

## Hibot seals MOU with Manufacturer and Trading company RIX

(Tokyo, July 19) Hibot Corp., an innovative robotics start-up pioneering infrastructure maintenance applications, concluded an MOU with RIX Corp., a Japanese Manufacturer and Trading company that is supporting industries in Japan and abroad.

Hibot develops and provides various infrastructure maintenance inspection robots (smart tools), such as Float Arm, an articulated robotic arm with self-weight compensation function, designed especially for inspection and maintenance in narrow, hazardous or confined spaces. Hibot develops also software tools, such as HiBox, a digital platform used to interface with robots, save, manage and analyze data collected from smart tools, and generate inspection reports. With this multi-disciplinary approach, hibot is contributing to the digital transformation of infrastructure inspection works.

RIX, established 115 years ago, supplies various solutions as a Manufacturer and Trading company to a wide variety of industries, including steel, automotive, electric appliances, semiconductor and more. RIX has 35 branches in Japan and 11 branches in other 7 countries. RIX excels at speedily providing solutions required by its customers with its strong worldwide channels.

With this MOU, the two companies will create synergies between hibot's technological capabilities in infrastructure inspection robot development and RIX's customer-focused approach, as well as its problem-solving and deployment capabilities as a manufacturer trading company, to promote further expansion of both business areas.

RIX and hibot will exhibit at the Maintenance and Resilience TOKYO 2022, at Tokyo Big Sight.



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### **About Maintenance and Resilience TOKYO 2022**

Date: from 20th July 2022, to 22th July 2022

Place: Tokyo Big Sight

Booth location Number: M5-159

URL: <https://www.jma.or.jp/mente/tokyo2022/index.html>

### **About RIX**

Established in 1907, RIX is a Manufacturing Trading Company that manufactures and sells industrial machines to high-performance material industries, such as steel & iron, automotive, electric / semiconductor, rubber / tire, environment and paper. RIX provides those industries with various devices, from small machinery to large equipment, which are procured from both Japan and overseas to meet the customer needs. RIX is not only a trading company, but also a manufacturer, having its own factory located in Fukuoka, Japan, and develops and manufactures its own products in order to meet the diverse demands from customers.

For more information, see <https://sub.rix.co.jp/en/>

### **About hibot**

Established in 2004, hibot is a robotics start-up originating from within the Tokyo Institute of Technology, committed to realizing a safer and more sustainable world by creating new trends in infrastructure inspection and maintenance. Hibot develops and utilizes AI-powered remotely controlled robots that allow human beings to be removed from dirty, dangerous or demanding working environments. Hibot's robots have been applied in search and rescue missions, and have been used during decommissioning work at Japan's Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant. CEO: Michele Guarnieri.

For more information, see <http://www.hibot.co.jp>

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