

Recent Accomplishment: Prize from Gunma Techplan Grandprix

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We are pleased to announce that a Nano=Kraft member, as part of a Toyo University team, won a cash prize of ¥100,000 at Gunma Techplan Grandprix held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Umi Yamaguchi participated as one of the finalists to present a business model based on HPLC-SERS. This competition is organized by an educational/technology incubator company, *Leave a Nest*, in collaboration with the local government and prominent companies located in Gunma Prefecture. The goal is to promote transfer of university technologies to industry.

As we reported earlier this year, Jan 11, combining a compact HPLC and Raman instrument, through the Nano=Kraft SERS technology, is expected to lead to a novel quality control technique. Umi skillfully presented her business model in front of an audience from leading local industries and successfully won the prize from Taiyo Yuden, manufacturer of electronics components, particularly capacitors and inductors. We hope that this will lead to productive collaborations.



We like to thank everyone behind this effort. We greatly appreciate encouragement by *Leave a Nest* to participate in this event, and our team members, Uniflows, Ukon Kosha, ANVOS Analytic have all made it happen.