

The Role of Academia in Innovation

Greetings 17:25–17:30

The Consulate General of Japan in Boston

Opening Remarks 17:30–17:45

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 National Universities

Join and connect with entrepreneurs--in digital health and information tech--from the University of Tsukuba, as well as with venture capitalists, entrepreneurs, and academic researchers from the Boston area.

It will be an unique occasion to explore opportunities in ecosystems of not only Boston but also Japan, whose society is changing with one of the fastest aging rate offering diverse business opportunities, though still striving to build an effective ecosystem as compared to Boston.

Located at the heart of the biggest science city in Japan, University of Tsukuba's early startups have raised a total of more than 100M \$ since 2017, ranking among the top in Japanese universities, so that the university now seeks to further promote innovation by startups in collaboration with the Boston area by setting up an activity base at CIC.

【Who should attend?:】

- Investors seeking to meet innovative, leading tech startups
- Companies looking for strategic alliance opportunities with Japan
- other ecosystem players and students

Panel 17:45–18:30

Academia as a Catalyst for Innovation



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Hiroshi Ishii

 Associate Director,
 MIT Media Lab

Benton Caroline

 Vice President,
 University of Tsukuba

Jacob Levin

 Director of Research
 Development at MIT


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Yoichi Ochiai

 Associate Professor,
 University of Tsukuba

Flash Talk 18:15–19:30

University of Tsukuba 4 Startups

Room1: Digital Health

18:15-19:00


Integration of comprehensive Omics analysis into Precision Medicine in JAPAN

 Professor, Taka-aki Sato
 CEO, iLAC Co., Ltd.

Wearable robots and AI/IoH technologies for future society

 Professor, Kenji Suzuki
 CEO, PLIMES Inc.

Room2: Computer Tech

18:45-19:30


Analysis Engine for Large-scale Simulation and Big Data

 Professor, Tetsuya Sakurai
 CEO, MathDesign Co., Ltd.


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Virtual Reality for Enhancing Human Perceptual Diversity towards an inclusive society

 Associate Professor, Yoichi Ochiai
 CEO, Pixie Dust Technologies, Inc.

Networking 19:30–20:00