



# **G1 Global Conference 2017 Report**

**2017.9.18  
G1 Institute**

# Message from the Chair

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Thank you for your support and participation in the G1 Global Conference! We hope you had a wonderful time.

Over a full day, 200 of us from 20+ countries gathered for the theme, “Creative Evolution in a Volatile World.” We started discussing Japan as a role model and its interaction with the world. We had lunch workshops for the first time. We ended with design thinking and a great dialogue with Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi.

In the end, despite the “volatile” typhoon, we discovered some great ways to creatively evolve ourselves. As Minister Hayashi said, a first step can be to “agree to disagree” and work together to create a culture that embraces a diversity of opinions. This diversity embraces the vision of G1—“Group of One, Globe is One.”

G1 was created to “make a better Japan,” for which the G1 Global community is essential. The success of the G1 Global is all thanks to your passion, your participation, and your commitment to this community. Audience feedback has been quite strong, and many have commented on the positive energy throughout the sessions. We truly appreciate your contribution.

We appreciate your valuable expertise and insights, which helped make an exciting and memorable G1 Global.

To see the sessions again, as well as the breakout sessions you may have missed, please look for the G1 Global videos online on GLOBIS Insights ([e.globis.jp](http://e.globis.jp)). We will announce when the videos are public on Twitter (@G1Global) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Globisinsights/>).

I wish all the best to you and hope to see you again at the next G1 Global Conference.

Yours,

**Yoshito Hori**  
Chairperson, G1 Institute  
President, GLOBIS University  
Managing Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners

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# G1 Global Conference 2017 Overview

## ■ Date

9:00-18:00, Monday, September 18, 2017

## ■ Venue

GLOBIS University, Tokyo, Japan

## ■ Registration Fee

78,000 JPY (Early Registration 58,000 JPY)

GLOBIS Students: 30,000 JPY

## ■ Number of Participants

About 200

## ■ Theme

“Creative Evolution in a Volatile World”



# #1 Plenary Session: Can Japan be a Role Model for Global Economic Prosperity and Stability?



**Richard McCormack (Senior Advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies)**  
**Hiromichi Mizuno (Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer, GPIF)**  
**Heizo Takenaka (Professor Emeritus, Keio University and Professor, Toyo University)**  
**Jesper Koll (CEO, Wisdom Tree Japan KK)**

## #2 Breakout Sessions



### **[#2 Breakout Session A] Geopolitics in Asia: New Shifts and Rebalancing?**

James Zumwalt (CEO, Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA)  
Dong Wang (Assoc. Professor, School of International Studies, Peking University)  
Narendra Taneja (Energy Expert and Spokesperson BJP, India's governing party)  
Jonathan Berkshire Miller (Int'l Affairs Fellow Japan, Council on Foreign Relations)  
Ken Jimbo (Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University)



### **[#2 Breakout Session B] Business in Asia: Where Will the Next Growth Come From?**

Paul Bradley (CEO, Caprica International)  
Daisuke Murata (President & C.E.O, Murata Machinery, Ltd.)  
Frank-Jurgen Richter (Chairman, Horasis)  
Su-Ming Wong (CEO, CHAMP Ventures PTY Limited)  
Miki Tsusaka (Senior Partner & Managing Director, The Boston Consulting Group)



### **[#2 Breakout Session C] Space Business: Strategies to Tackle a New Frontier**

Daniel Tani (Faculty, The American School in Japan, Former Astronaut, NASA)  
Guy Bonaud (Representative Director, SAFRAN Helicopter Engines Japan)  
Hidetaka Aoki (Space Business Evangelist, Global Brain Corporation)  
Chris Blackerby (COO, ASTROSCALE)  
Naoko Yamazaki (Astronaut, Fly to the Future)

## #3 Breakout Sessions



### **[#3 Breakout Session A] Japan-US Relations: A New Era?**

Yuki Tatsumi (Director, Japan Program, Stimson Center)  
Rui Matsukawa (Member, House of Councilors, Liberal Democratic Party of Japan)  
Glen S. Fukushima (Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress)  
Abigail Friedman (CEO, The Wisteria Group)



### **[#3 Breakout Session B] Investing: What is the Role and Significance of ESG?**

Scott Halliday (Area Managing Partner, Ernst & Young)  
Hiromichi Mizuno (Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer, GPIF)  
Kimberley Stafford (Managing Director and Head, PIMCO Asia-Pacific)  
Makoto Takano (CEO & Editor-in-Chief, Forbes JAPAN)



### **[#3 Breakout Session C] Tech Business: Harnessing New Ideas into Sustainable Ventures**

Alex Vieux (CEO, Herring International)  
Teruhide Sato (Founder and Managing Partner, BEENEXT PTE. LTD.)  
Emi Takemura (FutureEdu Tokyo and Peatix.com Co-founder, Mistletoe Inc. Fellow)  
Jonathan Epstein (General Manager, Japan, SentinelOne)  
Soichiro Minami (CEO, BizReach)

## Lunch Workshops on “Creative Evolution in a Volatile World”



Facilitated discussions on the conference theme  
over bento lunches!



## #4 Breakout Sessions



### **[#4 Breakout Session A] Politics in the Middle East: New Peace & Stability?**

Katsuhiko Takahashi (Deputy Assistant Minister, Deputy Director-General, Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau, Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs)  
Henri J. Barkey (Cohen Professor of International Relations, Lehigh University)  
Anwar Al-Naki (Director, Kuwait Industries Company)  
Abigail Friedman (CEO, The Wisteria Group)



### **[#4 Breakout Session B] Media & Communications: The Collapse of Trust in the Mass Media—How Do We Evolve?**

Atsuo Fujimura (Senior Vice President, Media Business Development, SmartNews)  
Jonathan Soble (Reporter, New York Times)  
Hidehiko Yuzaki (Governor, Hiroshima Prefecture)  
Ross Rowbury (President, Edelman Japan KK)



### **[#4 Breakout Session C] Risks & Opportunities: AI, Autonomous Vehicles, and Cybersecurity**

Noboru Nakatani (Executive Director, INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation)  
David Malkin (AI Architect, Cogent Labs)  
Michael Cusumano (Distinguished Professor of Management, MIT Sloan School of Management)  
William Saito (Special Advisor - Cabinet Office, Government of Japan)

## #5 Breakout Sessions



### **[#5 Breakout Session A] Politics in Europe: The Changing Landscape Post-Brexit**

Yumiko Murakami (Head of OECD Tokyo, OECD)  
Nick Herbert (MP, Arundel & South Downs, House of Commons, United Kingdom)  
Karoline Postel-Vinay (Research Professor, Sciences Po)  
Patrick Welter (Tokyo Correspondent, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung)



### **[#5 Breakout Session B] Free Trade: How to Push Against the Rise of Protectionism?**

Yoshimasa Hayashi (Japan's Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)  
Terry Nakatsuka (President and Chief Executive Officer, JATCO Ltd)  
Mireya Solis (Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution)  
Robert Alan Feldman (Senior Advisor, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities)



### **[#5 Breakout Session C] Energy Security and Sustainability: How to Achieve it in the Trump Era?**

Nobuo Tanaka (Chairman, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation)  
Mara Prentiss (Professor of Physics, Harvard University)  
Narendra Taneja (Energy Expert and Spokesperson BJP, India's governing party)  
Hiroyuki Tezuka (Executive Assistant & General Manager, JFE Steel Corporation)

## #6 Plenary Session: Realizing Creative Evolution Using Design Thinking



Tak Umezawa (Japan Chairman and Partner, A.T. Kearney)  
Tom Kelley (Partner, IDEO)  
Chiaki Hayashi (Co-founder, Loftwork Inc.)  
Seiichi Saito (Creative & Technical Director, Rhizomatiks)  
Jesper Koll (CEO, Wisdom Tree Japan KK)

## #7 Closing Plenary Session: Special Dialogue with Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi



**Yoshimasa Hayashi (Japan's Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Member, House of Councillors)**

**Yoshito Hori (Chairperson, G1 Institute, President, GLOBIS University Managing Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners)**



# Reception Party with AUN J Classic Orchestra and DASSAI Sake



## Feedback from the Participants

**How was the  
conference today?**

**4.8**

\*5-point scale

**Please evaluate  
our operations.**

**4.8**

\*5-point scale



- **“Many interesting, diverse, very knowledgeable people, excellent organization and topics range.”**
- **“Unique chance to think and discuss broad societal issues such as energy, education, geopolitics etc.”**
- **“Open discussion with good atmosphere. Lunch was very useful for participants to develop their human network in short time. (I was a co-facilitator.)”**
- **[About operations] “Better than WEF!”**
- **“It has been perfect. Everything worked like clockwork.”**
- **“Thanks G1 Team for perfect planning & execution. I talked to several guests who said that this was one of the best conferences they attended, myself included!”**