## Participation as a Speaker at METI-Hosted Roundtable

We are pleased to announce that Shinichiro Nakahara, our Managing Director, participated as a guest speaker at the 2nd Tohoku Roundtable for SMEs, hosted by the Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), on May 28, 2025. At the conference, he presented the case of UNICON Holdings Co., Ltd., one of our portfolio companies, and engaged in an active discussion on the role of private equity funds in providing capital and management support to regional SMEs.

<Overview of the Tohoku Roundtable for Medium-Sized Enterprises> The Tohoku Roundtable for SMEs is a forum organized by regional branches of relevant government ministries in the Tohoku region. Its purpose is to build and accelerate support frameworks that promote the growth of SMEs expected to play a central role in the local economy.

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