Event Report

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1. Event Overview

(1) Name	Kyushu Taiwan Creative Conference in Fukuoka (Taiwan Kyushu Innovation & Technology Conference)
(2) Dates	October 16th (Wednesday) to October 17th (Thursday) 2024
(3) Time	October 16th (Wednesday) 9:00-18:10 October 17th (Thursday) 9:00-17:30
(4) Venue	Elgala Hall, Large Hall (1-4-2 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City)
(5) Content	Top leaders and researchers from industry, government, academia and finance from Japan, Taiwan and the United States are gathered to mark an opportunity to promote economic exchange and strengthen relationships.
(6) Purpose	Promote economic exchange between Kyushu and Taiwan. Establish a network of economic human resources. Share Fukuoka Prefecture's vision for economic development.
(7) Organizer	Kyushu-Taiwan Creative Conference Executive Committee (Kyushu Economic Forum, Stanford University Drug Discovery Medical Device Development Institute, Asia Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation)
(8) Co-organizer	Kyushu Economic Federation, Fukuoka Federation of Business Executives
(9) Sponsorship	Fukuoka Prefecture/Fukuoka City/Kitakyushu City/Kyushu Chamber of Commerce and Industry Association/Kyushu Association of Corporate Executives/Kyushu Economic Research Center/Platform for All Regions of Kyushu & Okinawa for Startup-ecosystem(PARKS)/Digital Finance and Industry Development Research Center/College of Management, National Taiwan University

(10) Sponsorship	Kyushu Railway Company THE TAIWAN KYUSHU Executive Committee Protech Systems Company, Ltd. Chang Type Industrial Co. Ltd. MPJ Co., Ltd. APAMAN Co., Ltd. Avispa Fukuoka Co., Ltd. Yazaki Innovations, Inc.

2. Participants

(1) Participation Fee

Date	Fee
October 16 (Wednesday)	5,000 yen (tax included)
October 17th (Thursday)	5,000 yen (tax included)

(2) Number of participants

Item	October 16 (Wednesday)	October 17th (Thursday)	Total
Number of participants	377	180	557

(3) Total number of speakers

46 people

3. October 16th (Wednesday) Event Agenda

Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)
9:00	Opening	Susumu Ishihara Chairman of Kyushu Economic Forum
9:20	Review of last year's event	・Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University Toshihiko Nishimura ・Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation Chen-en Ko ・Director of Future Policy Department, Satsumasendai City Government Hidetoshi Furukawa
9:55	ESG in the Semiconductor Industry	・Senior Vice President of TSMC Lora Ho ・President and CEO of JASM Yuichi Horita
10:45	Developments and Challenges in the Semiconductor Supply Chain	・Acting Chairman and Chief Sustainability Officer of Topco Group Robert Lai ・Vice President of the Chung-hua Institution for Economic Research Jiann-Chyuan Wang ・Chairman of Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation Chen-En Ko
11:20	Cooperation and Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in Kyushu and Taiwan	・President and CEO of Honda Kiko Co., Ltd. Kensuke Ryuzoji ・Vice President of Chang Type Industrial Co., Ltd. Annie Chang ・President and CEO of Gomore Inc. Hsin-Fu Kuo ・Managing Director of Aves Capital Group Susan Ko
13:30	Fukuoka Prefecture Industrial Policy	Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture Seitaro Hattori

3. October 16th (Wednesday) Event Agenda

time	Session Name	Speaker's affiliation and name
14:00	Accelerating the Social Implementation of Future Electronics Using Wide Band Gap and Ultra-wide Band Gap Semiconductors toward Net Zero Emissions by 2050	Professor at Nagoya University Hiroshi Amano (Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics)
14:40	Strategic Human Resource Development through Industry-Academia Collaboration	・President of Kyushu University Tatsuro Ishibashi ・Vice President of Kyushu University Masaharu Shiratani
15:50	Making Space Business a New Growth Engine for Kyushu	・Deputy Director of JAXA Space Strategy Fund Business Division Shunsaku Kamimura ・CEO and Representative Director of Infostellar Inc. Naomi Kurahara ・Founder of iQPS Inc. Tetsuo Yasaka ・Executive Vice President of Fusic Co., Ltd. Yoichiro Hamasaki
16:50	Ageing and ME-BYO	・Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University Toshihiko Nishimura ・Chief Superintendent of Lee's Medical Corporation Hsu-Tung Lee ・Professor, Keio University Yasue Mitsukura ・Chairman and Director of Suzuran Medical Corporation Taro Clinic Naoki Uchida ・Director of Humanitude Promotion Department, Welfare Bureau, Fukuoka City Government Koichi Kasai ・Chairman of MPJ Co., Ltd. Takahiro Oguchi ・Specially Appointed Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Keio University Takeo Nagura ・Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture Yuji Kuroiwa (Video Message)

(1) Opening remarks

Chairman of Kyushu Economic Forum / Susumu Ishihara

The second Kyushu-Taiwan Creative Conference is being held in Fukuoka, with the hopes of strengthening cooperation between Kyushu and Taiwan and revitalizing the semiconductor industry. The first conference was held in Satsumasendai City last year, and this year was also led by Professor Nishimura of Stanford University and Professor Chen-En Ko, professor emeritus of National Taiwan University, and invited experts from a wide range of fields from Japan and abroad. In particular, with TSMC's expansion into Kumamoto as a turning point, Kyushu's semiconductor industry is going through a revival, and its land, human resources, and economy are receiving lots of attention. At this conference, a wide range of topics will be discussed, including semiconductor manufacturing and supply chains, the role of small and medium-sized enterprises, human resource development, aging issues, space business, venture companies and finance.
Through this, we aim to further deepen ties between Kyushu and Taiwan and build an industrial foundation for the future.

(2) Review of last year's event

Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University / Toshihiko Nishimura

The background of this 2nd Kyushu-Taiwan Creative Conference is the geographical and cultural closeness of Kyushu and Taiwan, as well as their long-standing interpersonal connections. Significant outcomes were achieved from the discussions that took place last year, which focused on six themes: semiconductor technology, aging, entrepreneurial support, cutting-edge science, financial literacy, and circular economy. More advancements are anticipated this year in the areas of financial education, and exchanges in the field of cutting-edge science, and concrete implementation of the circular economy to strengthen Taiwan and Kyushu collaboration with small and medium-sized enterprises. Aiming for a sustainable growth strategy with Kyushu and Taiwan as hubs, the plan is to expand activities with the cooperation of related parties.

Director of Future Policy Department, Satsumasendai City / Hidetoshi Furukawa

Satsumasendai City in Kagoshima Prefecture is working to become a "circular city." The city is taking advantage of its advanced human resource development environment to focus on developing a hub for a circular economy. Specifically, the city is strengthening the earthquake resistance of the port of Sendai, developing an international logistics terminal, promoting the construction of the Minami Kyushu Westbound Expressway, and developing new industrial sites.

We also plan to provide resource circulation and educational programs at Circular Park Kyushu, which utilizes the site of a former thermal power plant. This initiative will promote regional revitalization and decarbonization, and aims to be a model case with a view to regional revitalization and global expansion. We place importance on creating citizen-led mechanisms, and hope to develop into a local government that supports the entire Kyushu region.

Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation / Chen-en Ko

I am honored to be a part of the second Kyushu-Taiwan Creative Conference, where multinational experts come together. This event is an important platform for leveraging technology and innovation to improve society, especially to deepen cooperation between Japan and Taiwan and promote innovation in the economy and society. I would like to express my respect and gratitude to Chairman Ishihara and his team for their leadership in the Kyushu Economic Forum.

The conference will also cover a wide range of topics, including semiconductors, ESG, and biomedical, and promote international cooperation through keynote speeches and panel discussions, providing an opportunity for participants to share knowledge and experiences, build connections, and forge transformative partnerships that will shape the future.

(3) ESG in the Semiconductor Industry

Senior Vice President of TSMC / Lora Ho

TSMC is the world's largest semiconductor contract manufacturing company, founded in 1987, and is revolutionizing the manufacturing industry with cutting-edge technology, while also actively working in the fields of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG). In terms of the environment, the company has accelerated its green energy usage goals and is committed to zero emissions and waste reduction, and in its supply chain, it is promoting the introduction of recyclable materials with the aim of sustainable development.

In human resource development, we respect diversity and offer online education and educational programs for young people. As contributions to local communities, we provide disaster relief and support for people with disabilities, and we are also working hard to realize a circular economy. Through these efforts, TSMC continues to create a sustainable future in cooperation with partners around the world.

President and CEO of JASM/ Yuichi Horita

I will talk about the progress of technical cooperation between Kyushu and Taiwan, especially about the TSMC semiconductor factory project in Kumamoto. With the support of the local community, this project aims to create a sustainable society by utilizing renewable energy, protecting water resources, and promoting recycling. In addition, through collaboration with Kyushu University and Kumamoto University, we are focusing on nurturing young talent.

We are also deepening our contribution to the local community through cooperation with the local community and cultural activities. Through this project, we aim to further strengthen cooperation between Japan and Taiwan and build a foundation that supports the semiconductor industry. We would like to continue to carry out activities rooted in the local community and grow as a company that can contribute to Japan as a whole.

(4) Development and Challenges of the Semiconductor Supply chain

Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation / Chen-en Ko (Moderator)

Given the complex ecosystem and long supply chain of the semiconductor industry, I would like to reflect on the importance of cooperation between Japan and Taiwan. The overseas expansion of Taiwanese foundry companies has the potential to expand multilateral connections. Inspired by Japan's high ESG standards, TSMC and JASM are implementing those standards and promoting sustainable initiatives. I believe that cooperation with Japanese companies can create synergies and build a strong partnership. In particular, TSMC's construction of its second factory in Kumamoto is a symbolic achievement of this collaboration and will lead to the formation of an even stronger ecosystem.

Ultimately, we believe this cooperation will contribute to the development of Japan, Taiwan, and the world.

Vice President of China Institute for Economic Research / Jiann-Chyuan Wang

I would like to talk about the importance of cooperation between Taiwan and Japan in the IC industry from a geopolitical perspective. Taiwan has a global share in foundries and packaging, while Japan has strengths in the fields of equipment and materials. Leveraging this complementary relationship, cooperation between the two countries will provide new growth opportunities. However, Taiwan faces shortages of resources such as water, electricity, and labor, as well as geopolitical risks, and Japan's competitiveness has also declined compared to the past. In this context, the expansion of Taiwanese companies into Kyushu and efforts to help small and medium-sized enterprises succeed their businesses are promising concrete collaboration models.

Furthermore, by mutually leveraging startups and technological innovations from both countries, we can create resilient supply chains and new applied technologies. I am convinced that this cooperation will be key to promoting regional economic growth and opening up a new future.

Acting Chairman and Chief Sustainability Officer of Topco Group / Robert Lai

As Acting Chairman and CSO of the Topco Group, I have been working on the future collaboration between Taiwan and Japan. We provide products and services across the entire semiconductor supply chain and advance technological innovation, especially through collaboration with Japanese companies. Japan has strengths in precision materials and Taiwan in foundry and packaging, so the cooperation between the two countries is complementary and contributes to strengthening our competitiveness. We also focus on human resource development and promote the next generation through scholarships and internships. Furthermore, we aim to achieve economic growth by leveraging the geographical and cultural proximity between Kyushu and Taiwan and strengthening collaboration. We hope to promote the sustainable development of both countries through joint research and the creation of ecosystems in next-generation fields such as 5G, AI, IoT, and EV.

(5) Cooperation and Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in Kyushu and Taiwan

Managing Director of Aves Capital Group / Susan Ko (Moderator)

I would like to talk about the growth, challenges, and hopes of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Taiwan and Japan. My research has identified four key success factors. First, Japan and Taiwan need to leverage their respective strengths to cooperate and promote innovation in the areas of manufacturing, technology, and sustainability. Second, we need to strengthen SME partnerships and create policies that support cross-border collaboration among key stakeholders. Third, we need to foster mutual understanding and introduce each other through transparency to build trust. Finally, we need to incorporate sustainability into our strategies and be persistent in building international relationships to ensure long-term success.

President and CEO of Honda Kiko Co., Ltd. / Kensuke Ryuzoji

As the fourth-generation president of Honda Kiko, a company based in Kyushu, I am working to expand globally through industrial pumps. With Japan's advanced technology, I have expanded my business to 65 countries and actively recruit foreign talent to meet the needs of overseas markets. Kyushu is the gateway to Asia, and I am using its geographical advantages to promote regional revitalization and globalization. On the other hand, the lack of English language skills and quick decision-making ability of Kyushu companies is an issue, and I feel that there are many things to learn from the flexibility and speed of Taiwanese companies. I hope that Taiwan and Kyushu will cooperate to build a strong partnership and develop the regional economy by promoting multicultural coexistence and improving language skills.

Vice President of Chang Type Industrial Co., Ltd. / Annie Chang

We are a Taiwan-based power tool company that went public in 2003. Our vertically integrated business model has streamlined our supply chain, and in 2011, we acquired Delta, a historic American company, which accelerated our global expansion. We currently provide products to many customers, including global home improvement companies. We also foster the next generation to succeed our business and work with other companies to solve problems and share resources. Through these efforts, we hope to work toward a sustainable and better future. We look forward to building new partnerships with you today.

President and CEO of Gomore Inc Group/ Hsin-Fu Kuo

I was born into a family with a Japanese grandmother and grew up in a world where Japan and Taiwan share a common bond. Today I would like to introduce you to the AI company I run, Gomore. The company applies AI technology to the sports and medical fields to provide personalized fitness and wellness services. In particular, we focus on developing coaching algorithms and devices that utilize AI to provide comprehensive solutions to balance the mind and body. Since our founding, we have deepened our ties with the Olympics and university hospitals, and have acquired patents and expanded globally. The keys to success are innovation, teamwork, and entrepreneurship. We aim to grow globally by leveraging the synergy between the cultures of Japan and Taiwan.

(6) Promoting Fukuoka Prefecture's Industrial Policy

Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture / Seitaro Hattori

As the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, I am working to promote the semiconductor and automotive industries in Kyushu. Starting with TSMC's expansion into Kumamoto Prefecture, a Taiwanese semiconductor company is also planning to expand into Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture, and this will continue to develop Kyushu as a "Silicon Island." Toyota and Nissan are also planning to build an EV battery factory in Fukuoka, and I believe that these projects will push Kyushu to become a global base for the semiconductor and automotive industries. In addition, we are strengthening support measures to attract companies by developing facilities that support human resource development and research and development. We would like to move forward together with companies and the local community to develop the entire Kyushu region into one of the world's leading industrial clusters.

(7) Accelerating the Social Implementation of Future Electronics Using Wide Band Gap and Ultra-wide Band Gap Semiconductors toward Net Zero Emissions by 2050

Professor at Nagoya University / Hiroshi Amano (Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics)

Today, I will talk about the contribution of gallium nitride, a semiconductor "muscle" material, to carbon neutrality. Gallium nitride and SiC have the potential to significantly improve energy conversion efficiency and dramatically improve the performance of solar power generation and electric vehicles (EVs). We are also developing semiconductor lasers with the world's shortest wavelengths using our own technology, aiming for efficient energy use. We are also conducting research on next-generation displays and smart interfaces. Through these efforts, we aim to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. I would like to continue to deepen my collaboration with people in Kyushu and Taiwan, so I would like to collaborate with those who are interested in my research.

(8) Strategic Human Resource Development through Industry-Academia Collaboration

President of Kyushu University / Tatsuro Ishibashi

At Kyushu University, we promote collaboration with various stakeholders, including local governments and industry, with the aim of solving social issues. In order to concentrate on research in the areas of decarbonization, medicine, the environment, and semiconductors and to accelerate the social implementation of the findings, we founded Kyushu University OIP Co., Ltd. based on a vision for 2030. In the semiconductor field, we are also promoting human resource development and international cooperation through collaboration with TSMC and the Kyushu Semiconductor Human Resource Development Consortium. Furthermore, we are strengthening collaboration with universities in the Kyushu and Okinawa regions and Taiwan, aiming to create innovation that transcends the region. Through these efforts, we are working hard to make Kyushu University a driving force for social change.

Vice President of Kyushu University / Masaharu Shiratani

As a vice president at Kyushu University, I am advocating for human resource development and industry-academia collaboration in the semiconductor field. Over the next ten years, Japan will require 40,000 new semiconductor talent to meet the rising demand worldwide. In response to this, Kyushu University established the "Education Center for Semiconductors and Value Creation" to develop not only semiconductor engineers but also application-oriented talent who will lead social change. In addition, through collaboration with Taiwan's TSMC and universities and companies both in Japan and overseas, we are promoting the enhancement of educational programs and global human resource exchange. Furthermore, we aim to establish a science park based in Kyushu, and will contribute to the social implementation of research results and the development of local industries.

(9) Making space Business a New Growth Engine for Kyushu

Executive Vice President of Fusic Inc. / Yoichiro Hamasaki (Moderator)

I am Hamasaki from Fusic Co., Ltd., and I will be the moderator. Today, I would like to discuss the space business as a growth engine for Kyushu, going back and forth between the grand theme of space and the local topic of Kyushu. First, I would like to clarify what kind of structure the space industry has and how it is linked to the development of Kyushu.

Today, I would like to share many topics and delve deeper into the potential of space and the local community.

Deputy Director of JAXA Space Strategy Fund Division / Shunsaku Kamimura

I work in the New Business Promotion Department at JAXA, where I work to grow the space industry and promote collaboration between industry, academia, and government. The space industry is expanding globally and is expected to reach approximately 140 trillion yen in 2040. In Japan, the government has established the Space Strategy Fund to support startups, small and medium-sized enterprises, and large companies, and the space-related budget is expanding year by year. In this ecosystem, I aim to develop a wide range of businesses, from rocket and satellite launches to data utilization, lunar development, and space travel. In addition, through JAXA's co-creation partnerships, which involve more than 200 companies, I am focusing on expanding the possibilities of the new space industry by collaborating with companies from different industries.

CEO of Infostellar Inc. / Naomi Kurahara

As the CEO of Infostellar Inc., I provide a platform called "StellaStation" that specializes in satellite ground communications. By connecting to our system, satellite operators can effectively use parabolic antennas anywhere in the world. This makes it easier to send satellite data to the ground and lowers the expense and difficulty of installing and adjusting individual antennas. In addition, with the rapid growth of the space industry as a backdrop, the evolution of semiconductor technology and the spread of small satellites as a driving force, I aim to make space utilization more accessible and practical from a private perspective rather than a space agency. Together with international members, I am focusing on creating new value in the expanding space business market.

Founder of iQPS Inc. / Tetsuo Yasaka

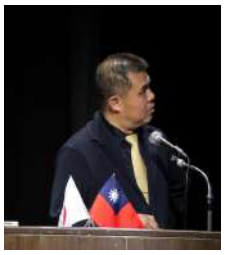
I was involved in space development as a university researcher, then worked on satellite development for 20 years at a company. At Kyushu University, I promoted small satellite projects by students. Currently, I have established the "Institute for QPS" that provides services using satellites, and provides high-precision earth observation data using small radar satellites. This data is used in a wide range of applications, including disaster response, infrastructure management, and autonomous driving support. Utilizing a locally based manufacturing network, I aim to establish a space industry in Kyushu, and in cooperation with local companies, I aim to manufacture 10 satellites per year. With the support of the local community, my mission is to create world-class technology and services from Kyushu.

(10) Aging and ME-BYO

Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University / Toshihiko Nishimura (Moderator)

Today's theme is "pre-illness," and I'll talk about how we might increase healthy life expectancy in an ageing population. We are breaking down the idea of "pre-illness" into four categories (walking, cognition, stress, and the entire body) in order to address the issue of ageing in Taiwan and Japan. Experts from each field will participate, and Professor Nagura of Keio University will give a presentation on the importance of walking, Director Kasai of Fukuoka City and President Uchida of Taro Clinic will give a presentation on dementia prevention, and Professor Mitsukura of Keio University will give a presentation on stress visualization and management. In addition, Dr. Oguchi will introduce a successful case of a treatment that combines Oriental medicine and regenerative medicine. Ultimately, we aim to visualize pre-illness and discuss specific methods to achieve prevention and improvement, and build a new health model.

Chief Superintendent of Lee's Medical Corporation / Hsu-Tung Lee



I learned how Taiwan utilizes the concept of "pre-illness" to manage the gap between health and illness. "Pre-illness" is a concept that aims to treat illness before it occurs and maintain health preventatively. Taiwan is promoting the "Healthy Taiwan Plan" based on this concept, aiming to improve people's health and develop the country. Specifically, efforts are being made to utilize medical technology and genetic data analysis to enable early detection and prediction of diseases, thereby reducing the risk of dementia, stroke, and other conditions. In addition, the growth of the medical sector is bolstering preventive and personalised treatment. In spite of its super-aging population, this approach seeks to position Taiwan as a global leader in health.

Professor of Keio University / Yasue Mitsukura

I will explain the difference between "barometers" and "biomarkers" that measure mental and physical health. Barometers are devices that simply grasp an individual's condition, such as sleep trackers, but they do not follow medical standards and lack accuracy. On the other hand, biomarkers predict illness based on specific changes in the body and can be applied to medical care and health management. We have patented a simple device for detecting MCI (mild cognitive impairment) and an accurate sleep evaluation model using heart rate data. In our research to date, we have spent a lot of time visualizing emotions and hormones, evaluating the severity of depression, and more, but we will continue to challenge ourselves to improve health science.

Chairman and Director of Taro Clinic, Suzuran Medical Corporation / Naoki Uchida

As a dementia specialist, I run a clinic that supports home medical care in Fukuoka. In this session, with the theme of "Dementia and ME-BYO," I will explain the importance of slowing aging as a way to prevent dementia. The speed of aging is influenced by genetics and lifestyle habits, and healthy living, such as walking and talking, is the key to slowing its progression. Furthermore, dementia is a condition with more than 70 types of causes, of which Alzheimer's disease accounts for the majority. However, dementia is not simply a change in cognitive function, but rather a disruption in daily life. I am working on a project called "Dementia Friendly Tech" to utilize technology to eliminate inconveniences in daily life. Through this, we aim to improve the ease of living for people with dementia and also collaborate with startup companies. I would like to continue to expand our activities through regional and international collaboration.

Director of Humanitude Promotion Department, Fukuoka City Public Welfare Bureau / Koichi Kasai

I will explain how Fukuoka City is addressing the issue of dementia. The population of Fukuoka City is expected to continue to grow until 2040, while the aging population is also increasing, and the number of dementia patients is expected to increase sharply. In order to create a city where persons with dementia can live as they are, the city started the "Dementia-Friendly City Project" in 2018. Specifically, the city is developing both hard and soft measures, such as developing public facilities with dementia-friendly designs, introducing the care technique "Humanitude," and holding classes for citizens. In addition, the city is collaborating with companies and local residents to create an environment where people with dementia can play an active role as members of society. In addition, the city has also established a "Dementia Friendly Center," a facility where people with dementia can work. This is deepening the understanding and support of dementia throughout society.

Chairman of MPJ Co., Ltd. / Takahiro Oguchi

The topic of my talk will be on the potential of "hybrid therapy," which combines traditional Chinese medicine with the latest medical technology. I work both in Japan and overseas as an acupuncturist and judo therapist, treating athletes and general patients. In the process, I developed a unique method that combines acupuncture and stem cell therapy, which has been effective in treating anxiety neurosis and rehabilitation after cerebral hemorrhage. In one example, a company president with panic disorder who was unable to leave his house overcame his symptoms after five treatments and reintegrated to society. Another example is that, a patient with hemiplegia due to cerebral hemorrhage regained his daily life after treatment. This therapy is based on the concept of prevention of illness and aims to improve physical and mental disorders at an early stage. I proposed the significance of hybrid therapy, which aims to achieve health not only by treating physical symptoms but also by adjusting the skeletal and nervous areas.

Specially Appointed Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Keio University / Takeo Nagura

I have been researching lateral knee thrust for many years at Keio University, and am currently working at a startup developing a device that can easily measure the condition of the knee. Knee pain is a problem for more than 25 million people in Japan, especially women and the elderly. Since it is difficult to identify early knee disease using conventional X-ray diagnosis, my device uses sensors and AI technology to quickly quantify lateral knee thrust, enabling early intervention. This device is used in 40 facilities nationwide and contributes to preventive measures, rehabilitation, and health checkups. In the future, I aim to support the health of more people by standardizing knee values like blood pressure and blood sugar levels and disseminating them both domestically and internationally.

Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture / Yuji Kuroiwa (Video Message)

As the Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture, I have advocated the concept of "ME-BYO" to address the challenges associated with aging, and am working to improve the continuum between health and illness. I believe that preventing illness is about improving health at any stage, even if only a little, and that diet, exercise, and social participation are important. Based on this idea, we are promoting the "Healthcare New Frontier Policy" that combines cutting-edge technology and working with networks around the world. In addition, we have jointly developed the "Pre-disease Index" with the WHO and the University of Tokyo, which quantifies the pre-disease state, providing individuals with an opportunity to understand their own pre-disease state and change their behavior. Our ultimate goal is to realize "Vibrant Life," where people can live with a smile even at the age of 100, and we are spreading this concept to the world.

4. October 17th (Thursday) Event Agenda

time	Session Title	Speaker(s)
9:00	Opening	Sumio Kuratomi Chairman of Kyushu Economic Federation
9:10	Space Medicine Initiative	・Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University Toshihiko Nishimura ・Director of Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization, Tohoku University Masayuki Yamamoto ・Director of National Institute of Information and Communications Technology Motoaki Yasui ・Executive Director, CTO of ACCESS Co., Ltd. Michimasa Uematsu ・President and CEO of Minsora Inc. Hisanobu Takayama ・Representative Partner of Tsukuru LLC Sota Miyake
10:45	Modeling Things, Events, and Phenomena - Control begins with understanding the other party -	・Professor Emeritus, Keio University Shuichi Adachi ・Professor, Keio University Yasue Mitsukura
11:45	Promoting Kyushu's Semiconductor Supply Chain	・Professor, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University Jeff Chen ・Senior Advisor of KORVVA Links Vincent Lin ・Professor, National Taiwan University Konrad Young ・Managing Director of Nomura International (Hong Kong) Limited Shine Lin

4. October 17th (Thursday) Event Agenda

time	Session Title	Speaker(s)
14:00	Venture Investment beyond Japan and Taiwan: Opportunities and Challenges	・Executive Vice President of FFG Venture Business Partners, Co., Ltd, Yasuhisa Yamaguchi ・President of CDIB Capital Innovation Accelerator Corporation Ryan Kuo ・CEO of Industrial Technology Investment Corporation, Michel Chu
15:00	Developing Finance Talent that is Key to Global Management	・Senior Managing Director of Sozo Ventures Koichiro Nakamura ・Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Masanori Fujita ・Director of General Affairs Department/Finance Department/Corporate Planning Department, the Ritsumeikan Trust Katsuya Sakai
16:25	Aiming for Silicon Sea Belt 2.0	Professor Emeritus, Kyushu University Hiroto Yasuura
17:05	Closing	・Chairman of Kyushu Economic Forum Susumu Ishihara ・Chairman, Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation Chen-En Ko ・Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University Toshihiko Nishimura

(1) Opening remarks

Chairman of the Kyushu Economic Federation / Sumio Kuratomi

On the second day of the conference, we would like to introduce some of Kyushu's initiatives. Kyushu is currently the most vibrant region in Japan, and the semiconductor industry has grown rapidly since TSMC's expansion into Kumamoto. Investment has already exceeded 6 trillion yen, and an economic effect of 20 trillion yen is expected over the next 10 years. The Kyushu Regional Strategy Council adopted the grand design of "Silicon Island Kyushu," aiming to make Kyushu the core of the semiconductor business. In addition, we are working on various initiatives, such as supporting ventures in collaboration with Kyushu University, promoting the aerospace industry, and solving problems by using satellite data. In addition, we are deepening economic exchanges with Taiwan and promoting regional development. We hope that this conference will be an opportunity to open up the future of Kyushu, Taiwan, and Japan as a whole.

(2) Space Medicine Initiative

Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University / Toshihiko Nishimura (Moderator)

The second day's session of the 2nd Kyushu-Taiwan Creative Conference will begin with the "Space Medical Initiative." Yesterday, we shared the possibility that the space industry will become the core of the new Silicon Island as a growth engine for Kyushu. Today, we will step forward with three specific themes in the space industry. First, Dr. Yasui will talk about space in general, and Mr. Takayama, the representative of Minsora, will introduce his 50 years of involvement with space. Next, Dr. Masayuki Yamamoto will talk about space medicine from the perspective of "thinking about medicine from mice." Finally, Mr. Uematsu and Mr. Miyake will share new business ideas for the space industry as a special topic on space.

Director of National Institute of Information and Communications Technology / Motoaki Yasui

I am conducting research at the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT). NICT is an independent administrative institution that engages in a wide range of activities from basic research in the ICT field to industrial applications. In particular, in the space field, we focus on communication, remote sensing, development of secure quantum communication technology, observation by meteorological satellites, and space weather forecasting. For example, we introduced research results such as satellites that demonstrate high-speed and large-capacity communication technology, optical communication technology, remote sensing satellites for improving weather forecasts, and space weather forecasting systems. We are also working on future technology development and basic research through collaboration with industry and universities and international cooperation. We promote open use of our facilities and aim to improve the vitality of society as a whole.

President and CEO of Minsora Inc. / Hisanobu Takayama

I work as a "space business navigator," the first Japanese to hold this title, and navigate space-related information and technology. With 50 years of experience, I have been involved in many projects, including the International Space Station (ISS) and space transportation systems. The ISS is a research and development site that utilizes a microgravity environment, and basic research is particularly active in the medical field. In the future, commercial space stations led by private companies will play a central role, and practical uses such as medical care and pharmaceuticals are expected to progress. The space industry is expanding in Japan as well, and new businesses are being developed based in Kyushu. I believe that health and medicine will be important themes in the future when life in space becomes a reality.

Executive Director and CTO, ACCESS Co., Ltd. / Michimasa Uematsu

I have been involved in social implementation based on communication technology for many years. From my experience in developing services such as mobile communication, broadband, and smart TV and delivering technology to society, I understand that the advancement of communication technology is essential in accelerating industry. Currently, optical and wireless technologies receive attention, which enable high-speed and low-power communication. In particular, the introduction of optical semiconductors and optical wiring has dramatically improved efficiency and has the potential to solve Internet load and power problems. Furthermore, satellite communication technologies such as Starlink enable personal use and promote industrial transformation. Through cooperation between Japan and Taiwan, we are promoting the construction of a new communication network based on optical and wireless technologies, and I believe that this technology will also contribute to space development.

Director of Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization, Tohoku University / Masayuki Yamamoto

As part of my space research, I'm investigating how the human body reacts to the space environment. In recent years, Japan has been planning to send humans to the moon, following the United States, and space medicine will be important in this regard. I have been researching the "NRF2 system" for many years in order to examine the physiological impacts of stress brought on by weightlessness and space radiation. In order to protect the organism and combat oxidative stress, this mechanism is crucial. In 2018, I conducted an experiment using mice on the International Space Station. As a result, it was revealed that the space environment causes a rapid decrease in bone density and muscle mass, and a decrease in vitamin D production and metabolic changes were also confirmed. Furthermore, it was found that NRF2 is deeply involved in the body's adaptive response in space. In light of these findings, my goal is to create new space medical opportunities and support future human space development.

Representative Partner of Tsukuru LLC / Sota Miyake

I am working on building a new space industry platform. I used to be the COO of a company developing lunar rovers, and now I am working with my colleagues to create a new business model. As part of this, we are promoting a plan to use resources available on the moon to carry out local production. This is in collaboration with NASA's Artemis program, and has led to projects to develop unmanned robots and set up factories in the moon's underground space. We are also considering setting up a low-orbit spaceport and using asteroid resources. In addition, we are promoting the development of service robots, and while they will be used in terrestrial fields such as nursing care, agriculture, and construction, we aim to ultimately use them in space. Through these efforts, we aim to realize a circular society and create a new economic sphere. We continue to take on challenges and pursue diverse possibilities.

(3) Modeling of Things, Events, and Phenomena – Control begins with understanding the other party –

Professor, Keio University / Yasue Mitsukura (Moderator)

I would like to talk about the evolution and challenges of AI. Big data includes medical examination data and image data, which have different standards for each hospital, but these contain a lot of noise and sampling inconsistencies, which pose challenges when training AI. However, AI has achieved accuracy that exceeds that of humans in image processing and language recognition, and its evolution is astonishing. On the other hand, AI has a weakness in that it is not good at responding flexibly, so caution is required when using it in the medical field. We are deepening our learning in order to utilize AI in visualization of emotions, etc. AI is full of possibilities, but I feel that it is important to use it appropriately and consider ethical issues.

Professor Emeritus, Keio University / Shuichi Adachi

After completing doctoral studies in 1986, I worked on satellite attitude control at Toshiba. After working in the aerospace industry, private companies, and overseas, I am today a professor emerit us at Keio University. My specialties are "control," "models," and "data," and I deal with a wide range of topics, such as bipedal robot control, automobiles, space exploration, and acoustic engineering. Control theory is applied to many fields and is difficult to understand intuitively, but its essence is a technology that analyzes objects and moves them efficiently. In addition, the realization of a data-driven society is an important issue, and research on AI and complex systems holds the key to this. In the history of science, Galileo and Newton used simple models to elucidate complex phenomena. Through my research, I aim to utilize technology and knowledge to benefit society.

(4) Promoting Kyushu's Semiconductor Supply Chain

Professor, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University / Jeff Chen (Moderator)

I have taught in Taiwan, Japan, and Stanford University, and have been involved in many projects. Today, I will share my knowledge with Professor Young, who has supported TSMC's R&D for many years, and Professor Lin, who has innovated supply chain management at HP and MediaTek. Comparing the characteristics of the supply chains in Taiwan and Japan, we can see that while Japan is dominated by a vertically integrated supply chain, Taiwan has increased its flexibility and competitiveness through horizontal division of labor. I believe that this difference creates new possibilities for collaboration between the two regions. In particular, TSMC's plan to increase its local content rate in Japan shows the importance of digital transformation, which calls for many small and medium-sized enterprises to improve their competitiveness. This requires huge initial investment and technological innovation, but we are willing to achieve this through cooperation. Today, I would like to explore the possibilities of the future through this discussion.

Professor, National Taiwan University / Konrad Young

The success of Taiwan's semiconductor industry is due to the right timing, environment, and people, especially the engineers who gained experience abroad and returned to Taiwan to build the foundation. TSMC's success lies in its culture of responding to customer needs and its model of providing trust and technological foundations rather than innovation. However, geopolitical risks, Taiwan's labor shortage, and the declining motivation of the younger generation are challenges. To revive Japan's semiconductor industry, it is necessary to learn from past successes and review the dispersed regional structure and the cost of excessive quality. In addition, digital culture and a focus on software are key. TSMC's entry into Japan is expected to be an opportunity to strengthen the supply chain and learn, and to be a catalyst for the revival of Japan's semiconductor industry. An upward trend that attracts young people is essential for industrial revival, and industry-wide cooperation and a global perspective are required.

Senior Advisor of KORVVA Links / Vincent Lin

I am working on designing a next-generation supply chain management system. The current system is based on technology from 25 to 30 years ago and cannot keep up with the increasing complexity of the supply chain. A multi-layered and dynamic structure is required, rather than the traditional hierarchical structure, but large-scale renovation of the existing system is difficult in terms of cost and operation. However, it is possible to take advantage of the opportunity of technological innovation and build a new system that looks ahead to the next 20 years. In designing this system, we will simultaneously increase the maturity of processes and IT, with a particular emphasis on transparency. Ensuring transparency makes it easier for customers to understand progress and deliverables, which also leads to increased trust. I am convinced that this will enable the realization of the next-generation digital supply chain.

Managing Director of Nomura International (Hong Kong) Limited / Shine Lin

I worked for a top Japanese company for 16 years and am proud of my experience there. We are not only a financial service provider, but also a partner that helps global clients solve their problems. Today, I would like to talk about the importance of risk management in the supply chain. We offer a new financial contract called earthquake derivatives for risks that are difficult to address with traditional insurance alone, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and pandemics. This mechanism allows for rapid response based on the earthquake scale rather than damage assessment. In addition, we can flexibly respond to other risks such as typhoons, floods, cyber attacks, and strikes. I would like to overcome global competition together by proposing solutions that meet the needs of our clients and achieving both efficiency and resilience.

(5) Venture Investment beyond Japan and Taiwan: Opportunities and Challenges

CEO of Industrial Technology Investment Corporation/ Michel Chu (Moderator)

In this session, we will discuss investment and innovation ecosystems beyond Japan and Taiwan. In the Kyushu region of Japan, interest in the semiconductor industry is growing due to TSMC's factory plans, but there is a shortage of startups, especially in the design field, and a cooperative system is needed. Taiwan is also active in the space industry and electric vehicle fields, and competitive companies such as "EV Motors Japan" are attracting attention. In Taiwan, 50% of startups are research and development-based, which is less than Japan, but by collaborating with Japan's material supply capacity, the development of both countries can be accelerated. In addition, we discussed the possibility of Taiwan's AI technology supporting Japan's automotive industry. On the other hand, cultural and language differences and building trust are challenges, but we believe that overcoming these will pave the way for startups from both countries to succeed in the global market.

Executive Vice President of FFG Venture Business Partners Co., Ltd. / Yasuhisa Yamaguchi

I am currently working at the venture capital firm "FFG Venture Business Partners," and have invested in over 100 companies to date, of which about 20 have gone public. I work in a variety of fields, including deep tech, space, semiconductors, drug discovery, and AI. I previously launched an in-house venture at the Development Bank of Japan, and currently manage eight funds with Fukuoka Bank. I am also involved in the "Kyushu/Universities Venture Promotion Platform," which supports university-based startups in Kyushu, and is working with universities to provide gap funding, and build ecosystems. I also promote open innovation with local companies and develop networks and events to foster startups. My goal is to contribute to the further development of the startup ecosystem centered on Kyushu.

President of CDIB Capital Innovation Accelerator / Ryan Kuo

I work for CDIB, a major venture capital firm in Taiwan, which has invested in over 2,000 companies since its establishment in 1959. In particular, CDIB has supported the growth of many companies through investments in ICT companies in the 1980s and the semiconductor industry in the 1990s. Since 2000, CDIB has transformed into a financial holding company, providing one-stop financial services integrating banking, securities, insurance, and more.
Currently, we operate a "Cross-border Innovation Fund" that invests mainly in startups in Taiwan and Japan and supports business expansion between regions. For example, we have a strategy of supporting Taiwanese companies to enter the Japanese market and Japanese companies to enter Southeast Asia. We also adopt an ecosystem investment strategy to promote cooperation between related companies.
In addition, we host accelerators and open innovation events to promote collaboration between large corporations and startups. Through these activities, we aim to provide our investee companies with networks and added value, helping them achieve sustainable growth.

(6) Developing Finance Talent, the Key to Global Management

Senior Managing Director of Sozo Ventures / Koichiro Nakamura (Moderator)

I run Sozo Ventures, based in Silicon Valley. We are a VC specializing in global expansion that supports startups to grow in the US market and go international, mainly in Japan. We have a track record of investments in companies such as Twitter, Square, and Zoom, and have aimed to acquire global standards. In addition, we established the general incorporated association 11KS, which promotes innovation through education. This association works to connect Japanese and Asian industries with global leaders and develop new leaders who can break free from shackles. In addition, we feel that it is necessary to develop international standardization and evaluation systems for startup investment. In particular, in Japan, fair accounting standards and improved investment environments are essential for the advancement of international collaborative investment, and we are working on these issues while supporting the success of startups.

Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University / Masanori Fujita

I have worked as a practitioner for more than 35 years and am currently teaching and conducting research at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. In relation to Nakamura's address, I discussed some of the difficulties that the startup scene in Japan faces. Japan's startup investment lags behind global standards such as Silicon Valley, and globalization of evaluation indicators and international sharing of knowledge are necessary. The development of excellent investors and entrepreneurs and the introduction of rational, evidence-based evaluation methods are essential to the formation of an ecosystem. Through educational seminars and research, we are trying to lay the foundation for Japanese startups to grow globally, while referring to success stories from the United States. Our goal is to promote data sharing and global knowledge absorption, and to increase international competitiveness while leveraging Japan's unique strengths.

Director of General Affairs, Finance and Planning, The Ritsumeikan Trust / Katsuya Sakai

I belong to Ritsumeikan University and am mainly in charge of asset management. Ritsumeikan has campuses in Kyoto and Oita, and while operating as an educational and research institution, it manages approximately 150 billion yen in assets under management. We started asset management in 2002 and expanded our portfolio after the Lehman Shock and Abenomics. We are currently making about 3 billion yen in revenue while diversifying our assets into bonds, real estate, deposits, alternative investments, etc. In particular, in recent years, we have been considering investments related to startups and promoting the introduction of illiquid assets that take advantage of the characteristics of long-term investment funds. We aim to give back to education and research by allowing our internal staff to improve their expertise while also working on other tasks.

(7) Towards Silicon Sea Belt 2.0

Professor Emeritus, Kyushu University / Hiroto Yasuura

I worked at Kyushu University for 25 years, then worked in corporate management, supporting IPOs in Japan and Taiwan. Currently, as a member of the investment committee of a venture capital firm, I am learning the importance of organization building. Although Taiwan and Kyushu are similar in area, Taiwan has an overwhelming advantage in the semiconductor industry. Since the 1990s, Japan has neglected semiconductor design and missed out on horizontal division of labor, resulting in Taiwan being overtaken. In particular, TSMC has specialized in manufacturing and achieved success with high operating rates. On the other hand, Japan has strengths in materials and manufacturing equipment, but is lagging behind in the fields of design and manufacturing. In the future, if Japan is to catch up with cutting-edge technology, it is urgent to invest in design and manufacturing technology and change its strategy.

(8) Closing

Chairman of Kyushu Economic Forum / Susumu Ishihara

Through this conference, I was reminded of the importance of the semiconductor industry. Last time, the discussions were intense over three days, but this time, although it was only two days, the content was very diverse. I learned a lot from the lectures by experts, including the possibilities in the fields of space and health. I was particularly impressed by Professor Yasuura's closing speech, which reaffirmed the strategic importance of the semiconductor industry in the 21st century.

Japan's semiconductor industry is currently in a tough situation, but we should explore the possibility of reviving it through collaboration with Taiwan's TSMC. The high level of awareness and diversity of Taiwanese young people was also instructive. Japan should aim to revive Silicon Island by nurturing young people who can compete on the world stage and forming an industrial cluster centered on Kyushu. Academic institutions and industry have come together to reaffirm our determination to pave the way for the future.

Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation / Chen-en Ko

I empathize with the vision of building a "Silicon Sea Belt" connecting the eastern Pacific coast, and I am convinced that Kyushu and Taiwan can work together to realize Silicon Island. Through the many lectures and discussions over the past two days, I was reminded that success requires not only technology, but also human determination and leadership. The success story of TSMC in Taiwan shows how important that leadership and trust are. As a university professor, I believe that my mission is to provide the younger generation with opportunities to learn and grow, and to create an environment where they can soar into the world. To do this, we ourselves must continue to learn.

"I also hope that the deepening ties between Taiwan and Japan, especially Kyushu, will enable our two regions to enjoy mutual benefits and share prosperity. This meeting is just the beginning, but I believe that innovation and cooperation are the foundation for growth in a rapidly changing world. I look forward to working together to achieve peace and prosperity for the future of our younger generations."

Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University / Toshihiko Nishimura

Through the two-day conference, I felt that the ties between Taiwan and Kyushu had become even stronger. Starting with Chairman Ishihara's opening speech, the importance of trust and cooperation was confirmed, and discussions deepened in many areas. In the semiconductor industry, TSMC and JASM joined the discussion, and the role of small and medium-sized enterprises was also clarified. In addition, the possibility of new technologies for aging and disease prevention was shared, and collaboration with Silicon Valley in the financial field was also seen.

Of particular note was the emphasis on the concept of a circular economy in the discussion of the space industry and space medicine. However, I felt that the lack of discussion on human resource development was an issue. We need to change the current situation where the younger generation is not present at the discussion table.

Now that many stakeholders from Kyushu and Taiwan have gathered, it is time for leadership to put the new concept into action. We hope to hold the next conference in Taiwan in three years and aim for further development.

Chairman of Kyushu Economic Forum / Susumu Ishihara [Speaker on the 16th and 17th]

<Profile>
Born in Tokyo in 1945. Graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo.
In June 2002, he became President and Representative Director of Kyushu Railway Company. He currently serves as a special advisor to the company. He has previously served as chairman of the NHK Board of Governors, executive director of the Fukuoka Association of Corporate Executives, vice chairman of the Kyushu Economic Federation, chairman of the Kyushu Tourism Organization, honorary consul general of the Republic of Turkey in Fukuoka, and chairman of the University of Kitakyushu.

Director of SLDDDRS, Stanford University / Toshihiko Nishimura [Speaker on the 16th and 17th]

<Profile>
After graduating from Tohoku University School of Medicine and Graduate School, he worked at Stanford University School of Medicine in 1997, where he conducted clinical and basic research. In 2015, he joined the Department of Anesthesiology and was appointed Director of the Organization for Drug Discovery and Medical Device Development based on his achievements as a clinician and basic researcher.
Advisor to the National Research and Development Agency, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).
He has served as an evaluation committee member and advisor for the National Research and Development Agency, the Japan Organization for Medical Training and Development, and SCARDA.

Satsumasendai City Future Policy Department Director / Hidetoshi Furukawa [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Joined the Kawauchi City government (as it was then called) in 1987.
After the establishment of Satsumasendai City through the merger of nine municipalities in 2004, he served as Secretary General, City Sales Section Chief, Tourism and Sports Supervisor, Commerce, Industry and Tourism Director, and Planning and Policy Director in 2008. He will assume his current position in April 2022.
Graduated from the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology, Kinki University. Completed the Master's course at the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kagoshima University.

Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Academic Industry Collaboration Association / Chen-en Ko [Speaker on the 16th and 17th]

<Profile>
Former Dean of National Taiwan University, President and Chairman of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (a government-funded think tank), member of the Group of Economic Advisors to the President, and appointed Supervisor of the Board of Directors of the ROC (Taiwan).
He served as an advisor on science and technology to the Executive Yuan of Taiwan (Taiwan's cabinet) and served (individually) as a supervisor and director on the Taiwan Stock Exchange, Taipei Exchange, and many other listed companies for many years.
He currently serves as the Chairman of APAAIC (Asia-Pacific Association for Academic and Industrial Cooperation), where he is particularly involved in promoting cross-border collaboration between industry and academia, particularly between Taiwan and Japan.
Professor Emeritus at National Taiwan University and Visiting Professor at Keio University.

5. Speaker Profiles

Senior Vice President of TSMC / Lora Ho [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Senior Vice President of Human Resources at TSMC.
She has worked at TSMC since 1999, in various roles including accounting and finance, chief financial officer and public relations officer from 2003 to 2019, and senior vice president of sales for Europe and Asia from 2019 to 2022.
She has served as Chairman of the ESG Committee since 2011.

President and CEO of JASM / Yuichi Horita [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
President of Japan Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing, Inc. (JASM), a subsidiary of Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (TSMC). Joined the company in 2022.
With over 35 years of experience in the semiconductor industry, prior to joining JASM, he served as Director of Production Management at Sony Semiconductor Solutions Corporation, where he was responsible for business management, production management, capacity planning and procurement.

Topco Group Acting Chairman / Robert Lai [Speakeron the 16th]

<Profile>
Topco Scientific Co., Ltd. Group Acting Chairman and Chief Sustainability Officer
-Chairman and CEO, Topco Scientific Inc.
-Chairman, International Council on Small Business (ICSB)
-Chairman of Taiwan CSCB
-Director General of the Small and Medium Enterprise Management Bureau, Ministry of Economic Affairs
- Chair of the APEC Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group
-PhD, Department of Management, National Taipei University
- MBA, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Vice President of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research / Jiann-Chyuan Wang [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Vice President of the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research and Director of the Third Research Department
July 2008: Chairman of the Taiwan Smart Mobility Association (SMAT)
2019-2022 Part-time Professor of Feng Chia University EMBA
August 2021 9th President of the Asia-Pacific Industrial Analysis Association
2019-2021 Director of the Third Research Department, China Academy of Economic Research
November 1999 - February 2006 Advisor to the Ministry of Economic Affairs
September 2015 to September 2017: Member of the Industrial Development Advisory Committee, Ministry of Economic Affairs

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President and CEO of Honda Kiko Co., Ltd. / Kensuke Ryuzoji [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Born in Tokyo. Moved to the US alone at the age of 17 to study abroad. After graduating from California College of Art, became a manager at a Japanese restaurant where he started working part-time as a student. Later, he became a local representative of a US restaurant company funded by a Japanese company, and managed 16 restaurants in California and Hawaii. Returned to Japan in 1998 and joined Honda Kiko. Promoted in-house globalization by utilizing highly skilled foreign personnel and expanded the overseas network. Grew the company into a global company supplying process pumps to electric power, steel, petroleum, chemical, semiconductor, food, and other industries in over 65 countries around the world. Has been in current position since 2005.

Vice President of Chang Type Industrial Co. / Annie Chang [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Vice President of Chang Type Industrial Co., Ltd.
Below is an introduction to the company.
We are a manufacturer of power tool related products. Currently, we have four factories all located in Taichung, Taiwan, and we export 100% to the world. Our main market is the United States, so we acquired the American tool brand DELTA and established a logistics warehouse and marketing team in South Carolina, USA. Our main sales channels are major retailers in the United States, such as Home Depot, Lowe's, Menards, Amazon, etc.

CEO of Gomore Inc / Hsin-Fu Kuo [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
CEO of Gomore Inc., a company that specializes in improving the health of people around the world through AI technology. The company is focused on improving health and wellness through the licensing of over 140 wearable devices equipped with fitness, wellness, and medical AI algorithms, and to date, the Gomore algorithm has been embedded in over 10 million wearable devices. Meanwhile, Gomore is building a platform to promote employee health as a means to enhance corporate wellness.
Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from NTHU, MS in Applied Chemistry from NTHU, and Bachelor's in Industrial Engineering from CYCU.

Managing Director of Aves Capital Group / Susan Ko [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
A veteran strategy and operations consultant with a track record of advising global clients in Asia, Europe and the US on their most pressing challenges. With extensive experience in both corporate and startup environments, she has successfully led companies through complex growth and transformation phases. She has also held top management positions in established companies and innovative startups, developing a comprehensive understanding of diverse markets and industries. She holds an EMBA from National Taiwan University and an MBA from IESE Business School. Combining rigorous methodology with practical insight, he consistently delivers impactful solutions that drive sustained business success.

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Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture / Seitaro Hattori [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Graduated from the Faculty of Law, Chuo University. 1977 Joined the Fukuoka Prefectural Government, working in the River Section of the Civil Engineering Department of the Fukuoka Agriculture and Forestry Office. 2004 Chief of the Educational Affairs Division of the Private School Promotion Bureau of the General Affairs Department. 2006 Chief of the Finance Division of the General Affairs Department. 2009 Deputy Director of the General Affairs Department. 2010 Director of the Welfare and Labor Department. 2011 Vice Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture. 2012 Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture.

Professor at Nagoya University / Hiroshi Amano [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
April 1988: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Engineering, Nagoya University
April 1992 Worked at Meijo University
April 2010: Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University
October 2015: Appointed Professor and Director of the Center for Integrated Research of Future Electronics, Institute for Future Materials and Systems, Nagoya University. Together with the late Dr. Isamu Akasaki and Professor Shuji Nakamura of the University of California, Santa Barbara, he received the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics “for the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources"

President of Kyushu University / Tatsuro Ishibashi [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
March 1975: Graduated from Kyushu University School of Medicine Joined the Department of Ophthalmology, Kyushu University School of Medicine
March 1981: Graduated from Kyushu University Graduate School of Medicine (Department of Pathology) Assistant in the Department of Ophthalmology, Kyushu University School of Medicine
April 1995: Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, Kyushu University School of Medicine
September 2001: Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University
April 2013: Concurrently serving as Vice President of Kyushu University
April 2014: Concurrently serving as Director of Kyushu University Hospital
April 2018: Board Member and Vice President of Kyushu University (until March 2020)
April 2020: Board Member and Vice President of Kyushu University /
Director of the Center for Advanced Medical Innovation Kyushu University(concurrent)
October 2020: President of Kyushu University

Vice President of Kyushu University / Masaharu Shiratani [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
April 1988 Assistant at the Faculty of Engineering, Kyushu University
February 2006: Professor, Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Kyushu University
October 2010: Director of Center of Plasma Nano-interface Engineering, Kyushu University
April 2021 Dean of Kyushu University Institute for Advanced Studies
October 2022: Concurrent appointment as Vice President of Kyushu University
2023: Plasma Materials Science Hall of Fame Prize winner (first active Japanese professor)

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Executive Vice President of Fusic Inc. / Yoichiro Hamasaki [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Born in Suita, Osaka in 1976. In 2003, while attending graduate school, he co-founded Fusic Inc. with his classmate Notomi (current CEO). As the business manager, he is involved in selecting new technologies and developing markets. Currently, the company is developing its business with cloud computing and AI as its pillars. On March 31, 2023, the company was listed on both the Tokyo Stock Exchange Growth Market and the Fukuoka Stock Exchange Q Board.
Graduated from Kyushu University Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering, Department of Information Engineering. Currently appears as a commentator on RKB Mainichi Broadcasting's "Sunday Watch" and "Tadaima" and KBC Asahi Broadcasting's "Asadesu Radio."

Deputy Director of JAXA Space Strategy Fund Division / Shunsaku Kamimura [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
After graduating from the Faculty of Economics at Kyushu University, he has been in the space industry (JAXA) for a quarter century, focusing mainly on co-creation with external parties and the private sector. He was seconded to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Japan Youth Astronautics Association (then chairman Matsumoto Reiji), which is responsible for space education, and Dentsu Inc., and served as secretary to the JAXA chairman, who came from the private sector, for about three years. He will be involved in the newly established Space Strategy Fund at JAXA from August 2023, and is enthusiastic to "create technologies, products and services that can be proud of on the world stage" by utilizing his experience in business development, revitalization and support. In the Kyushu region, he is also involved (concurrently) in several local governments, JC (Japan Junior Chamber of Commerce) and private businesses, and is also enthusiastic about human resource development and regional development. In September 2012, he established the general incorporated association Kyushu Mirai Co-creation and became its representative director. A parallel worker. Always conscious of Early, Small, Success & Goal. Born in Kagoshima City.

Founder of iQPS Inc. / Tetsuo Yasaka [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Completed doctoral course in aeronautics at the Graduate School of Engineering, University of Tokyo. Doctor of Engineering.
After graduating, he worked as an assistant at the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science, University of Tokyo, before joining NTT Research Laboratories.
He became a professor at Kyushu University in 1994. After retiring from the university, he founded QPS Research Institute in 2005 with other professors and experts to pass on the skills of small satellite development to Kyushu University students and to establish the space industry in local Kyushu companies.
In 2003, he was appointed the first president of UNISEC (University Space Engineering Consortium), and from 2008 to 2012, he served as Vice President of the IAF (International Astronautical Federation), and has made significant contributions to the global space industry through his efforts in advancing space development and nurturing future human resources. In 2006, he received the Frank J. Malina Astronautics Medal. He also worked on space debris from an early stage, setting up the research group JSASS in 1990, and is the author of "Space Junk Problem - Space Debris" (Shokabo, 1997).

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CEO Infostellar Inc. / Naomi Kurahara [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
In 2010, she completed her doctoral course at Kyushu Institute of Technology (majoring in electrical and electronic engineering). While in school, she was involved in the research and development of environmental measurement devices for artificial satellites. She then worked as a researcher at the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Graduate School of Engineering, University of Tokyo, where she was involved in a low-orbit satellite development project until 2013. After completing the project, he worked for a major satellite operation system manufacturer before co-founding Infostellar in 2016. As a communications service company for a new era of space development, the company developed the cloud-based ground station platform "StellarStation" and operates a ground station service business that rents out the ground communications equipment necessary for satellite operation.

Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture / Yuji Kuroiwa [Video message on the 16th]

<Profile>
Born in Kobe, Hyogo Prefecture in 1954. Joined Fuji Television Network in 1980. Became professor at the International University of Health and Welfare Graduate School in 2009. Became Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture in April 2011, and is currently in his fourth term. In order to overcome the super-aging society, he promotes the "Healthcare New Frontier" policy with two approaches: "pursuit of cutting-edge medical care and the latest technology" and "improvement of ME-BYO". In September 2022, he is the only Japanese person to be selected as one of "The Healthy Ageing 50" (50 world leaders who will improve the aging society), selected in collaboration with UN agencies and other organizations.

Specially Appointed Professor, Keio University / Takeo Nagura [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile> (Educational Background)
1992 Graduated from Keio University School of Medicine
1998: Graduated from Keio University Graduate School of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine
(career history)
1992 – 1998 Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Keio University School of Medicine
1999 – 2001 Visiting Scholar, Stanford University, School of Engineering
2002 – 2004 Special Research Fellow, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Keio University School of Medicine
2004 – 2009 Special Research Lecturer, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Keio University School of Medicine
2009 – 2010 Special Research Lecturer, Department of Musculoskeletal Bioengineering, Keio University School of Medicine
2010 – Specially Appointed Associate Professor, Department of Musculoskeletal Bioengineering, Keio University School of Medicine
2019 – Specially appointed professor, Department of Musculoskeletal Bioengineering, Keio University School of Medicine

Chief of Humanitude Promotion Department, Fukuoka City PublicWelfare Bureau / Koichi Kasai [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Joined Fukuoka City Hall in April 1995. After working as a caseworker for the homeless, he experienced a wide variety of positions at the Board of Education, Personnel Committee, Fukuoka City Executive Committee for "Nenrinpic Fukuoka 2005", and the Environment Bureau, and joined the Health and Welfare Bureau (now the Welfare Bureau) in April 2017. He was in charge of the "Dementia Friendly City Project" from its launch, and will assume his current position in April 2024.

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Chairman and Director of Suzuran Medical Corporation, Taro Clinic / Naoki Uchida [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
Chairman of Taro Clinic, Suzurankai Medical Corporation, Psychiatrist, Doctor of Medicine. While working in home medical care as a dementia specialist, he is also working to make Fukuoka City a dementia-friendly city. He holds many positions in organizations related to dementia and home medical care, including standing director of the NPO National Network of Medical Care, Nursing Care, and Citizens Supporting Regional Coexistence and director of the Society for Care Information for Everyone. He is also proactive in utilizing technology, including programming himself. He has edited and written the book "A Complete Guide to Dementia Primary Care" (Chuohoki Publishing).

Professor, Keio University / Yasue Mitsukura [Speaker on the 16th and 17th]

<Profile>
In April 1999, she became an assistant professor in the Department of Intelligent Information Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Tokushima University, and in 2001, a full-time lecturer at Okayama University. In April 2011, she became an associate professor in the Department of System Design Engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology, Keio University. She became a professor in April 2018. She holds a PhD in Engineering and a PhD in Medicine. She is engaged in research into biosignal analysis, neuroscience, and psychiatric disorders. She is a full member of the IEEE, the Japan Respiratory Society, the Japanese Society for Higher Brain Dysfunction, the Japanese Neuropsychology Society, and the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers.

Chief Superintendent of Lee's Medical Corporation / Hsu-Tung Lee [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
<Current position>
Chief Administrative Officer of Lee’s Medical Co., Ltd. Deputy Director of the Cell Therapy and Regenerative Medicine Center at Taichung Veterans General Hospital
<Academic background>
1990: Graduated from the Department of Medicine at the National Defense Medical Center, Taipei, Taiwan, and obtained a Ph.D. in Medicine.
2016 PhD, Medical Research Center, Taipei National Defense Medical Center, Taiwan
2017 National Taiwan University EMBA

Chairman of MPJ Co., Ltd. / Takahiro Oguchi [Speaker on the 16th]

<Profile>
A leading practitioner in Japan who provides a combination of acupuncture and chiropractic care based on his own unique ideas known as the "Oguchi Method" and "Oguchi Beauty Bodywork."
He is also highly trusted by professional athletes, including CEOs of listed companies, top celebrities, Japanese national soccer team players, Japanese WBC baseball team players, and numerous Olympic gold medalists.
(Qualifications and Experience)
Chairman of OGUCHI Style, Acupuncturist and Judo Therapist
5 Stars Medical Club CLINIC 9ru Special Advisor Tokyo Dermatology and Plastic Surgery Advisor Spicare MES Ambassador and Technical Supervisor GM Corporation Advisor

5. Speaker Profiles

Chairman, Kyushu Economic Federation / Sumio Kuratomi [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
He graduated from Aoyama Gakuin University's School of Law in 1978 and joined Nishi-Nippon Railroad the same year. He became General Manager of the Distribution and Leisure Division in 2003, Executive Officer in 2007, Executive Director in 2008, Managing Executive Officer in 2011, President in 2013, and Chairman in 2021. He is also Chairman of the Kyushu Economic Federation.

Director of National Institute of Information and Communications Technology / Motoaki Yasui [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
A space researcher from Kyushu University. April 1996: Hired at the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (Communications Research Laboratory). April 2018: Director of Corporate Planning at the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology. April 2021: Executive Officer at the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology. April 2023: Current position.

President and CEO of Minsora Inc. / Hisanobu Takayama [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
After joining Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in 1973, he worked as a sales and business planning manager in the space systems business, where he was involved in planning and budgeting space projects totaling over 500 billion yen, formulating business strategies, and conducting sales activities. With over 40 years of experience in the space industry, he established Minsora Inc. in 2019, leveraging his knowledge of space and his network with companies and organizations in both space and non-space. He currently provides space courses and seminars for children and the general public, as well as accompanying business creation activities for companies and local governments, mainly in Kyushu. Born in Bungo-Ono City, Oita Prefecture in 1954.

Executive Director and CTO of ACCESS Co., Ltd. / Michimasa Uematsu [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
At ACCESS, he was involved in the design and development of NetFront, a compact browser for mobile internet, and took on the challenge of launching i-mode services and expanding them globally. At a time when broadcasting and the internet were merging, he developed a browser for TV data broadcasting, and is committed to developing and expanding globally software that will change the world with the evolution of network technology.
Master of Information Science, University of Tokyo.

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Director of Tohoku University Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization / Masayuki Yamamoto [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Born in Gunma Prefecture in 1954
1979 Graduated from Tohoku University School of Medicine
1983 Completed the Graduate School of Medicine, the same university (Doctor of Medicine)
1983 Studied abroad at Northwestern University
1995 Professor, Center for Advanced Interdisciplinary Research, University of Tsukuba
2007: Professor, Department of Medical Chemistry, Graduate School of Medicine, Tohoku University
2008: Vice President, Dean of the Graduate School of Medicine and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Tohoku University (until March 2012)
2012: President of Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization (present)
Member of the Science Council of Japan since 2012 (until September 2017)
2023 Professor, Department of Molecular Medical Chemistry, Tohoku Medical Megabank Organization (present)
Major awards: Medal with Purple Ribbon (2012) Japan Academy Prize (2014)

Representative Partner of Tsukuru LLC / Sota Miyake [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Representative partner, Tsukuru LLC Former director and COO, Daimon Inc. (Lunar Rover YAOKI)
Former general producer, Lunar Development Forum Director, Japan Innovation Fusion Association
Social system designer/strategic consultant/regional revitalization producer With the philosophy of "creating new business models together," he is active in a wide range of projects, including business planning for national strategic special zones, market development for the space industry, social implementation of service robots, and creating a sustainable environment for traditional crafts throughout Japan, as well as agriculture, medical care, and urban development.
He specializes in creating cutting-edge business concepts based on practical activities and medium- to long-term industry creation scenarios.

Professor Emeritus, Keio University / Shuichi Adachi [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Completed doctoral course at Keio University Graduate School, PhD in Engineering. After working at Toshiba Research Laboratories, he became an associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, Utsunomiya University in 1990, and a professor in 2002. After serving as a visiting researcher at Cambridge University, he became a professor in the Department of Physics and Information Engineering, Faculty of Science and Technology, Keio University in 2006, and a professor emeritus in 2023. He has served as a director of the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers, a director of the Iron and Steel Institute of Japan, and an advisor to the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST). His research focuses on control engineering, particularly system identification, modeling such as Kalman filters, estimation theory, and their industrial applications.

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Professor , National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University /Jeff Chen [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Dr. Lee is involved in industry-academia collaborations in biomedical data analytics, new technology venture support and investment, corporate turnaround management, and sustainable strategic planning for institutions in the US, Japan, and Taiwan. He holds two faculty positions: Biomedical EMBA and Information Management and Finance at National Yang Ming Jiao Tong University (NYCU) and Medicine and Business School at National Taiwan University (NTU). He is also a visiting professor at the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (iCeMS), Kyoto University, Japan, and the Center for Biomedical Translational Research, Academia Sinica, Taiwan. He holds a PhD in Information Science in the field of Medical Data Science from National Taiwan University (NTU) and an MBA from the same university. He holds an MS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California (USC) and is a visiting scholar at the Department of Biomedical Data Science, School of Medicine, Stanford University.

Professor, National Taiwan University / Konrad Young [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
With 37 years of experience in the semiconductor industry, he has held important positions such as Senior Advisor at Intel and Director of Research and Development at TSMC. He received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, and was a central figure in TSMC's research and development, leading the development of the 0.13 micron process in 2001. This achievement gave TSMC a significant competitive edge. He has also worked for several semiconductor companies in the United States, Singapore, and Taiwan, and is an outside director of Mayo Human Capital. He will retire as an Intel consultant in 2023.

Senior Advisor of KORVVA Links / Vincent Lin [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
With over 30 years of experience in the manufacturing industry, he has held senior management positions at TSMC, MediaTek and Richtek for over 12 years. He has led the digital transformation and information system development of the semiconductor division. He has also successfully implemented solutions in product development, supply chain management, big data analysis and enterprise transformation, earning high praise from customers. He has served as vice president of Wonderland and Haier, senior director at MediaTek/Richtek, consulting lead and principal consultant at HP Asia Pacific, and researcher at ITRI.

Executive Managing Director, Nomura International Hong Kong Limited / Shine Lin [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Shine has been leading the Global Markets Taiwan Distribution business since 2010.
With 15 years of experience at Nomura Group, she has worked in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Taipei, providing tailored solutions that incorporate the best services and products from Nomura's Global Markets division, which originates from the Japanese parent company.
Prior to joining Nomura, she held several senior sales roles at the Royal Bank of Scotland Group, ABN AMRO Group, and Citi Bank.
She graduated from the Accounting Department of National Taiwan University and hold CPA licenses in both the United Kingdom and Taiwan.

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Executive Vice President of FFG Venture Business Partners Co., Ltd. / Yasuhisa Yamaguchi [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Joined the Japan Development Bank (now the Development Bank of Japan) in 1986. Founded Intellectual Property Development Investment Co., Ltd. (now DBJ Capital) as an in-house venture in 2006, which he managed for 10 years. In 2017, at the request of Fukuoka Bank, transferred to FFG Venture Business Partners and began managing a fund in collaboration with the Kyushu University Venture Promotion Council. Currently, he is managing the largest venture fund in Kyushu. In 2019, he opened an Entrepreneurship Center at Nagasaki University, and in 2022, he established the university alliance "PARKS" consisting of 18 universities located in Kyushu, focusing on developing a venture ecosystem in Kyushu. Visiting professor at Kyushu Institute of Technology.

President of CDIB Capital Innovation Accelerator / Ryan Kuo [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Participated in the establishment of CDIB Capital Innovation Accelerator, Innovation Fund I, and CDIB Crossborder Innovation Fund II as acting president. Founded MOSArt Semiconductor and, as president, led the R&D team developing the world's leading wireless communication chips. Has more than 20 years of entrepreneurial experience in the high tech industry.

CEO of Industrial Technology Investment Corporation / Michel Chu [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Serial entrepreneur, investor, part-time lecturer, advisor and entrepreneurial coach. Currently CEO and President of ITIC, a venture capital firm with over US$600 million under management. He also serves as Vice Chairman of the Life Sciences Department of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee of the National Science and Technology Council of the Taiwanese government and as an adjunct assistant professor at National Taiwan University. He has extensive expertise in a variety of fields including cloud computing, mobile internet, hardware and medical devices. As an angel investor, he has over 20 years of experience in mentoring, nurturing, supporting and facilitating entrepreneurial teams. He has a proven track record in supporting start-ups, especially university technology spin-outs.

Senior Managing Director of Sozo Ventures / Koichiro Nakamura [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
While studying at the Faculty of Law, Waseda University, he was involved in the founding and launch of Yahoo Japan together with Taizo Son. At Mitsubishi Corporation, he worked in the telecommunications carrier and investment businesses, and was in charge of incubation fund operations. He received his law degree from Waseda University and his MBA from the University of Chicago. In 2012, he completed his studies at the Kauffman Fellows, a US venture capitalist training institute. In the same year, he founded Sozo Ventures. He was the first Japanese to be ranked 72nd in the 2021 edition of the Midas List 100, a global ranking of venture capitalists, and ranked 55th in the 2013 edition. He has served as an advisor to the University of Chicago's Center for Entrepreneurship Education since 2022.

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Professor, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University /Masanori Fujita [Speakeron the 17th]

<Profile>
After graduating from Kyoto University, he joined Mitsubishi Corporation. He gained experience in new IT business development, metal resource development, and company-wide information system planning. He established several IT-related venture subsidiaries and served as a director for these companies. While employed there, he obtained a Master of Business Administration, a Master of Information Systems, a Master of Technology Management, and a Doctor of Engineering. He specializes in business administration, technology management, and intelligent systems science, and has served as a specially appointed professor at the Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology and a visiting professor at Nagoya University of Commerce and Business before assuming his current position.
He currently serves as a specially appointed research fellow at the University of Tokyo Graduate School, a visiting research fellow at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, an executive director of the Japan Society for Research and Innovation, and a technology review specialist at the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's National Institute of Science and Technology Policy.

Director of General Affairs, Finance, and Planning Department, the Ritsumeikan Trust / Katsuya Sakai [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
After graduating from the Faculty of Social Sciences at Ritsumeikan University, he joined Ritsumeikan in April 2004. He has worked in the Finance Department and at APU. In the Finance Department, he has been in charge of asset management since 2012, and the launch of the RIMIX initiative in 2019 led to the establishment of the Entrepreneurship and Business Promotion Office in 2021. In 2020, he was transferred to the Human Resources Department, and in April 2022, he became the Director of Finance and General Planning (in charge of Entrepreneurship and Business Promotion), and has been in his current position since June 2024.

Professor Emeritus of Kyushu University / Hiroto Yasuura [Speaker on the 17th]

<Profile>
Born in Fukuoka Prefecture in 1953. Completed a master's course in information engineering at the Graduate School of Engineering, Kyoto University in 1976. Doctor of Engineering.
His specialties are information engineering, system LSI design technology, and social information infrastructure.
After working as an assistant and assistant professor at the Faculty of Engineering, Kyoto University, he became a professor at the Kyushu University Graduate School of Science and Technology in 1991. After serving as professor and dean at the Graduate School of Information Science and Electrical Engineering at Kyushu University, he served as Executive Vice President of Kyushu University from October 2008 to September 2020.
In April 2001, he established the Kyushu University System LSI Research Center and served as its director until 2010.
He is currently a professor emeritus at Kyushu University.

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