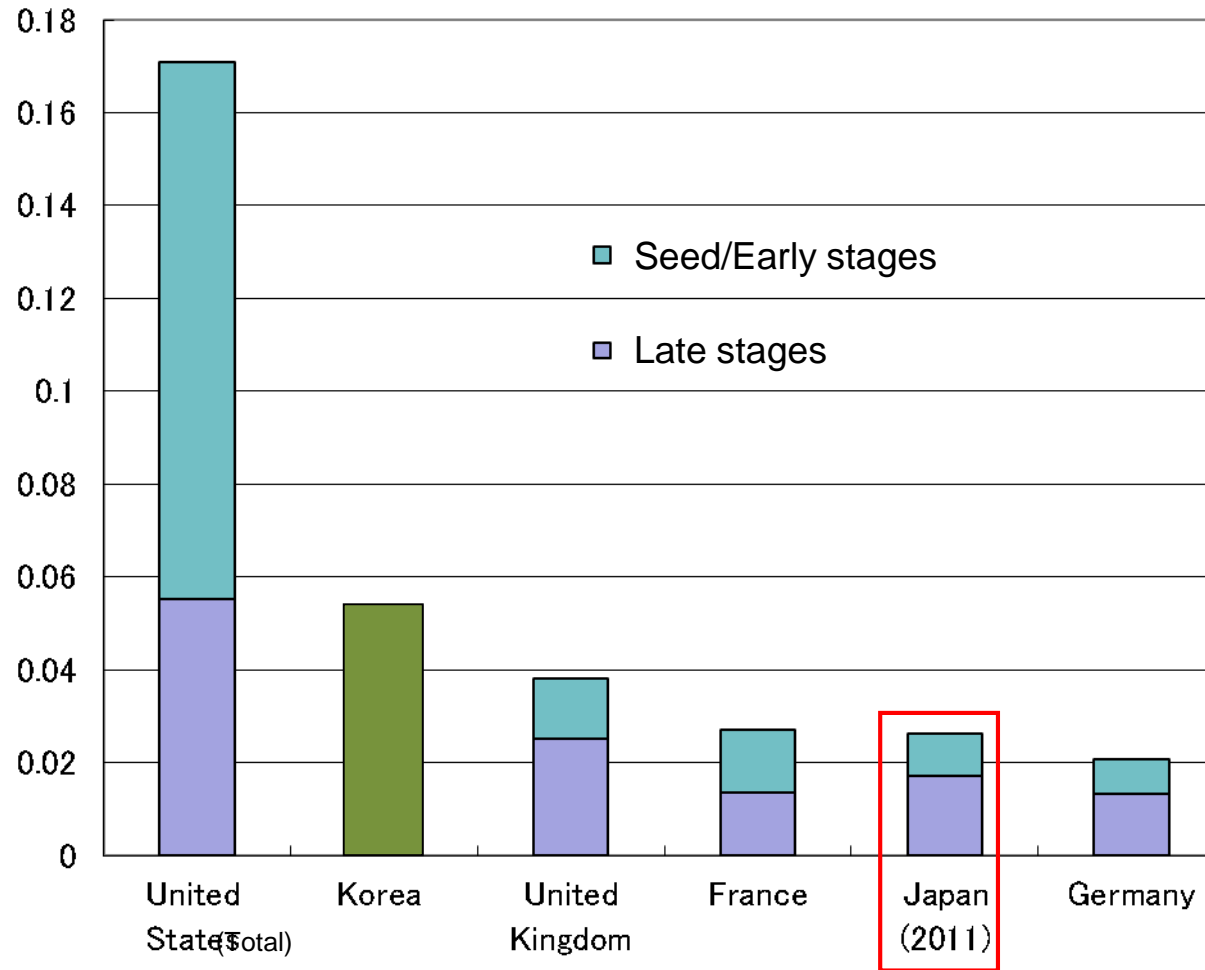


GEM (Global Entrepreneurship Monitor) 2013

1. Background(2) Investment by Japanese VCs

- Far behind USA. Half of S. Korea.
- Poor investments particularly in seed/early stages.

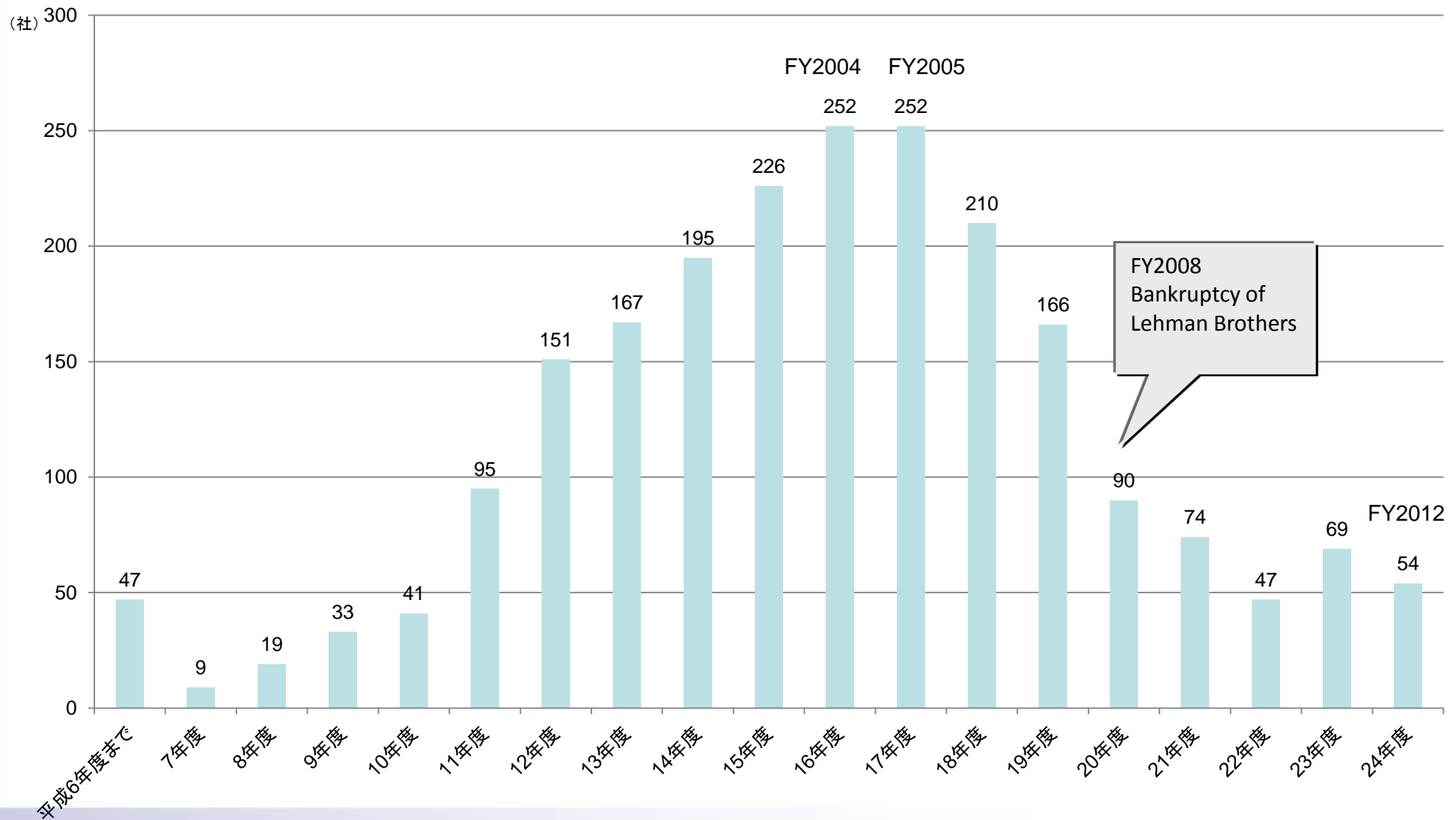
Total amount of
investments by VCs
(per GDP %)



1. Background(3) University Start-ups

Downward trend after hitting the peaks in 2004 and 2005.

Total number : 2,197



1. Background(4) JST

- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)
 - One of the largest funding agencies in Japan
 - Annual budget of approx. USD 1 billion
 - Provide grants to a broad range of fields in Science and Technology



More than 330 start-ups incorporated
from JST grants



- ◆ The number of incorporation went down.
- ◆ The use of grants are limited to R&D expenses.



Equity funding program (2014 -)

2.Overview

Objectives

Enhance the commercialization of outputs from JST's funding programs

Budget

USD 25 million

Qualification

- Core technology of the start-up originates from **JST grants**
- **Before or within 5 years from incorporation**

Upper Limit

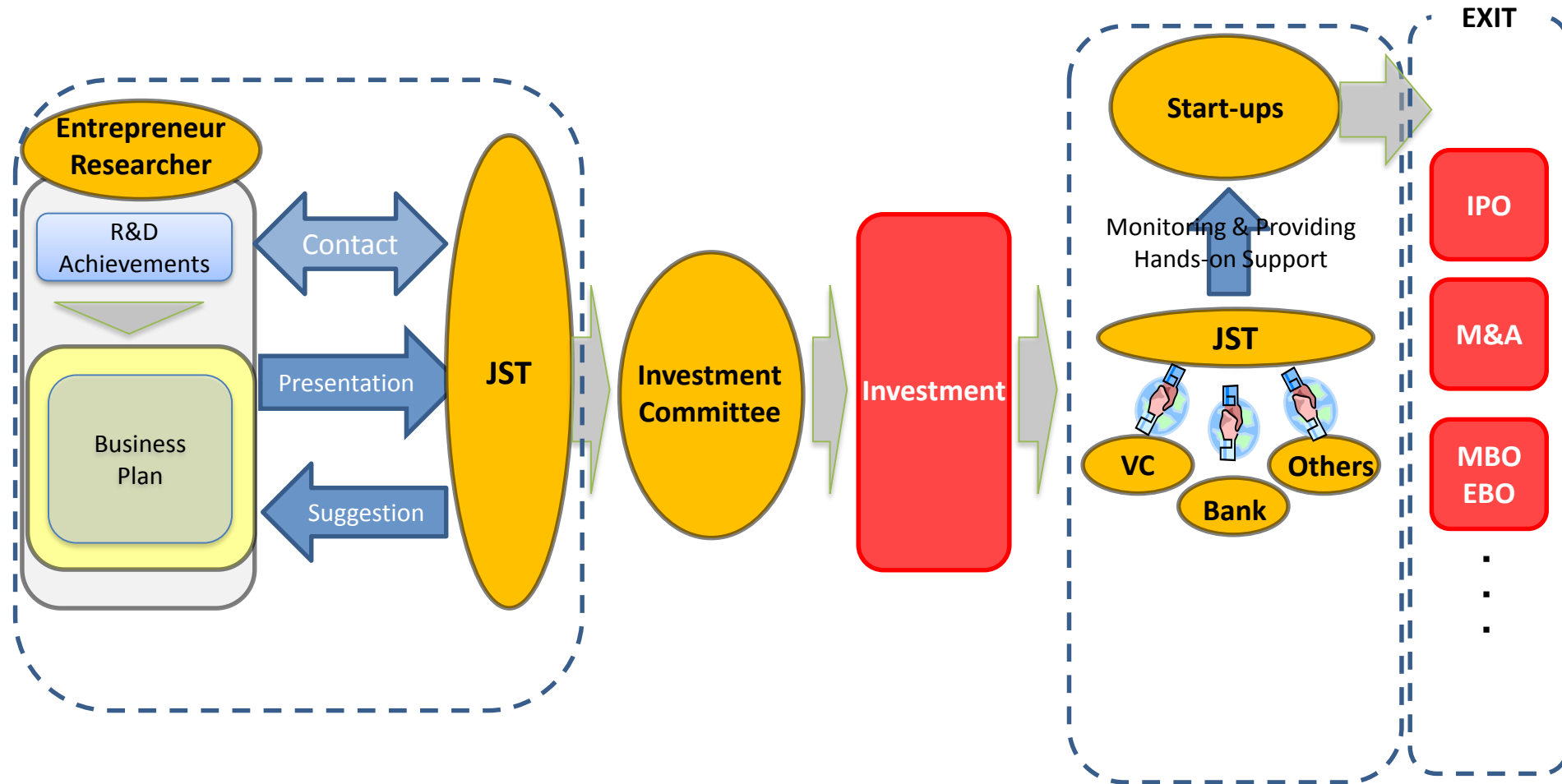
Ownership Ratio: **50%**

Amount : **USD 5 million in total**

USD 1 = JPY 100

✓ Aim to attract investments from private sectors.

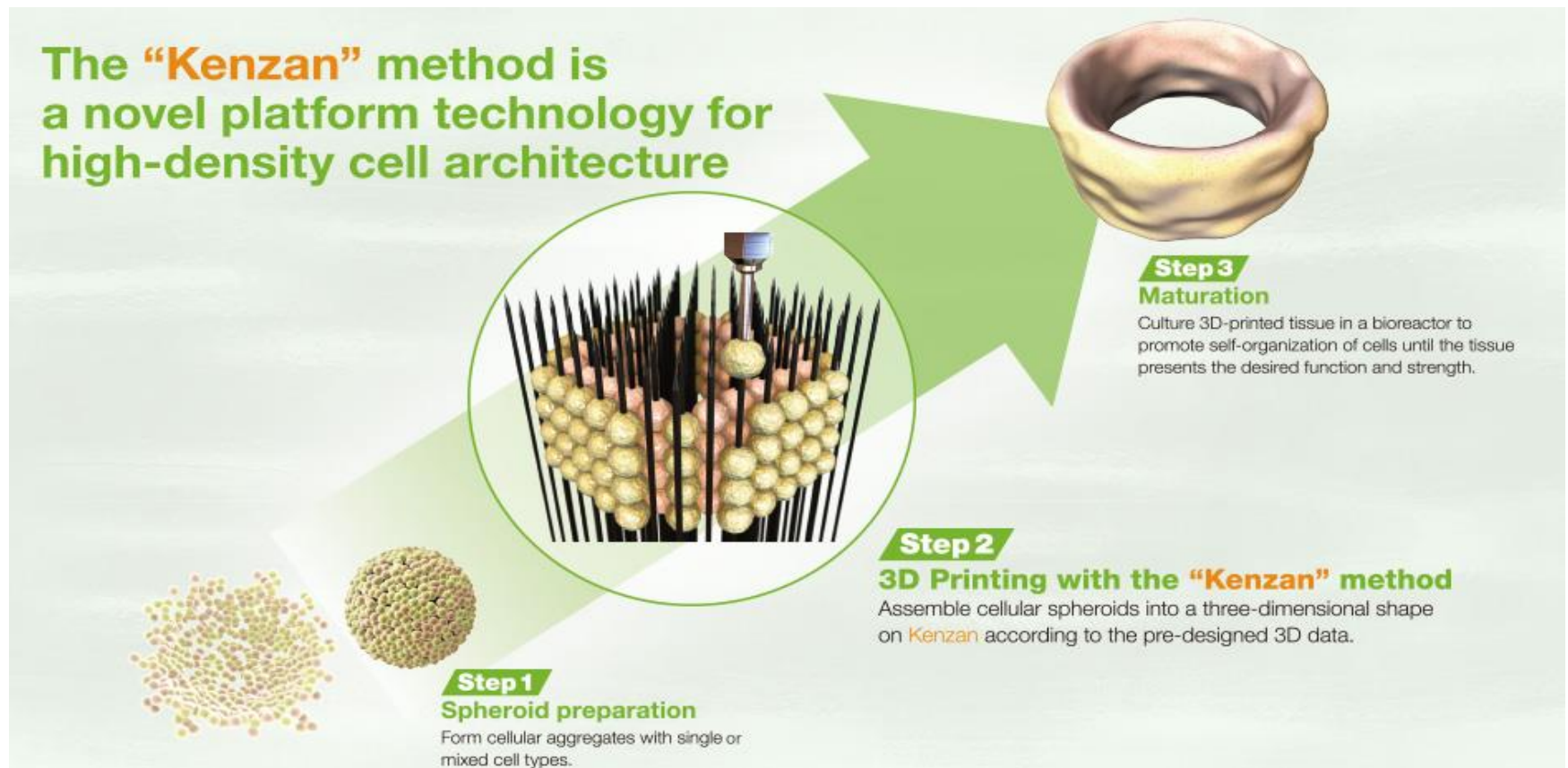
3. Business Flow



4. Investee Companies

Cyfuse (February 2015)

<http://www.cyfusebio.com/en/>



4. Investee Companies (cont.)

Axel Space (September 2015)

<https://en.axelspace.com/>



4. Investee Companies (cont.)

Funpep (November 2015)

<http://www.funpep.co.jp/en/>

