



# CALIFORNIA-JAPAN GOVERNORS' SYMPOSIUM

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U.S.-Japan Economic Collaboration  
At the State-Prefecture Level

Monday, August 26, 2019

Arrillaga Alumni Center, Stanford University

Palo Alto, California

# Program

1:00—1:30 p.m.



## Opening Session

### Introduction

Mistress of Ceremonies: Ms. Dana Heatherton  
*Chief Operating Officer, GIG Car Share;  
Regional Co-Chair, U.S. Japan-Council*



### Opening Remarks

Ms. Irene Hirano Inouye  
*President, U.S.-Japan Council*



### Welcome Remarks

Ambassador (ret.) John Roos  
*Partner, Geodesic Capital;  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Japan*



### Keynote Speech

Ambassador (ret.) Eleni Kounalakis  
*Lieutenant Governor, State of California;  
Former U.S. Ambassador to Hungary*

1:30—2:30 p.m. **Japan Governors' Panel**

This discussion will explore the challenges and opportunities that each governor sees in their respective prefecture, including areas where innovation and collaboration are critical for problem solving.

**Moderator:**



Daniel I. Okimoto, Ph.D.  
*Co-Chairman, Silicon Valley Japan Platform;  
Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science,  
Stanford University*

**Panelists:**



Gov. Katsusada Hirose  
*Governor,  
Oita Prefecture*



Gov. Ryuta Ibaragi  
*Governor,  
Okayama Prefecture*



Dr. Heita Kawakatsu  
*Governor,  
Shizuoka Prefecture*



Vice Gov. Yutaka Ota  
*Vice Governor, Nagano Prefecture*



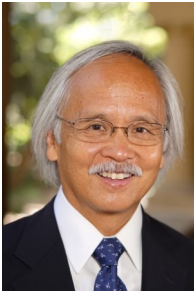
Gov. Hidehiko Yuzaki  
*Governor, Hiroshima Prefecture*

2:30—2:40 p.m. **Break**

2:40—3:40 p.m. **Education Session**

This session will explore issues at the intersection of education and global citizenship. In both the U.S. and Japan, there is increasing recognition of the importance of promoting STEM education, particularly among young women. The thinking behind the addition of Art to create the acronym STEAM will also be explored. The discussants will aim to discover areas in which the U.S. and Japan can learn from each other's approaches and methods.

**Moderator:**



Dr. Gary Mukai  
*Director, Stanford Program on International  
and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE)*

**Panelists:**



Dr. Rie Kijima  
*Co-Founder & CEO, SKY Labo*



Dr. Mariko Yoshihara Yang  
*Co-Founder and Chief Education  
Officer, SKY Labo*

**Respondents:**

*Oita Prefecture Governor, Gov. Katsusada Hirose*

*Okayama Prefecture Governor, Gov. Ryuta Ibaragi*

*Hiroshima Prefecture Governor, Gov. Hidehiko Yuzaki*

3:40—3:50 p.m. **Break**

3:50—4:50 p.m. **Healthcare Session**

Advances in cell and gene therapy as well as the application of AI and machine learning to medical diagnosis and treatment have opened up new opportunities in healthcare. This session will explore what has been made possible through these recent advances. Both the U.S. and Japan face the challenges of an aging society, the rising cost of healthcare, and a shift in care priorities toward prevention and wellness. The discussants will aim to identify ways in which the U.S. and Japan might work together to improve healthcare for all of society.

**Moderator:**



Dr. Devang Thakor  
*Founder and President of Anioplex, LLC*

**Panelists:**



Dr. Phillip Yang  
Associate Professor, *Stanford University School of Medicine*



Dr. Caleb Bell  
Co-Founder, Partner and CEO for *G4S Capital and Ikigai Accelerator*

**Respondents:**

*Shizuoka Prefecture Governor, Dr. Heita Kawakatsu*  
*Nagano Prefecture Vice Governor, Vice Gov. Yutaka Ota*

4:50—5:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Daniel Okimoto, SVJP

5:00—6:30 p.m. **Networking Reception**



*Notes:*

To see speakers' biographies, please scan the QR code or visit: [http://www.usjapanCouncil.org/california\\_japan\\_governors\\_symposium](http://www.usjapanCouncil.org/california_japan_governors_symposium).

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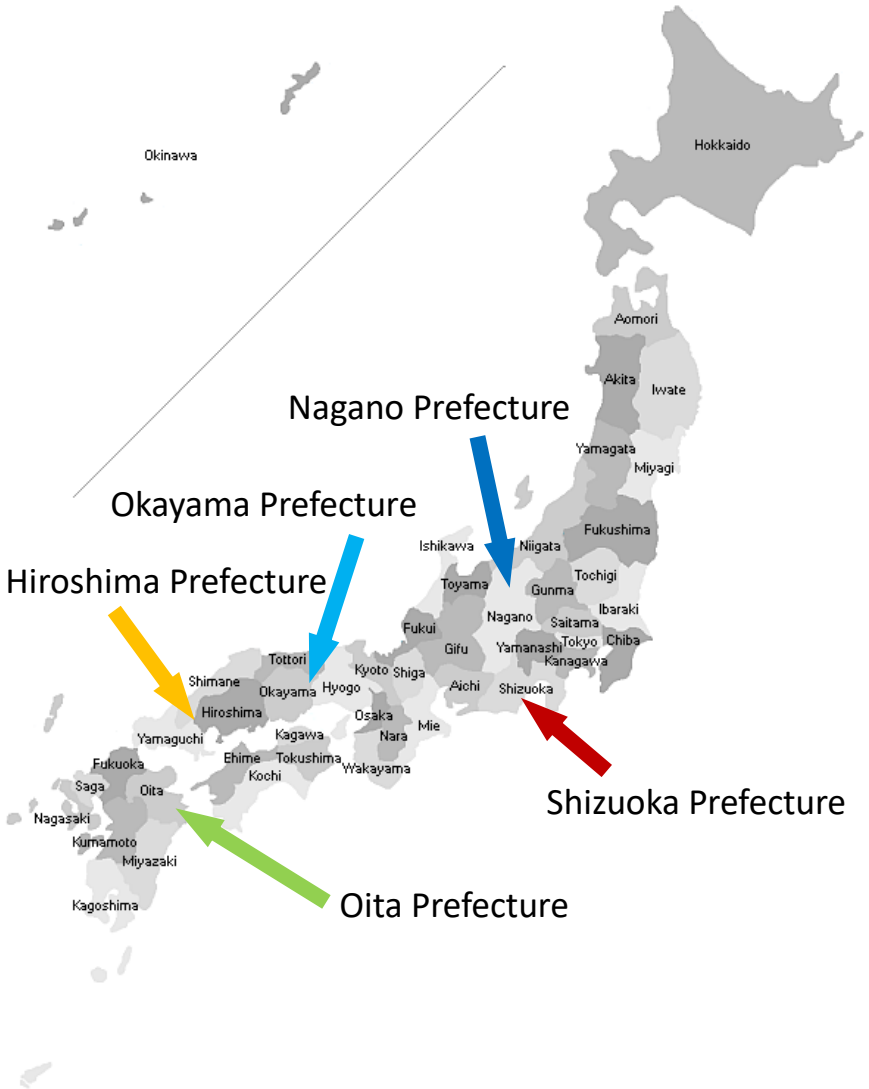
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