

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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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 a 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

Moderator



Nancy Saucier

Scouting, Strategy & Operations,
BAE Systems Inc.



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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