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Mitsubishi Electric Invests in AI Startup Sakana AI

Targeting solutions that use AI foundation-model technologies to address social challenges

TOKYO, March 25, 2026 – [Mitsubishi Electric Corporation](#) (TOKYO: 6503) announced today that it has invested in Sakana AI Inc., a Japan-based AI startup that develops next-generation AI-foundation models. Through this collaboration, Mitsubishi Electric aims to create new solutions and expand businesses related to its Serendie™ digital platform by leveraging Sakana AI's expertise in using AI to optimize complex, tacit-knowledge-rich, highly challenging business operations.

Due to rapid advances in generative AI and the growing complexity of social challenges, many companies are interested in using generative AI for transformational initiatives, such as launching new businesses and automating or enhancing existing operations. Sakana AI's advanced AI technologies integrate methods for optimally composing multiple foundational models for inference with approaches that enable AI to learn and utilize tacit domain knowledge and accumulated expertise.

Mitsubishi Electric expects to provide customers with solutions that enable precise decision-making in complex business domains where conventional, general-purpose AI models and applications have struggled. Mitsubishi Electric plans to combine its strengths—components, customer assets and the domain knowledge it has accumulated in diverse businesses—with Sakana AI's advanced AI foundation-model technologies.

Mitsubishi Electric will create solutions for a wide range of sectors, including manufacturing and infrastructure. The goal is to expand Serendie-related businesses and accelerate the company's transformation into an innovation-driven enterprise through digitalization, thereby contributing to the resolution of various social challenges.

Ren Ito, Co-founder of Sakana AI Inc., said, "We will position AI use in the manufacturing domain, including physical AI, as our third strategic pillar, following our initiatives in the financial and defense sectors, striving to create innovative solutions that leverage Japan's strengths. By combining Mitsubishi Electric's manufacturing knowledge and extensive datasets with our next-generation AI technologies, we will collaborate to bring AI into practical implementation across society."

Satoshi Takeda, Senior Vice President, CDO, and Group President, Digital Innovation at Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, said, “By strengthening our Serendie digital platform and leveraging generative AI, we are creating new business value and enhancing our competitive position. We are confident this investment will be an important step toward broadening AI’s capacity to address concrete, real-world challenges.”

About Sakana AI Inc.

CEO	David Ha
Location	22F, Azabudai Hills Mori JP Tower, 1-3-1 Azabudai, Minato City, Tokyo, Japan
Established	July 2023
Business	Research and development of foundational models for generative AI and their implementation
URL	https://sakana.ai/

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With more than 100 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (TOKYO: 6503) is a recognized world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, energy, transportation and building equipment. Mitsubishi Electric enriches society with technology in the spirit of its “Changes for the Better.” The company recorded a revenue of 5,521.7 billion yen (U.S.\$ 36.8 billion*) in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025. For more information, please visit www.MitsubishiElectric.com

*U.S. dollar amounts are translated from yen at the rate of ¥150=U.S.\$1, the approximate rate on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market on March 31, 2025