

# **First Wednesday Network**

## **List of Speakers**

**~Promoting cooperation between Japan and the entire world~**



F I R S T W E D N E S D A Y

**February**



Mr. Yasuhide Mizuno (Representative Director, Chairperson and CEO, Sony Honda Mobility Inc.)

*Theme: Sony Honda Mobility's Strategy and Thoughts on Japanese Manufacturing*

## January



Mr. Akio Fujii (Executive Chair of Editorial Board, Nikkei)  
*Theme: Domestic and Foreign Economic Outlook for 2024*  
Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## February



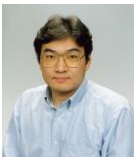
Mr. Hideo Tamura (Senior Columnist, Sankei Shimbun)  
*Theme: Future of Currencies in Japan, U.S. and China*

## March



Professor Tsai Jaw Shen (Professor, Tokyo University of Science; Team Leader of the Superconducting Quantum Simulation Research Team, RIKEN Center for Emergent Matter Science (CEMS))  
*Theme: Implications for Japanese Manufacturing by a Leading Quantum Computer Expert*  
Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## April



Dr. Masashi Yanagisawa (President, S'UIMIN Co.; Director, International Institute for Integrative Sleep Medicine, University of Tsukuba)  
*Theme: About Sleeping*  
Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## May



Mr. Yoshihisa Furukawa (Member of the House of Representatives; Former Minister of Justice)  
*Theme: Steering the Times*  
Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## June



Mr. Mikio Sugeno (Managing Executive Officer, Chair of Editorial Board, Nikkei)  
*Theme: Outlook for Japan and the World in the Second Half of 2024*  
Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## July



Mr. Tamotsu Hiroyuki (Representative Director, President and CEO, McDonald's Holdings Company (Japan), Ltd.)  
*Theme: McDonald's Management Strategies*

## August



Ms. Akiko Kamei (Member of the House of Representatives, Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan)

Theme: *The Future of Japan Viewed from Shimane*

## September



Mr. Umio Otsuka (Chief Priest of Yasukuni Shrine; Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Djibouti; Director General, Director, Defense Intelligence Headquarters of Ministry of Defense)

Theme: *Japan's Leadership in the World: The New Role of Yasukuni Shrine*

## October



Mr. Tsuneo Watanabe (Senior Fellow, Security Studies Program, Sasakawa Peace Foundation)

Theme: *The U.S. Presidential Election and Its Impact on Japan and Japanese Corporations*

## November



Mr. Nicholas Szechenyi (Vice President, Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Department and Senior Fellow, Japan Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS))

Theme: *Current and Future U.S.-Japan Relations*

## December



Mr. Tadao Kikuchi (Chairman of the Board of Directors, Royal Holdings Inc.)

Theme: *Royal Holdings' Management Strategies*

## January



Mr. Tetsuya Kusayanagi, Representative Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kracie Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.

*Theme: Potential of Chinese Herbal Medicine in the Healthcare Industry*

Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## February



Ms. Kyoko Nishi (Deputy Director-General, Regional Development Promotion Office, Secretariat of the Council for the Realization of Vision for a Digital Garden City Nation, Government of Japan, Cabinet Secretariat)

*Theme: Challenges and Opportunities in the Vision for a Digital Garden City Nation*

Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## March



Mr. Hiromi Yamaji, President and CEO, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc. Next CEO of Japan Exchange Group, Inc.

*Theme: Reform of Tokyo Stock Exchange and Japan Exchange Group*

## April



Mr. Atsushi Tanaka (Representative Director, JTOWER Inc.)

*Theme: About Startups and Entrepreneurship*

## May



Ms. Miki Oikawa (President and Representative Director, POLA Inc.)

*Theme: Challenges for POLA's 100th anniversary*

Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## June



Mr. Hisahiro Ichikawa

(General Manager, Good Conditioning Promotion Office, Yahoo Japan Corporation, President, Work & Wellness Corporation)

*Theme: Yahoo Group's Health Management through Self-Conditioning*

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## July (postpone)



Mr. Jean-Marc Gilson (President and Representative Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation)

*Theme: Forging the future-A new path for Mitsubishi Chemical*

## August



Mr. Akihiro Nikkaku (President and Representative Director, Toray Industries, Inc.)  
*Theme: Toray's Reforms and Japanese-style Corporate Management*

## September



Mr. Hiroki Sugita (Columnist, Kyodo News)  
*Theme: Geopolitics Surrounding Japan and Japan's Future*

## October



Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa (Chairman, Health and Global Policy Institute)  
*Theme: Japan's Future and Human Resource Development on the World Map - Based on many years in the field of medical health care in Japan and the U.S.*  
Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

## November



Mr. Jean-Marc Gilson (President and Representative Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation)  
*Theme: Forging the future-A new path for Mitsubishi Chemical*

## December

First Wednesday Special Trip (Thinking about Japan's Security)

-Through the visit to the bases of the Okinawa Ground, Maritime and Air Self-Defense Forces, and through the dialogue with the General of the Ground, Maritime and Air Forces-

Tetsuya Takada (Rear Admiral, 5th Air Group, Maritime Self-Defense Force)

Masahito Yajima (Lieutenant General, Southwestern Air Defense Force)

Koji Matsunaga (Major General, 15th Brigade Group)

## January



Mr. Hsieh Chang-ting, Representative of Taipei Economic and Culture Representative Office in Japan

*Theme: Economic and Political Relations between Japan and Taiwan*

## February



Mr. Takayuki Inagawa, General Manager, Innovation Division, NTT DOCOMO, INC. (Former President and Representative Director, NTT DOCOMO Ventures, Inc.)

*Theme: Open Innovation, New Business Creation and Venture Investment: The Case of DOCOMO*

## March



Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto, General Manager, Hydrogen Strategy Division, Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.

*Theme: Japan's growth strategy with opportunities opened up by hydrogen*

## April



Mr. Shinya Tamura (Director, Executive Officer, TOTO Ltd.

(In charge of Housing Equipment Business in China and Asia, Housing Equipment Business in the US, and Europe)

*Theme: TOTO's Challenges in International Markets*

## May



Mr. Yutaka Kobayashi, President and Representative Director, Kureha Corporation

*Theme: Management of Kureha*

## June



Mr. Toyo Ito, Representative of Toyo Ito & Associates, Pritzker Prize-winning architect

*Theme: Regional Innovation and a New Way of Life from the Perspective of the World's Leading Architects*

## July



Mr. Masazumi Kikukawa, Representative Director, President and Chief Operating Officer, Lion Corporation

*Theme: Lion's Purpose-driven Management*

## August



Mr. Yoshinori Komiya, Managing Executive Officer and General Manager, Advanced Information Management Division, IHI Corporation  
*Theme: IHI's Management Strategy and DX Initiatives*

## September



Mr. Masahiro Iwakura, President & CEO, Kracie Holdings K.K.  
*Theme: Kracie's Reforms and Challenges*

## October



Ms. Reiko Kojima, Director, Chief Well-being Officer (CWO), Marui Group Inc.  
General Manager, Wellness Promotion Department, Full-time Industrial Physician, Doctor of Medicine  
*Theme: Well-being Management with Health Management as a Cornerstone - From the Perspective of Both Directors and Physicians*

## December



Mr. Stephen Dunbar-Johnson, President, International of The New York Times Company  
*Theme: State of the Times*

## December



Mr. Noriyuki Shikata, Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs  
*Theme: Japan's International Public Relations Strategy*



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**January 28th**



Mr. Mikio Haruna, International Journalist, Former Kyodo News Washington Office Chief Editor

*Theme ; The Future Direction of Japan: The Lockheed Scandal, Past and Future Japan-U.S. Relations*

**February 17th**



Dr. Kiyoshi Yamada, President, Tokai University

*Theme ;Challenges in University Education (Case Study of Tokai University)*

**March 5th**



Mr. Akitaka Saiki, Director, Mitsubishi Corporation, Former Vice-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*Theme ;Japan's Path (in view of future Japan-US and Japan-Asia relations)*

**April 14th**



Mr. Hiroshi Omata, CDMO, CIO, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, SOMPO Holdings, Inc.

*Theme ;The Challenge of SOMPO Holdings*

**May 12th**



Mr. Koki Igarashi, Head of APAC and Japan, Dropbox K.K.

*Theme ;Virtual First and talent acquisition and development!*

**June 3rd**



Mr. Shinjiro Sato, President and CEO, Terumo Corporation

*Theme ;Terumo, a global company celebrating 100 years in business: its management philosophy and challenges*

**July 16th**



Mr. Tatsuo Tanaka, Senior Advisor and Former Chairman of Citigroup Japan Holdings G.K.

*Theme; Foreign Financial Institutions' Perspectives on Japanese Companies' Business Challenges*

### **August 25th**



Mr. Minoru Okamoto, Honorary Advisor of Tyco Electronics Japan G.K.

*Theme ; Leadership is Strategy, Execution and Talent*

### **September 17th**



Dr. Tsuyoshi Abe, Vice President & General Manager, Marketing HQ, Yokogawa Electric Corporation

*Theme ; The challenge of a 100 year old company! Corporate innovation through marketing ~ The essence of marketing and DX, and how the organizational culture should be ~*

### **October 13th**



Mr. Makoto Enomoto, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer (CMO), NEC Corporation

*Theme; NEC's marketing innovation*

### **December 1st**



Mr. Israel Strulov, Minister and Deputy Chief of the Embassy of Israel in Tokyo

*Theme: Scaling Up Partnership: Israel and Japan Towards 70 Years of Diplomatic Relations*

### **December 8th**



Mr. Jun Furuta (Director, Senior Vice President, Meiji Holdings Co., Ltd. Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) )

*Theme: Value Creation with a Focus on Health - The Case of Meiji Holdings*

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**January 29th**



Mr. Yoshiko Kawamura, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer  
of Hitachi, Ltd.

*Theme ;Medium-term management plan of Hitachi - Realizing Smart Society -*

**February 12th**



Dr. Tatsuya Nishida, The Professor of Tokai University

*Theme ;Rethinking the Japan-U.S. Alliance*

**March 16th**



Mr. Glenn S. Fukushima, Senior Fellow, American Institute for Advanced Policy  
Studies

*Theme ;Prospects for U.S.-Japan Relations: In Light of Current U.S.-Asia Relations*

**September 2nd**



Mr. Shiro Kambe, Executive Vice President, Sony

*Theme ;Sony's Management and ESG Initiatives*

**October 14th**



Mr. Hisaoki Kamei, Former Director General, National Land Agency, Japan

*Theme ;Don't allow it to sell Japan!*

**November 4th**



Mr. Takaaki Kato, Representative Director, MMT Global  
Former Managing Director, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities

*Theme ; The International Financial System/Market of Tomorrow and the Changing  
Value of Money*

**December 2nd**



Mr. Toshihiro Toyoshima, President, Mercuria Investment co. Ltd

*Theme ;Cross-border Challenges from Investment Perspective*

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**January 9th**



Mr. Kazuo Hiramoto, The Advisor of BS-TBS, INC.

*Theme ;Management for media companies*

**February 13th**



Mr. Kyohei Noguchi, The Executive officer of LIXIL Corporation Professor of The Graduate School of Project Design

*Theme ;Global management system*

**March 5th**



Mr. Ko Chuichi Vice-Minister of Council of Agriculture Taiwan

Mr. Nobu Kishi the Founder of First Wednesday and CEO of Kishi & Associates K.K.

*Theme ;Taiwan Agricultural Pavilion 2019 - FOODEX JAPAN 2019 For regional revitalization of Japan and Taiwan*

**April 10th**



Mr. Yusuke Takahashi, NHK Commentator.

*Theme ;the US-China Summit - Analysis of Democrats and Republicans –*

**May 8th**



Mr. Hiroshi Omata, The CDO of IBM Japan, Ltd.

*Theme ;IBM Digital Transformation Disrupt or Be Disrupted*

**June 12th**



Mr. Hakaru Tamura, The Councillor of Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.

*Theme ;Regional revitalization strategy in Japan*

### **July 18th**



Mr. Zhang Renjiu, The Vice President of Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office.

*Theme ;International Relations in Taiwan*

### **August 7th**



Mr. Ken Saito, A member of the House of Representatives The former minister of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Japan.

*Theme ;Japan Revitalization Strategy*

### **September 27th**



Mr. Masaya Tochio, Director and Senior Managing Executive Officer of Ajinomoto Co., Inc.

*Theme ;Management Strategy of Ajinomoto Group.*

### **October 9th**



Mr. Yoshimitsu Kobayashi, The chairman of Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation, The former representative manager of Japan Association of Corporate Executives.

*Theme ; Management of sustainability*

### **November 13th**



Mr. Atsushi Omatsu, The Director, The managing executive officer and the manager of Urban development sector of NIKKEN

*Theme ;Overseas expansion of Tokyo-style urban development*

### **December 6th**



Mr. Shigetoshi Ikeyama, The Councillor of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Japan

*Theme ;Promotion of export of agricultural, forestry and fishery products and foods*

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**January 17th**



Mr. Song Yaoming, Minister of Chinese Embassy in Japan.

*Theme ;Chinese economy and China-Japan trade.*

**February 27th**



Ms. Kazuhiko Tsuruta, Executive officer of Central Sports CO., Ltd.

*Theme ;Corporate strategy and Marketing Strategy of Central Sports*

**March 7th**



Mr. Masafumi Ishibashi, Senior Managing Executive Officer of Nestlé Japan

*Theme ;Nestlé Japan's Market-Driven Management: Nestlé Japan's business growth*

**April 17th**



Mr. Kosuke Kuji, The 5th generation Kuramoto, president of Nanbu Bijin Brewery.

*Theme ;Challenge for overseas expansion*

**May 17th**



Mr. Ritsuya Oku, The Fellow of DENTSU Inc.

*Theme ;The future of television broadcasting*

**June 27th**



Ms. Kyoko Nishi, The Manager of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Japan.

*Theme; Cultivating Sales Channels to Overseas Countries Challenge for an export value of 1 trillion yen in the field of agricultural and fishery products and foods*

**July 4th**



Mr. Narushige Michishita, The professor of GRIPS.

*Theme ;The future of North Korea*

## August 22nd



Mr. Atsuo Shimodaira, The representative Director, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of McDonald's Japan.

*Theme ;The ways McDonald's Japan achieved its amazing recovery*

## September 5th



Mr. Katsuhisa Furukawa, Journalist.

*Theme ;International affairs on denuclearization of North Korea and Issues in Japan-North Korea relations*

## October 31st



Mr. Masaaki Takano, The Director and Executive officer of Gurunavi, Inc.

*Theme ;This is Japan*

## November 8th



Mr. Yoshimasa Sakai, The Director of SME SUPPORT JAPAN.

Mr. Kiyoshi Tezuka, The Chairman of KURAYA CO.,LTD.

*Theme ;Regional revitalization and Tourism*

## December 5th



Mr. Iehiro Tokugawa, The next head of Tokugawa Family.

*Theme ;Four Century of Flux in Modern Japan*

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**January 16th**



Mr. Mikio Sugano, Editorial Writer of The Nikkei.

*Theme ; Dynamic Change of the World in 2017 and Japan in the Future.*

**February 14th**



Ms. Hiroko Akiyama, Research Professor, Institute of Gerontology, the University of Tokyo.

*Theme ; The super aging society is a good opportunity ?*

**March 10th**



Mr. Mikio Haruna, Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University.

*Theme ; Relationship between the U.S and Japan, and Japanese Diplomacy*

**April 11th**



Dr. Noriyuki Yanagawa, Research Professor, Graduate school of Economics, Tokyo University.

*Theme ; How AI •IoT will change economical structure*

**May 24th**



Mr. Yasuyuki Tanabe, The CEO of Airbnb Japan.

*Theme ; Innovation of Airbnb and management*

**June 7th**



Mr. Shirou Kondo, Executive Chairman of RICOH Corporation.

*Theme ; Innovation and Management*

**July 5th**



Mr. Yoshihiro Senzai, President and CEO of Hitachi Maxell Corporation.

*Theme ; Management of Hitachi Maxell*

**August 30th**



Mr. Fumihide Tomizawa, The president & CEO of SoftBank Robotics Corp.

*Theme ; The future of Smart Robots*



**October 4th**



Mr. Hiroshi Omata, The former Executive Director of Dentsu Digital inc.  
*Theme ;Marketing in the Digital age*

**October 19th**



Mr. Einosuke Sumitani, The CEO of KCJ Group inc.  
*Theme ;Education and Entertainment of KidZania*

**December 11th**



Mr. Uichiro Niwa, The former Japanese Ambassador to People's Republic of China  
*Theme ;How Drastically Our World Is Changing*

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**January 13th**



Ms. Kumi Yokoe, The Representative of PACIFIC21, the former senior researcher of Heritage Foundation.

*Theme ; Post-Obama Administration: the Future Relationship of Japan and the U.S.*

**February 3rd**



Prof. Kazuhiko Togo, The Professor of Faculty of Law in Kyoto Sangyo University.

*Theme ; The State Vision of Japan and the Future Diplomacy*

**March 9th**



Mr. Carsten Cramer Director of Borussia Dortmund

*Theme: Borussia Dortmund - Echte Liebe ( Real Love )- A Success Story from the Bundesliga*

**April 18th**



Mr. Masatoshi Muto, The former Japanese Ambassador to South Korea.

*Theme ; The Future of East-Asia*

*~Diplomacy of Japan, South Korea, North Korea and China ~*

**May 18th**



Mr. Ritsuya Oku, The Chief Researcher of DENTSU Inc.

*Theme ; The Revolution in the Sector of Media Information and the Change of Advertisements*

**June 1st**



Mr. Hiroshi Igarashi, The Member of the Board & Corporate Senior Vice President of AJINOMOTO Inc.

*Theme ; The Innovation for Achieving Non-continuous Growth*

**July 12th**



Prof. Munehiko Harada, The Professor of Faculty of Sport Sciences in Waseda University.

*Theme ; The Local Revitalization and Reconstruction through Sports.*

### **August 3rd**



Mr. Toshikazu Inoue, The president of Gakushuin University.  
Mr. Makoto Kuwahara, The Chief Country Officer, Representative Director and President of Deutsche Securities Inc,

*Theme ;What is our ideal type of human resources?*

### **September 6th**



Mr. Ray Zhang, The Executive Director, Industry Solutions Group, Intel Japan Asia Pacific Japan Energy & Utility Sector Director.

*Theme ;The Management Strategy of Intel*

### **October 3rd**



Mr. Haruaki Deguchi, The Chairman and CEO of LIFENET INSURANCE COMPANY.

*Theme :The Challenge of LIFENET INSURANCE COMPANY*

### **November 15th**



Mr. Hiroshige Sugihara, The CEO of Oracle Corporation Japan.

*Theme :The Future Business Brought by Digital AID and Cloud*

### **December 12th**



Mr. Tetsuya Shoji, The CEO of NTT Communications Corporation.

*Theme :The Global Strategy of NTT Communications Corporation*

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**January 13th**



Mr. Shuhei Aoki, Former chief of Association for Payment Clearing Services of Bank of Japan, Assistant to president of Hitachi, Ltd.

*Theme ; Prospect of Japanese economy and finance in 2015 and Global financial market*

**February 5th**



Mr. Mikio Haruna, International Journalist, Former chief editorial writer of KYODO NEWS.

*Theme ; Global dynamics in 2015*

**March 4th**



Mr. Hirotsugu Koike, Head of Kwansei Gakuin Global Policy Research Center (Former vice chief editorial writer of Nikkei Inc.)

*Theme ; Lee Kuan Yew "Hard Truths to Keep Singapore Going"*

**April 8th**



Mr. Hiroshi Takada, Chairman & CEO of Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN

*Theme ; Regional Revival*

**May 13th**



Mr. Yoshiyuki Tanaka, The President of Du Pont Kabushiki Kaisha.

*Theme : Global Management of Du Pont*

**June 3rd**



Dr. Michael Doludda, The President of Nippon Aerosil Co., Ltd.

*Theme : About Global Management*

**July 15th**



Mr. Atsushi Saito,  
Former Group Chief Executive Officer and Representative Executive Officer of Japan Exchange Group Inc.

Mr. Tatsuo Tanaka, Director and Chairman of Citigroup Japan Holdings Corp.

*Theme : Deloitte Tohmatsu Financial Business Seminar*

### **August 5th**



Mr. Paul Yonamine, The General Manager of IBM Japan

*Theme :Global management in IBM*

### **September 18th**



Mr. Tamotsu Hiiro, The President of Johnson and Johnson K.K.

*Theme :About Johnson and Johnson*

### **October 6th**



Mr. Shin Nimura, The Commentary Senior Manager of Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK)

*Theme :Regarding the Relationship between Japan and Germany*

### **November 26th**



Mr. Koichiro Tsujino, The former President of Google Inc.

*Theme :The Cloud Computing and Management*

### **December 16th**



Ms. Kaori Kawakami, The head of Hat research institute

Mr. Kishin Okada, Muso Co.,Ltd. The Situation of Middle-East and the Halal Market

*Theme :The Situation of Middle-East and the Halal Market*

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**January 8th**



Mr. Junnosuke Furukawa, Advisor of Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.  
*Theme ; Spirit of Entrepreneurships*

**February 5th**



Mr. Katsuro Wakai, Advisor (Former President and CEO) of Hitachi Information & Telecommunication Engineering, Ltd.  
*Theme ; 40 years of Overseas Business ~Mainframe business in Hitachi ~*

**March 5th**



Mr. Sanjay Panda, Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of India  
*Theme ; Business development in India and Japan*

**April 16th**



Mr. Robert Alan Feldman, Managing director Chief economist and General Manager of fixed income research of Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.  
*Theme ; Prospects of the world and Japanese economy and Abenomics*

**May 7th**



Mr. SEN Genshitsu, (15th in a series of Japanese tea masters of the Urasenke family)  
*Theme ; The way to live as the Japanese ~People's resource in this chaotic world ~*

**May 14th**



Mr. Eugene Kaspersky, Chairman and CEO of Kaspersky Lab, and Mr. Riaz Esmailzadeh, Associate professor of Information technology and Management in Carnegie Mellon University.  
*Theme ; Latest cyber security and the Management strategies*

**June 4th**



Mr. Ray Bremner, President and CEO of Unilever Japan  
*Theme ; Unilever: Sustainability and Management*

**July 2nd**



Mr. Mikio Haruna,  
International Journalist, Former branch manager of KYODO NEWS Washington, Guest professor of Waseda University.  
*Theme ; Future of Japan-US and Japan-China Relationships*

### **August 28th**



Mr. Yoshihisa Yamada,  
Executive Vice President, Representative Director, and CFO of Rakuten, Inc.  
*Theme ;Estimate of near future: Change of the world and business*

### **September 3rd**



Mr. Tatsuo Tanaka, Director and Chairman of Citigroup Japan Holdings Corp.  
*Theme ;Innovative Management ~Case studies of MUFG and Citigroup ~*

### **October 6th**



Mr. ZHU Jianrong, Professor of Toyo Gakuen University.  
*Theme ;Future generation strategy of China and Strategy for Chinese market of Japanese Companies*

### **November 5th**



Mr. Hidenori Sakanaka, President of Japan Immigration Policy Institute, Former Chief of Immigration Bureau of Tokyo.  
*Theme ;Immigration policy of Japan ~Japan at the crossroads ~*

### **December 3rd**



Mr. Shuzo Sumi, Chairman of the Board of Tokio Marine & Nichido.  
*Theme ;Global development of Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.*

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**January 11th**



Mr. Glen Fukushima, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress  
*Theme ;Future relationship among Japan: the United States and Asian countries*

**February 6th**



Mr. Atsushi Kunishige, Representative Director and Vice President Executive Officer of Rakuten, Inc.

*Theme ;Case study of Rakuten: Global management and Global Human Resource Development*

**March 4th**



Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki, Former Japanese Ambassador to United States

*Theme ;Future relationship between Japan and the United States*

**April 3rd**



Mr. Chanin Donavanik, Chief Executive Officer of Dusit International

*Theme ;Asian Hospitality Management*

**May 15th**



Mr. Yoshihiro Bando, Company executive of Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

*Theme ;Expansion of Asian business of Otsuka Pharmaceutical ~Case study of Indonesia and new business ~*

**June 5th**



Mr. Hisaoki Kamei,

Former member of the House of Representatives/ Former Director General of National Land Agency/ Former Secretary- General of the People's New Party/ Chairman of General Incorporated Association: Communication Research Society.

*Theme ;Actual facts and future of Japanese government*

**July 3rd**



Mr. Fumio Ohta,

*Theme ;International situation and Intelligence in China.*



### **August 14th**



Mr. Kei Furuta, President and CEO of Equinix Japan.

*Theme ; Management and Expansion to Japanese market of Telecommunications enterprises of the United States*

### **September 4th**



Mr. Yoshiaki Fujimori, President and CEO of LIXIL Corporation.

*Theme ; Business management and Global expansion of LIXIL Corporation  
~The experience of GE(GE Asia CEO, GE Senior Vice President) ~*

### **October 3rd**



Mr. Kai-Uwe Seidenfuss, Member of the Board Senior Vice President of Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation.

*Theme ; The key to success of partnership with Japanese company and foreign company*

### **November 6th**



Mr. Hideya Sadayasu, President and CEO of Imperial Hotel, Ltd.

*Theme ; The hospitality and management of Imperial Hotel*

### **December 4th**



Mr. Kazuo Furukawa, Chairman of New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization. Former President and CEO of Hitachi, Ltd.

*Theme ; Future of the energy policy*

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**January 11th**



Mr. Osamu Tosaka, Adviser of AJINOMOTO Co., Inc.

*Theme ;Case study of AJINOMOTO:Global management and Global Human Resource Development.*

**February 1st**



Mr. Tomoyoshi Morita, Senior Managing Director of Shikishima Baking Co.,Ltd.

*Theme ;Case study of Shikishima Baking:Global management and Global Human Resource Development.*

**March 7th**



Mr. Yosuke Yagi, Director of GE Japan Corporation.

*Theme ;Case study of GE Japan Corporation:Global management and Global Human Resource Development*

**April 4th**



Mr. Masahiko Kawamura, division manager of Toray industries,Inc.

*Theme ;Global management and educating of new leaders of Toray Industries*

**May 9th**



Mr. Shinichi Fujiwara, Corporate executive officer of Nippon Steel Corporation.

*Theme ;Correspondence of Japanese industry*

**June 13th**



His Excellency Mr. Alvaro Antonio CEDENO MOLINARI, Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica in Japan.

*Theme ;Japanese globalization*

**July 4th**



Mr. Tsuyoshi Tsukada, Representative of Designer Guild Japan.

*Theme ;Brand licensing business*

**August 1st**

Dr. Zhu Jianrong, Professor: Toyo Gakuen University. *Theme ;A next-generation Chinese strategy and The China strategy of Japanese companies*

**September 5th**

Mr. Makoto Yasuda, Li & Fung Limited Adviser& Director of Azbil Corporation. *Theme ;Case study of Li & Fung and International Business*

**October 3rd**

Mr. Kazuo Wada, Ex Yaohan International Chairman. *Theme ;To study Foundation and bankruptcy of Yaohan ~ truth of Older-generation overseas Chinese Business~*

**November 7th**

Mr. Haruo Murase, Representative director of Canon Marketing Japan Inc. *Theme ;Global Management and Talent of Canon*

**December 5th**

Mr. Kenji Nagano, Representative of BS Japan. *Theme ;Outlook for Japan economy*

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**January 12th**



Mr. Mikio Sugeno, Senior Staff Writer of NIKKEI.

*Theme ;2011 Economic and Political Outlook: Japan and World*

**February 2nd**



Mrs. Mari Nogami, Brand Operations Leader, Vice President of Procter & Gamble

*Theme ;Case study of P&G: Global Human Resource Development*

**March 2nd**



Mr. Susumu Yanagisawa, Chairman of America-Japan Society.

*Theme ;What can we learn from TOYOTA recall issues? Global Human Resource Development*

**April 6th**



Mr. Shoji Kinoshita, Representative Director and President of Unilever Japan K.K.(retired).

*Theme ;Case study of Unilever: Global management and Global Human Resource Development*

**May 18th**



Mr. Masashi Niwa, Managing Director Japan Representative of FTI-INTERNATIONAL RISK. Mr. Fumio Koma, MPartner of Baker & McKenzie Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Law Office (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise).

*Theme ;Japan's outlook: after 3/11*

**June 1st**



Mr. Ken Millhouse, Representative Director/Vice President of LEGO Japan Ltd.

*Theme ;Case study of LEGO: Global management and Global Human Resource Development*

**July 6th**



Mr. Minoru Okamoto, Chairman of TE Japan GK, Senior Advisor to the CEO TE Connectivity.

*Theme ;Case study of TE Japan GK: Global management and Global Human Resource Development*

### **August 3rd**



Mr. Waichi Sekiguchi Senior Editor of Nikkei inc.

*Theme ;Escaping from GALAPAGOS.*

### **September 7th**



Mr. Ritsuya Oku, Chief Researcher of DENTSU INC.

*Theme ;Trends in global media.*

### **October 12th**



Mr. Terry F. Buss, Executive Director and Distinguished Professor of Public Policy,  
Heinz College Australia Carnegie Mellon University.

*Theme ;Future Leaders in the Global Market.*

### **November 2nd**



Mr. Noboru Sato, Managing Director of SAMUSUNG SDI.

*Theme ;Case study of SAMUSUNG SDI: Global management and Global Human  
Resource Development.*

### **December 7th**



Mr. Yoichi Nagasawa, (Fashion designer, Professor of KANAZAWA COLLEGE OF  
ART)

*Theme ;Design of Management ~ Outlook for global fashion industry and Chinese  
market~*

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**January 13th**



Mr. Yasue Sekiguchi, Dow Jones International (Managing Director/North Asia) Dow Jones Japan K.K. President.

*Theme :International media and Communication strategy of corporations*

**February 3rd**



Mr. Hisashi Sakamaki, President of CANON ELECTRONICS INC

*Theme :Case study of CANON: How to revive the subsidiary companies*

**March 3rd**



Mr. Keijo Syuku, Vice Chairman of Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Japan

*Theme :Chinese Market, Chinese Corporations (as a partner), Chinese Employees/Talents in Japan*

**April 7th**



Mr. Nelson Graves, Editor of Reuters, Japan

*Theme :Japan's Future*

**May 12th**



Mr. Akira Gemma,Senior Corporate Advisor of SHISEIDO Co., Ltd.

*Theme :Shiseido: Global Management*

**June 2nd**



Mr. Kai-Uwe Seidenfuss,  
Member of the Board, Senior Vice President Head of Sales & Service  
International,Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation.

*Theme :Challenges for global Japanese manufacturers: Case study of international  
truck and bus industry*

**July 7th**



Mr. Shigetada Kishii, Special senior editor of the Mainichi Shimbun.

*Theme :A historic change in Japan's politics?*

### **August 4th**



Mr. Kohzoh Takaoka, Executive Vice President and Representative Director of Nestle Japan Ltd.

*Theme :Nestle: Global Management*

### **September 1st**



Mr. Kyohei Noguchi, General Manager of Global Brand Communication & CSR at Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.

*Theme :Case study of Nissan: Global brand communication and Human resource development*

### **October 6th**



Mr. Marcel Bertaud, Senior Advisor of Groupe Danone.

*Theme :Danone: Global Management*

### **November 10th**



Mr. Kazuyasu Kato, Chairman of Kirin Holdings Company, Limited.

*Theme :Kirin: Global Management*

### **December 1st**



Mr. Georg K. Loer, Representative Director & President of NRW Japan K.K.

*Theme :How can/should the government be involved in the corporate activities in the global market?*

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**January 14th**



Mr. Uichiro Niwa, Chairman of Itochu Corporation

*Theme :Leadership for Enhancing Japanese Companies Global Competitiveness*

**February 4th**



Mr. Shijuro Ogata, Former Deputy Governor of Bank of Japan and Japan Development Bank

*Theme :Financial Crisis and Japan in 2009*

**March 4th**



Mr. Yasuchika Hasegawa, President of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

*Theme :Takeda's Globalization*

**April 1st**



Mr. Kazuo Noda, Honorary President of Tama University

*Theme :Leadership in the Current Crisis*

**May 13th**



Mr. Nelson Graves, Editor of Thomson Reuter Japan

*Theme :The Outlook of media industry and Reuter's strategy*

**June 3rd**



Mr. Masatoshi Ito, Founder and honorary chairman of Seven & i Holdings Co., Ltd

*Theme :The Heart of Doing Business: Memoirs of an Entrepreneur*

**July 8th**



Mr. Hiroshi Nakada, the Mayor of Yokohama

*Theme :Management of Yokohama*



### **August 5th**



Mr. Yoshikazu Nakashima, Deputy Director of the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, Former COO (President) & Representing Director of General Motors Japan, Former President of BMW JAPAN Corp

*Theme : Why the General Motors fall and Outlook for global automobile industry*

### **September 2nd**



Mr. Charles D. Lake II, Chairman of the Board, Aflac Japan, President Emeritus of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan. (ACCJ)

*Theme : Outlook for U.S.-Japan relationship: Obama's economic policy and Japan's choice.*

### **October 7th**



-First Wednesday Special –

*Part1 Management philosophy of multinational corporations' top management / Part 2 Global talents— From the perspectives of top management fighting in global market*

### **November 4th**



Mr. Norio Yamaguchi, Representative Director, Chairman of the Board of Ajinomoto Co Inc

*Theme : The Global Management of AJINOMOTO*

### **December 2nd**



Mr. Takeo Shiina, Executive Advisor of IBM Japan, Ltd.

*Theme : Development of Global Talents.*

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**January 18th**

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**February 6th**



Mr. Reo Watanabe President & CEO of Dentsu| Avenue A | Razorfish  
*Theme :A case study- the management of Dentsu and its group companies*

**March 5th**



Mr. Shiban Bakshi Senior Principal of Dua Consulting  
*Theme :Investing in India "Key to Successful Strategic Alliance"*

**April 2nd**



Dr. Franz Waldenberger, Professor for Japanese economy at the Japan Center and the Faculty of Business of Munich University  
*Theme :Successful lobbying in the EU - Lessons for Japanese companies: how should Japanese companies become well connected with EU institutions?*

**May 14th**



Mr. Yoshiro Kitahara President of Lacras Corporation  
*Theme :Human resource management - How personnel divisions can concentrate on what they should do by using Information Technology*

**June 4th**



Dr. Michael Stückradt  
Vice Minister of Ministry of Innovation, Science, Research and Technology of the State Nordrhein-Westfalen  
*Theme :Shaping the Future through Innovation*

**July 2nd**



Mr. Theodore A. Paradise Partner of Davis Polk & Wardwell  
*Theme :U.S.Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and Japanese Corporations*

**August 6th**



Mr. Koji Saishu Council Member of Japan Arab Association  
*Theme :Middle East and Japan -High Oil Price and Oil Money-*

### **September 3rd**



Dr. Zhu Jianrong Professor of Toyo Gakuen University

*Theme :China after the Beijing Olympics*

### **October 1st**



Mr. Arno Tomowski ThyssenKrup Group Representative

*Theme :Japanese Market: Attraction for German Global Companies*

### **November 5th**



Mr. Tunenari Tokugawa the 18th head of Tokugawa Family and Former Executive Vice President of Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha

*Theme :Japanese Culture in the World -from a Businessman's Point of View -*

### **December 3rd**



Mr. Jorma Julin Ambassador of Finland

*Theme :Finnish Market: Attraction and Opportunities for Japanese Companies*

### January 12th



-First Wednesday Special-

Mr. Toshitaka Yoshida

Executive Advisor of Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc. Former President of Nikkei Radio Broadcasting, Former President of Nikkei Europe Ltd.

*Theme : Japan: Global Outlook 2007*

### February 7th



Mr. Yoshio Nakatani

Senior Managing Director of Japan Automobile Recycling Promotion Center (Former Chairman and CEO of Toyota Canada)

*Theme :How the Automobile Recycling has Changed the Society*

### March 7th



Mr. Yasumichi Oka Creative Director/CEO of TUGBOAT

*Theme :Good Communication and Bad Communication*

### April 11th



-First Wednesday Special-

Dr. Peter Lorange President of IMD, Lausanne Switzerland

*Theme :New Global Leadership Challenges*

Address by Mr. Yutaka Narita, Principal Advisor of Dentsu Group

### May 16th



Ms. Sakie T. Fukushima

Regional Managing Director-Japan of Korn/Ferry International

*Theme :Requirements for Global Leaders*

### June 6th



Mr. Yoshikazu Nakashima

Deputy Director of The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan)

*Theme :Business Management to Museum Management*

### July 4th



Mr. Roger Brookin

Executive Strategic Advisor of Kishi & Associates k.k.

*Theme :Business Management to Museum Management*

### **August 1st**



Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino

Professor of Economics, Keio University and Director of Financial Research Training Center

*Theme: Exchange Rate of Asia, Bond Market of Asia, Money Market of Asia*

### **October 3rd**



Dr. Atsushi Yoshikawa, Visiting Professor of Tokyo Institute of Technology Graduate Schools and Head Researcher of The Japan Institute for Educational Measurement, Inc.  
Mr. Kensuke Watanabe, CEO of Delta Studio

*Theme :The Solution for the Company Education Problems*

### **November 7th**



Mr. Nelson Graves Editor of REUTERS Japan Limited

*Theme :The reasons why Reuters, BBC, Financial Times and Economist maintain and enjoy top media positions*

### **December 5th**



Mr. Riaz Esmailzadeh Associate Professor of Carnegie Mellon University

*Theme :Monegement of technology (MOT) (Case study)*

**January 11th**



Mr. Teruo Masaki

Former Executive Deputy President and Group General Council of Sony Corporation

*Theme :What does it take for the Japanese to become truly global?*

**February 8th**



Dr. Zhu Jianrong Professor of Toyo Gakuen University

*Theme :Influence of domestic issues in China on Japanese corporations and on Japan-China relationship*

**March 1st**



Mr. Kinya Uchida Former President & CEO of Canon U.S.A., Inc.(currently Corporate Adviser of Canon Inc.)

*Theme :International Management: based on 35 years of managing Canon Group Companies overseas*

**April 5th**



Mr. Mitsuhiro Kurokawa President of Toraya

*Theme :Tradition realized by continuous innovation*

**May 19th**



Dr. Peter Lorange President of IMD, Lausanne Switzerland

*Theme :Growth and Entrepreneurship*

**June 7th**



Mr. Fumio Koma Partner,Asahi & Koma Law Offices

*Theme :The new leniency program and its implication*

**July 5th**



Mr. Kazutaka Okubo Managing Director of Shinnihon Integrity Assurance Inc.

*Theme :Corporate Social Responsibility*

### **August 2nd**



Mr. Kyohei Noguchi General manager, Global Marketing Department of Nissan Motor Co.,Ltd. *Theme :The effective synergy created by local and global marketing*

### **September 6th**



-First Wednesday Special-

Mr. Junro Ito Director & General Manager of Seven-Eleven Japan Co., Ltd.

### **October 4th**



Mr. Masahiko Uotani Representative Director & Chairman of Coca-Cola (Japan) Company,Limited.

*Theme :Case studies of global brand originated from Japan*

### **November 1st**



Mr. Megumi Niimura Representative Director & Chairman of Beacon Communications K.K. and Executive Advisor of Dentsu Inc.

*Theme :Japan/Japanese as a business partner*

### **December 6th**



Mr. Kai-Uwe Seidenfuss

Representative Director and Vice President of DaimlerChrysler Japan Co., Ltd.

*Theme :Automotive Marketing Global View*

**February 2nd**



Mr. Akira Imai

Former President and CEO of Toyota Europe and current President and CEO of Delphis Inc. *Theme :Japanese management Pros & Cons from US/European perspectives*

**March 2nd**



Ms. Hiroko Wada, Former Vice President of Procter & Gamble Far East Inc. and former COO of Toys"R" Us - Japan, and current CEO of Office Wada

Mr. Nobuo Momose, Former Executive Vice President of Dentsu and former Chairman of beacon communications, and current Chairman of Kishi & Associates K.K.

*Theme: Marketing and Diversity*

**April 6th**



Mr. Teruo Masaki Executive Deputy President and Group General Council of Sony Corporation

*Theme :CSR and Diversity*

**May 12th**



Dr. Peter Lorange President of IMD, Lausanne Switzerland

*Theme :Marketing-Better utilization of Marketing from the standpoint of Corporate Leaders.*

**June 15th**



Mr. Fumio Koma Partner, Asahi & Koma Law Offices

*Theme :Opportunities and issues related to "M&A" from the perspective of lawyers.*

**July 6th**



Mr. Yukoh Kawamura Chairman & CEO of Nikkei Business Publications, Inc.

*Theme :Business Publications in Japan-Perspectives from the top business publication in Japan.*

**August 19th**



Dr. Yoshihiro Tajima President of Gakushuin(Kindergarten to University) and Honorary Chairman, The Distribution Economics Institute of Japan

*Theme :Management & Marketing.*



### **September 28th**



Mr. Takashi Kurisaka Egon Zehnder International

*Theme :Requirements For Japanese Executives In Globally-based Corporations*

### **October 19th**



Mr. Tatsuji Matsui President&CEO of Dentsu Tec Inc.

*Theme :The Sales Promotion As an answer of various client needs*

### **November 9th**



Mr. Nobuo Momose Senior Managing Director of Lotte Co.,LTD.

*Theme :The Lotte Corporation: its business development and the new business*

### **December 12th**



Mr. Shinji Okuyama Vice President of P&G Northeast Asia Pte.Ltd.

*Theme :Human resource management and strategies of P&G: from local talents to global talents*

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**January 9th**



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Mr. James R. Stengel Global Marketing Officer of Procter & Gamble Company

*Theme :Strengths and Challenges of P&G*

**February 4th**



Mr. Yoshio Nakatani Former Chairman and CEO of Toyota Canada (currently Senior Managing Director of Japan Automobile Recycling Promotion Center)

*Theme :Corporate Social Responsibility-Activities and Implementations of Toyota Canada*

**March 3rd**



Mr. Hajime Ohwatari President of Hoken-Dohjinsha

*Theme :Medical Reform in Japan*

**April 7th**



Mr. Junro Ito Director & General Manager of Seven-Eleven Japan

*Theme :Strengths and Challenges of Seven-Eleven Japan*

**May 11th**



Mr. Werner Geissler President-Northeast Asia of Procter & Gamble Far East (currently President-Central & Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa)

*Theme :P&G's Marketing Strategy in Japan*

**June 2nd**



Mr. Yoshikazu Nakashima Chief Operating Officer of General Motors Japan

*Theme :The issues and challenges GM Japan is facing today*

**July 14th**



Ms. Risa Tanaka Executive Vice President and Editor-in-Chief of Sendenkaigi

*Theme :Current Marketing Trends in Japan*

**August 27th**

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### **September 1st**



Mr. Tadashi Minami President of Hitachi Hybrid Network Co., Ltd.  
*Theme :Innovative changes from subsidiary company*

### **October 17th**



Dr. Peter Lorange president of IMD business school.  
*Theme :The CEO's Agenda*

### **November 2nd**



Mr. Akira Imai Former President and CEO of Toyota Europe and current President and CEO of Delphis Inc.  
*Theme :How Toyota developed its business in Europe*

### **December 1st**



Ms. Ginny Parker Tokyo Correspondent, Tokyo Bureau of The Wall Street Journal  
*Theme :About female business executives in Japan*

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**May 25th**



Mr. Teruo Masaki

Senior Executive Vice President and Group General Council of Sony Corporation  
(Currently Executive Deputy President)

*Theme :Sony's Risk Management Practice*

**July 2nd**



Mr. Nobuo Momose Former Executive Vice President of Dentsu and Former  
Chairman of beacon communications

*Theme :Nescafe Gold Blend case*

**August 6th**



Mr. Nobu Kishi First Wednesday/ Kishi & Associates

*Theme :P&G's High Performance Marketing Organization*

**September 3rd**



Mr. Robert Raidt Director of beacon communications

*Theme :McDonald's Global Brand Strategy*

**October 1st**



Dr. Dominique Turpin Professor of IMD business school

*Theme :How to market to aging consumers*

**October 19th**



-First Wednesday Special-

Dr. Peter Lorange President of IMD business school

*Theme :Marketing of IMD business school*

**November 5th**



Mr. Toshitaka Yoshida President of Nikkei Radio Broadcasting

*Theme :Current Media issues in Japan*

**December 3rd**

Mr. Shigeaki Umeda Director & General Manager of Nihon Keizai Shimbun

*Theme :Corporate Social Responsibility/ Investor Relations from a Media Perspective*