

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

January



Mr. Hajime Nagai (Executive Officer and Director at Institute for Science and Technology · Zensho Holdings Co., Ltd)

Theme: “The Science of ‘Delicious’ and Turning It into a Business—Hit Products, Neuroscience, Health, and Zensho’s Vision for the Future of Food”

February



Mr. Naoki Okada (President & CEO, Fujikura Ltd.)

Theme: TBA

January



Mr. Shinsuke Sugiyama (Former Japanese Ambassador to the United States)

Theme: The Current International Situation and Japan (The Trump Administration and the World)

February



Mr. Katsuhiko Kawazoe (Chief Executive Fellow, Former Executive Vice President, NTT Corporation)

Theme: Creating New Value and Realizing a Global Sustainable Society - IOWN -

March



Ms. Yoko Fujita (Vice President & Executive Officer, Business Strategy Headquarters, Yokogawa Electric Corporation)

Theme: Corporate Value Creation in an Era of Uncertainty: Fulfilling Our Responsibility to the Future of the Earth Through the Power to Measure and the Power to Connect

April



Mr. Atsuhiko Hirano (Representative Director and Executive Vice President, Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd.)

Theme: The Current Energy Situation and the Outlook for the Future

May



Mr. Hiroshi Shiragami (Director, Representative Executive Officer & Executive Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), and Supervision of Research and Development, Ajinomoto Co., Inc.)

Theme: Ajinomoto Group's Vision and Science-Based Management: A Strategic Approach to Co-Creating the Future Through Innovation

June



Mr. Hirotaka Wakamoto (Representative Director, Chairperson and CEO, Pasona Group Inc.)

Theme: Following in the Footsteps of the Charismatic Founder

July



Mr. Senri Tanida (President and CEO, Tanita Corporation)
Theme: Tanita's Management Strategy for Creating Health

August



Mr. Shinya Tamura (President, Representative Director, TOTO Ltd.)
Theme: TOTO's Challenges in Overseas Markets and Creating Shared Value

September



Dr. Takayuki Furuta (General Manager, Future Robotics Technology Centre, Chiba Institute of Technology)
Theme: Robotic Technology in the Era of Physical AI

October



Mr. Hiroyuki Kotake (Senior Staff Writer and Editorial Writer, Nikkei, Inc.)
Theme: The 'New Normal' in the Global Economy Brought About by the Transformation of the United States

November



Mr. Norishige Nagase (Senior Managing Executive Officer, CTO, Cyberagent Inc.)
Theme: The Evolution of Technical Organizations in the Age of AI

December



Mr. Takatoshi (Uri) Nakamura (Representative Director, Cypha Core Co., Ltd.;
Information Security Research Institute (General Incorporated Association))
*Theme: How Will AI, Quantum Computing, and Cryptography Change the World? - Risks
Business Leaders Need to Know Now and New Industrial Opportunities -*

January



Mr. Hideo Tamura (Senior Columnist, Sankei Shimbun)

Theme: Trump 2.0 - What Will Happen to Japan-U.S.-China Relations?

February <Concurrent with the First Wednesday 23rd Anniversary Speech>



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

Theme: Creating New Value in Mobility

March



Mr. Hiroshi Sakurai (Chairman, DASSAI, Inc.)

Theme: Tough times bring opportunity - Made possible by a small sake brewery deep in the mountains of Yamaguchi

April



Prof. Tatsuya Nishida (Professor, School of Political Science and Economics Department of Political Science, Tokai University)

Theme: The Changing International Order and Japanese Diplomacy from a Geopolitical Perspective

May



Mr. Christopher Eoyang (Senior Partner and head of Macro, Pamalican Asset Management)

Theme: Japan since 1985: The Current Global Context

June



Mr. Hideyuki Kurata (Representative Director, Executive Vice President, CTO, General Manager of the Technology General Division, AGC Inc.)

Theme: AGC's Ambidextrous Management

July



Dr. Akifumi Takaori M.D., Ph.D. (Director, Kyoto University Hospital)

Theme: Management Crisis Facing National University Hospitals and Advanced Medical Care in Japan

August



Mr. Naofumi Iwai (Co-founder, Director, and CSO, Peatix Japan K.K.)

Theme: Business Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities in Establishing a Business

September



Mr. Tomoyoshi Maruyama (CEO & Founder, XPERISUS Inc.)

Theme: Foreign currency acquisition project: Providing high value-added travel and experiences to wealthy individuals overseas to create fans of Japan

October



Ms. Naoko Shoji (Marketing Senior Director, Marketing Strategy & Operations Division, NEC Corporation)

Theme: BluStellar: Corporate Transformation from a Marketing Perspective

November



Mr. Yutaka Sasaki (Representative Director, President and CEO, NTT Data)

Theme: Industrial Structure and Business Models Transformed by AI: Initiatives by NTT Data Group

December



Mr. Eiji Sakamoto (Senior Editorial Writer, Nikkei, Inc.)

Theme: What will happen to Japan's politics, economy, diplomacy, and security?

January



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

February



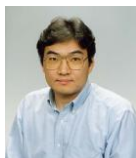
Mr. Hideo Tamura (Senior Columnist, Sankei Shimbun)
Theme: Future of Currencies in Japan, U.S. and China

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, Inc.)
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

Jointly hosted by the Integrated Healthcare Initiative

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



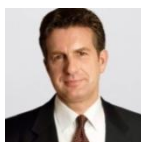
Mr. Masahiro Iwakura, President & CEO, Kracie Holdings K.K.
Theme: Kracie's Reforms and Challenges

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 - FOOD EX 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. Atsuhiko 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. Hirotugu 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 Hiroyoshi, 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. Loeer, 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

-First Wednesday Special "New Year Social Gathering"-

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: Management of technology (MOT) (Case study)

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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



-First Wednesday Special-

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

-First Wednesday Special-

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