Press Information

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Japanese 3D VR Simulation specialist FORUM8 invited to join the Industrial Liaison Program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT ILP)

FORUM8, the Japanese 3D VR simulation specialist has become a member of the prestigious Industrial Liaison Program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT ILP).

After a meeting with Mr. Yano, the director of Japan MIT ILP, the FORUM8 President, Mr Yugi Ito accompanied by colleagues, visited Dr. Greg Ornatowski of MIT ILP in Cambridge MA in late 2015. Following detailed discussions FORUM8 has decided to become a member of the ILP program.

The MIT Industrial Liaison Program (ILP) is dedicated to creating and strengthening mutually beneficial relationships between MIT and corporations worldwide. Established in 1948, the ILP continues to be a key player in making industrial connections for MIT.

- *Over 197 of the world's leading companies partner with the Industrial Liaison Program to advance research agendas at MIT*

- *ILP member companies account for approximately 40% of all corporate gifts and single-sponsored research expenditures at MIT.*

With continued acceleration of advances in technology and knowledge discovery, and a more demanding corporate funding environment, the ILP is committed to creating productive interactions with industry. The ILP continually evolves to meet the interest, needs, and aspirations of MIT faculty and corporate partners.

FORUM8 believes that it could have a significant impact as an active member of MIT ILP conference program and that many of its research and development projects fit well within the whole ethos of this MIT program.

The FORUM8 related projects that immediately would benefit from the MIT ILP relationship include:
- Organic Parking Project (Harvard University, Kostas)
- Arc Bazar Project (Professor Nagakura of MIT)
- The 8th World 16 FORUM8 VR summer symposium & workshop in MIT 2017"

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The 2016 schedule of conferences targeted by FORUM8 is as follows:

2016 MIT Japan Conference Jan.22.2016 Tokyo, Japan
2016 MIT Information & Communication Technologies Conference April 20-21, MIT Media Lab
2016 MIT Digital Health Conference
2016 MIT Research & Development Conference
2016 Infrastructure Innovation in a Changing Environment Conference
2016 MIT Startup Ecosystem Conference

Plus, in 2017 FORUM8 is committed to organize an Individual Workshop (July 5th) and the first FORUM8 MIT VR Conference, scheduled to be held at MIT Media Lab (July 6th).

The second FORUM8 MIT VR Conference is scheduled for July 5th 2018.

 In addition and as an integral part of the ILP program FORUM8 managers and researchers will visit the MIT campus several times a year, actively participating in a series of meetings with MIT experts.

The general objectives of such an ILP Action Plan are to:

- Prioritize interest areas
- Identify ideal company participants, stakeholders
- Develop objectives for MIT interactions
- Schedule specific activities involving interactions with faculty researchers, labs and centers
- Provide ongoing assessment, advice on next steps

FORUM8 Background

FORUM8 is the leading Japanese producer of state-of-the-art 3D VR Engineering software.

It's premier product in the west, VR-Design Studio (formerly known as UC-win/Road), is at the forefront of Real-time Interactive 3D VR Simulation & Modeling technology.

Established in 1987, this multi award-winning company has offices and partners on every continent and is a member of the ITE and an associate of the TRB visualization group.

VR-Design Studio is the ideal solution for urban and transport planning and design projects, either on its own or adding value to 3rd party 3D design or micro-simulation software and other data sources such as point-clouds and photo-logs.

The software is also used extensively for the interactive visualization of rail, road and pedestrian-based situations and 3D environments, as well as emergency and security planning / training scenarios.

Due to the high visual quality of the software and its high level of interactivity, VR-Design Studio powers many different Drive Simulators in use throughout the world, from desk top units to multi-million dollar hexapod based systems.

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