

10<sup>th</sup> G1 Global Conference Report

> 2020.10.11 G1 Institute

#### **Message from the President**

Thank you for your support and participation in the 10<sup>th</sup> G1 Global Conference! I hope you had a wonderful time.

247 participants (147 in-person, 100 online) from around the world came to discuss the theme "Disruptive Evolution Post-COVID-19: Geopolitics, Business and Society." In the Opening Plenary, Wilson Center CEO Jane Harman and Reform Minister Taro Kono noted the optimism and opportunities for Japan. While COVID-19 has accelerated change, it has also provided opportunities. The day was filled with positive energy with panels in the fields of business, geopolitics and society. We enjoyed English Rakugo at lunch.

At the Closing Plenary, we discussed how governments can be enablers and build trust through better communication. Panelists mentioned how Japan is taking concrete steps to tackle problems and can "lead the world from the center." We wrapped up with post-conference online group discussions.

Our vision of G1 has always been "Group of One, Globe is One." We seek to create a multi-stakeholder forum in which people can share and learn from each other through dialogue, to make a better Japan and a better world. The success of G1 Global is all thanks to your participation, your passion, and your commitment to this community. Audience feedback has been quite strong, and many have commented on the positive energy throughout the sessions. We hope that you were able to make new friends. We truly appreciate your contributions. Thank you for engaging with each other and enriching the G1 Global community.

Please keep the conversation going on social media by using the hashtag #G1Global. To rewatch the sessions, or to catch any sessions you may have missed, please check the G1 Global website. We will announce each session's release on Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook.

I wish all the best to you and hope to see you again at the 11th G1 Global Conference on Monday, October 11th, 2021.

Yours,

# Yoshito Hori President, G1 Institute Founder & President, GLOBIS University Founding Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners

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#### Time & Date

9:00-18:00, Sunday, October 11, 2020 (followed by Post-Conference Online Group Discussions, 19:30-20:30)

#### Venue

GLOBIS University, Tokyo, Japan and online

# **Number of Participants:**

247 (147 in-person, 100 online)

#### **Theme**

"Disruptive Evolution Post-COVID-19: Geopolitics, Business and Society"

#### Host

G1 Institute



#1 Plenary Session: Disruptive Evolution Post-COVID-19: Japan's Global Role and Beyond



Heizo Takenaka, Professor Emeritus, Keio University; Professor,

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#### #2 Breakout Sessions

# [Business] Disruptive Evolution in Workstyle: How Will COVID-19 Change the Future of Work?

- Yuka Shimada, HR & GA Director, Unilever Japan Holdings K.K.
- Maiko Todoroki, President, Poppins Corporation
- Chris Hyams, Chief Executive Officer, Indeed, Inc.
- Soichiro Minami, Chief Executive Officer, Visional



# [Geopolitics] Disruptive Evolution in US Politics? The November Elections

- Mark R. Kennedy, President, University of Colorado
- Toshihiro Nakayama, Professor, Keio University; Senior Adjunct Fellow, The Japan Institute of International Affairs
- Abdul El-Sayed, Physician, Epidemiologist, Former City Health Commissioner, Progressive Activist
- Junko Tanaka, Former Washington Bureau Chief, NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)



# [Society] Disruptive Evolution in Healthcare: The Master Key to a Post-COVID Society

- Sho Okiyama, CEO and Founder, Aillis, Inc.
- Alice Graham, Assistant General Counsel, Microsoft Japan
- Mio Takaoka, Member of the Board, Medical Note
- Scott Thomas, Vice President, Global Commercial Strategy, Data and Analytics, Illumina Japan
- Ross Rowbury, Former President, Edelman Japan KK



#### #3 Breakout Sessions

# [Business] Disruptive Evolution in the Startup Scene Post-COVID-19

- Miku Hirano, CEO, Cinnamon Inc.
- Justin Waldron, Co-Founder/President, Playco
- Saima Hasan, Founding Partner, Evolution
- Emre Yuasa, Director, GLOBIS Capital Partners
- Takuya Kitagawa, Group Managing Executive Officer, CDO, Rakuten, Inc.



# [Geopolitics] Disruptive Evolution in Asian Geopolitics: Post-COVID Implications

- Darshana M. Baruah, Nonresident Scholar, South Asia Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore
- Nobukatsu Kanehara, Professor, Doshisha University; Fmr Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary
- Abraham Denmark, Director, Asia Program,
   Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- Ken Jimbo, Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University



# [Society] Disruptive Evolution in Urban Planning & Development: The New Role of Cities

- Hiroo Mori, Director and Executive Vice President, Mori Building Co., Ltd.
- John Maeda, Chief Customer Experience Officer
- Seiichi Saito, Creative & Technical Director, Rhizomatiks
- Toshiko Mori, Founder CEO, Toshiko Mori Architect PLLC; Professor, Harvard University
- Tak Umezawa, Japan Chairman, A.T. Kearney; Chairman, CIC Japan



### **Lunch Program: English Rakugo**



#### #4 Breakout Sessions

# [Business] Disruptive Evolution in Corporate Sustainability and Diversity:

#### **Business Initiatives Amidst COVID-19**

- Robert Alan Feldman, Senior Advisor, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities, Co., Ltd.; Professor, Tokyo University of Science
- Seiji Inagaki, President, Dai-ichi Life Holdings, Inc.
- Masao Torii, Country President, Novartis Pharma K.K.
- Miki Tsusaka, Managing Director & Senior Partner, Boston Consulting Group



# [Geopolitics] Disruptive Evolution in Monetary Policy: Prosperity, Bubbles, and Inflation?

- Jennifer Corbett, Rio Tinto Fellow, Foundation for Australia - Japan Studies
- Yusuke Narita, Assistant Professor, Yale University;
   Founder CEO, Hanjuku-kaso, Inc.
- Ayako Weissman, Senior Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager and Director of Asia Strategy, Horizon Kinetics LLC.
- Noah Sneider, Tokyo Bureau Chief, The Economist Newspaper Limited
- Jesper Koll, Senior Advisor, WisdomTree Asset Management, Inc.



# [Society] Disruptive Evolution in the Creative Industry

- Shiho Fukuhara, Artist; Co-Founder, BCL, Human Awesome Error
- Taisei Tanaka, CEO, Geisha Tokyo, Inc.
- Tom Kelley, Partner, IDEO
- Kinya Tagawa, CEO, Takram



#### #5 Breakout Sessions

# [Business] Exploration, Innovation and Valuations: Looking Forward to a Decade of Disruptive Evolution in Space

- Takeshi Hakamada, Founder & CEO, ispace, inc.
- · Lewis Pinault, Founding Partner, Airbus Ventures
- Naoko Yamazaki, Astronaut, Fly to the Future
- Atsushi Sunami, President, Ocean Policy Research Institute / The Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Chris Blackerby, COO, Astroscale Holdings Inc.



# [Geopolitics] Disruptive Evolution in Cyberspace: How COVID-19 has affected the Geopolitical Landscape

- Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation
- Benjamin Ang, Sr. Fellow, Deputy Head, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, Singapore
- Tatsuya Terazawa, Special Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Steven Wilson, CEO, Cyber Defence Alliance
- Noboru Nakatani, Executive Vice President, Corporate Officer, Yahoo Japan Corporation



# [Society] Disruptive Evolution and Divided Societies: Can Capitalism Save Us?

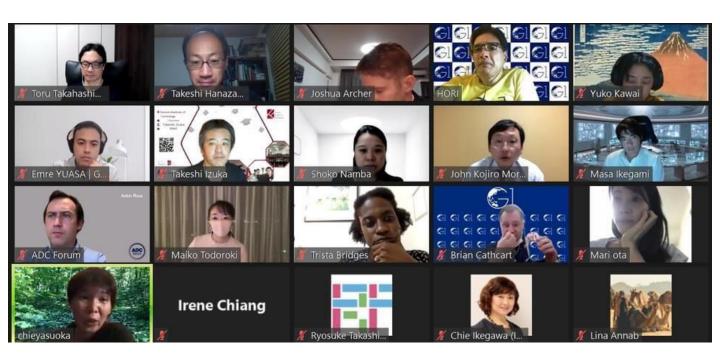
- Trista Bridges, Co-founder and Principal, Read the Air Coalition; Author
- Ken Shibusawa, Chief Executive Officer, Shibusawa and Company, Inc.; Founder and Chairman, Commons Asset Management
- James Crabtree, Associate Professor of Practice, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
- · Yumiko Murakami, Head, OECD Tokyo Centre



#6 Plenary Session: Disruptive Evolution Post-COVID-19: Moving Forward in the Face of Uncertainty



### **Post-Conference Online Group Discussions**











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#### **Feedback from Participants**



Very insightful. Speakers joining remotely seemed to have no trouble joining the panel discussion. English Rakugo was great entertainment and very appropriate given the COVID-19 situation.

Thank you for your great efforts in planning and managing the event. I appreciated the diversity among the panelists—of course women, but more importantly non-Japanese living and working abroad—both to broaden and deepen the discussions.

The COVID-19 pandemic is accelerating changes in society and I need to stay alert as to what is coming next. Even in the midst of a disaster, Japan is placed in the optimistic part of the world.

The G1 Global was very well-organized, accommodating a hybrid style of both on-site and online. I believe it required tremendous effort, and I greatly appreciate it.

It was a great opportunity to understand the geopolitical, economical and cultural positioning of where Japan is overall. Thank you.

Undoubtedly, G1 widened my perspective. I realized that all of the panelists and attendees share a similar vision for our future and the world.

An overwhelming number of topics and brain-fuel to learn more about the world. It makes me want to be better.

Congratulation on the 10th anniversary and great appreciation to G1 Global team!!!



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