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## Republic of Indonesia Business cooperation agreement signed with South Tangerang Education and Culture Department.

~ TOFAS to be introduced in all primary and secondary schools in the region

Sprix Inc. (Head office: Toshima-ku, Tokyo; President: Hiroyuki Tsuneishi; hereinafter referred to as 'SPRIX') has signed a business cooperation agreement with the Doinas Pendidikan dan Kebudayaan Kota Tangerang Selatan (South Tangerang Education and Culture Department), Republic of Indonesia. Under this agreement, SPRIX will earnestly introduce their Test of Fundamental Academic Skills (TOFAS) to the South Tangerang Department of Education and Culture, with the aim of implementing the test in more than 400 schools in all public and private primary and secondary schools. The South Tangerang Department of Education and Culture, who is aware of the challenges children face in basic academic skills, especially in calculation, will work with SPRIX to solve them, starting with the correct assessment of academic skills through TOFAS.





## 1.1 Background to the introduction of TOFAS

In March 2021, SPRIX launched the International Test of Fundamental Academic Skills (TOFAS), that assesses basic academic skills. TOFAS has struck a chord in countries around the world, with around 300,000 test takers in 32 countries to date, and the number of test takers growing at an accelerated rate.

Meanwhile, in South Tangerang, several issues emerged from the results of the National Achievement Test conducted in Indonesia in 2022. TOFAS was then implemented in some of the schools from October 2022 with the aim of achieving a concrete solution for calculation skills. Based on the confirmed usefulness of the system, a business partnership agreement was concluded to introduce TOFAS in all primary and junior high

schools in the region. Starting with 157 public primary schools, the implementation will be gradually expanded to contribute to improving the computational skills of students in South Tangerang.





## 2. The conclusion of a business cooperation agreement

In February 2023, a signing ceremony was held in South Tangerang, Republic of Indonesia, between Shuhei Umeda, Managing Executive Officer of SPRIX Corporation, and Bpk. The signing ceremony was attended by about 30 school headmasters and others from the field, in addition to officials from the Department of Education and Culture, who engaged in lively discussions on improving education in South Tangerang. Against a background of high interest in Japanese-style education, many questions were asked and high expectations were expressed for the various educational services that SPRIX provides (of which TOFAS is one of).



## 3. Comments at the signing ceremony

<u>Republic of Indonesia Director General Muslim Nur, Department of Education and Culture,</u> <u>South Tangerang, Republic of Indonesia</u>

...We believe that in order to improve children's calculation skills, it is first important to assess their academic performance. In this respect, we saw the potential in TOFAS, which already boasts high performance in countries around the world, and decided to introduce it. The system will be implemented in all schools, public and private.

- In South Tangerang, there are many children who have a lot of room for growth in their basic academic skills. For improvement, we are interested in academic content and [SPRIX's] DOJO as well as TOFAS; we would definitely consider introducing both.
- ... there is much to learn from the Japanese education system. We look forward to input from SPRIX, who has a lot of expertise in disciplining children and in classroom management.
- Shuhei Umeda, Managing Executive Officer, SPRIX Ltd.

This is a unique opportunity for us to deliver our educational services worldwide.

We would like to contribute to South Tangerang, which is facing challenges in basic academic skills, by providing educational content.

- The government wants to provide comprehensive support for the improvement of basic academic skills. TOFAS, which has already been introduced, is not a "once-off" event, and the importance of regularly monitoring the progress of students by taking the test at regular intervals has been agreed.
- The teachers in South Tangerang showed great interest in Japanese school education. With interest in utilising the Forrestanet, we aim to make a contribution to the whole of Indonesia, starting with South Tangerang.

- Contact for media enquiries and applications for interviews on this matter -. SPRIX Corporation.

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