

## SkyDrive Signs MoU with Marut Drones to Collaborate on Transformation of Indian Air Transportation

**TOYOTA, Japan, January 16, 2024** - SkyDrive Inc. ("SkyDrive"), a leading Japanese eVTOL aircraft (\*1) manufacturer based in Japan and Marut Drones, a leading drone technology manufacturer in India signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enter into the partnership to make a significant milestone in the development of futuristic air transportation in India. Under the agreement, SkyDrive and Marut Drones aim to explore and establish mutually beneficial relationships and networks.



*Marut Drone Founder & CEO, Prem Kumar, and SkyDrive CEO, Tomohiro Fukuzawa at Signing Ceremony*

**About SkyDrive Inc.**

SkyDrive was formally established in July 2018 after testing flying car concepts and prototypes from 2014 with the mission of “taking the lead in the once-in-a-century mobility revolution.” Its vision is to create a future where everyone has access to eVTOLs as their daily transportation in Japan and across the world. The company succeeded in the first crewed eVTOL flight test in Japan in 2019 and its eVTOL “SKYDRIVE”(\*2) is in the process of acquiring its Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB) certification. SkyDrive has been selected as a company to participate in the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) project at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan. SkyDrive plans to begin production of “SKYDRIVE” in the Spring of 2024 at the plant owned by official production partner Suzuki Motor Company. SkyDrive is headquartered in Toyota, Aichi Prefecture. Tomohiro Fukuzawa is the CEO of the company.

For more information, please visit: <https://en.skydrive2020.com/>

### **About Marut Drones**

Marut Drones is India’s leading drone technology manufacturer with a focus on developing drone-based solutions to persistent societal problems. Established in 2019 by three IIT graduates, Marut Drones has a vision to advance agriculture. It aims to build the agricultural infrastructure of the next 100 years that will provide the world with sufficient, diversified, and safe food.

From enhancing agricultural productivity and ensuring efficient healthcare logistics to combating the proliferation of mosquito-borne diseases and facilitating environmentally friendly aerial seeding, Marut’s diverse range of drone solutions is meticulously crafted to create a tangible, lasting impact.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.marutdrones.com/>

#### **Editor’s Note:**

(\*1) “eVTOL” is an abbreviation for electric vertical takeoff and landing. eVTOL aircraft are characterized by electrification, a fully autonomous autopilot, and vertical takeoff and landing. It is also called Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) or Urban Air Mobility (UAM).

(\*2) “SKYDRIVE” is a product name of SkyDrive Model SD-05. Model SD-05 is in the process of acquiring its Japan Civil Aviation Bureau certification.

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