

16th G1 Global Conference Report

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Message from the President

Thank you for your support and participation in the 16th G1 Global Conference! I hope you had a wonderful time.

290 people (264 in-person, 26 online)--the most ever--joined to discuss **“KYOSEI: Symbiotic Societies ~ Japan as a Role Model for a Post-AGI World.”** In the Opening Plenary, we discussed the importance of EQ, critical thinking, and judgment with AI, recognizing "the economic gravity of the world is above Tokyo." Breakout sessions explored a Japanese "third way"—KYOSEI centered on collaboration—discovering we can confidently proceed at our own pace while remaining true to our culture. Over lunch, we connected deeply while enjoying sushi and yakiniku/tempura bentos.

In the Closing Plenary, we discussed implementing KYOSEI: forging resilience against global shocks, engaging the Global South, and maintaining relations with both the US and China. Post-AGI leaders still need critical thinking, EQ, and curiosity. Indeed, "ai" means "love“ in Japanese.

At G1 LuckyFes Night, we re-energized our community, refreshed with food and drinks from Ibaraki, and danced along to MONKEY MAJIK!

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 the 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 use these opportunities to make new friends. Please keep the conversation going on social media by using the hashtag #G1Global.

To rewatch the sessions, or to catch any you may have missed, please check GLOBIS Insights. We will announce each video’s release on X.

I wish all the best to you and hope to see you again at the 17th G1 Global Conference on Monday, October 11th, 2027.

Yours,

Yoshito Hori
Founder & President, GLOBIS University
Founder & Chief Producer, LuckyFes
President, G1 Institute



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16th G1 Global Conference Overview

Time & Date

9:00AM – 5:50PM, Mon. Oct. 12, 2026
(followed by Reception Party until 7:30PM)

Venue

GLOBIS University, Tokyo, Japan and online

Number of Participants:

290

Theme

“KYOSEI: Symbiotic Societies ~
Japan as a Role Model for a Post-AGI World”

Host

G1 Institute











Feedback from Participants

How was the conference today?

4.9

(5-point scale)

Please evaluate our operations.

4.7

(5-point scale)

I was deeply impressed by the way the panelists genuinely challenged each other's views, rather than following a predictable, scripted discussion. This may be the true spirit of G1.

All moved like clockwork.

I appreciated that the program did not focus only on technology or business, but connected AI with society, geopolitics, sustainability, education, and Japan's role in the world.

It was wonderful to reconnect with people I had met at G1 Silicon Valley and to meet so many inspiring new people.

Time, space, transitions, refreshments, atmosphere, technology… it was all very professional and smooth.

Having been away from G1 for several years, I realize now that I've been missing out on the most content-rich conference held in Tokyo.

Upbeat, stimulating and diverse discussions, and a good group of attendees.

I was amazed by the flawless execution and the meticulous attention to detail.

I always look forward to G1 Global because it lets me see current events from perspectives beyond Japan.

The staff were so caring toward participants. I was very satisfied.

The highlight of my year, as usual! I'm looking forward to taking part in the next G1 Conference. Thank you!

#1 Plenary Session: “KYOSEI: Symbiotic Societies ~ Japan as a Role Model for a Post-AGI World”



Opening Session: Yoshito Hori
Founder & President, GLOBIS University; Founder & Chief Producer, LuckyFes
President, G1 Institute



- Srikant Datar, Dean, Harvard Business School
- Ian Goldin, Professor of Globalisation and Development, University of Oxford
- Taro Kono, MP, Member of House of Representatives
- Ulrike Schaede, Professor of Japanese Business; Director, Japan Forum for Innovation and Technology, University of California San Diego
- Jesper Koll, Expert Director, Monex Group

Positions listed are as of Oct 12, 2026.

#2 Breakout Sessions

[Business] Design, Engineering, and Evolving with AI

- Paul Bakaus, Founder & CEO, Renaissance Geek
- Lauren Nham, Venture Lead, Tokyo AI
- Katsukiyo Nishi, General Manager APAC, Notion Labs Inc
- Kinya Tagawa, CEO, Takram Japan Inc.



[Politics] Japan's New Defense Eco-System

- Suzanne Basalla, Partner, Geodesic Capital
- Lisa Brown, Vice President and Chief Executive Japan, Northrop Grumman
- Rui Matsukawa, Liberal Democratic Party, Senator of Japan
- Kyosuke Matsumoto, Executive Officer; Managing Director, Baycurrent, Inc.
- Ken Jimbo, Managing Director, International House of Japan



[AI] Post-AGI Society: What can Japan Offer as a Role Model?

- Brett Goldstein, Special Advisor to the Chancellor on National Security and Strategic Initiatives; Research Professor, School of Engineering, Vanderbilt University
- Hiroshi Ishiguro, Professor, Intelligent Robotics Laboratory, The University of Osaka
- Yohei Yamada, Partner, Academic Specialist, Mission Value Partners; IRCN, The University of Tokyo
- Yumiko Murakami, General Partner, MPower Partners



[Society] What should we teach our grandchildren now, in this AI era?

- Taishi Kato, Shinto Priest, Hattori Tenjingu Shrine
- Blaise Plant, Musician: MONKEY MAJIK (Vo & Gt)
- Jennifer Winters, Executive Director, Bing Nursery School; Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Stanford University
- Ema Ryan Yamazaki, Documentary Filmmaker, Cineric Creative
- Maiko Todoroki, President and CEO, Poppins Corporation



#3 Breakout Sessions

[Business] Beyond Craftsmanship: Making Design Japan's Next Competitive Edge
- Toshiko Mori, Founder/CEO, Toshiko Mori Architect PLLC; Professor, Harvard University
- Hiroyuki Murase, CEO/Creative Director, Suzusan Co., Ltd.
- Miles Pennington, Professor of Design Led Innovation, University of Tokyo
- Tak Umezawa, Chairperson, CIC Japan; Senior Advisor, KEARNEY



[Politics] Japan's Ocean Strategy: Towards an Evolved Free and Open Indo-Pacific

- Keishi Abe, Member of the House of Representatives
- Jack McCain, Board Member, McCain Institute; CEO, McCain Advisory
- Brian Poe Llamanzares, Congressman, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES; REPRESENTATIVE, FPJ PANDAY BAYANIHAN PARTYLIST
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[AI] Beyond the Hype: Scaling AI for Real Business
- Stephen Barnham, Group CIO and CDO, Daiichi Life Group
- Takashi Ebihara, Co-CAIO, CIO, Head of Technology Planning, NTT / Japan
- Akira Sakakibara, Senior Vice President, Panasonic Connect Co., Ltd.
- Jeff Walters, Managing Director and Senior Partner, The Boston Consulting Group, Singapore
- Miki Tsusaka, President, Microsoft Japan; Co-President, Microsoft Asia



[Society] From Pax Japonica to KYOSEI: Insights for Japan to be a Role Model
- Mark Davidson, Member of the Board and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Temple University Japan; Co-Chair, U.S.-Japan Council, Japan Chapter; Board Member, U.S.-Japan Bridging Foundation
- Mariko Oi, Host, Asia Specific podcast, BBC News
- Gearoid Reidy, Columnist, Bloomberg Opinion
- Ross Rowbury, Senior Managing Director, Co-head of Group Corporate Communications, Nomura Holdings



Networking Lunch:
Sushi, Beef Yakiniku and Tempura/Vegetarian Bentos










#4 Breakout Sessions

[Business] Japan’s Macro Outlook — From Long Deflation Downshift to Resilient Structural Upcycle
- Jeff Hutchins, Head of Japan Equities, Jefferies
- Taisuke Sasanuma, Representative Partner, Advantage Partners
- Keiko Tashiro, Advisor, Daiwa Securities Group Inc.
- Jesper Koll, Expert Director, Monex Group



[Politics] US-Japan Relations: Navigating Division and Uncertainty
- Glen S. Fukushima, Visiting Fellow, Stanford University
- Juleanna Glover, Founder & CEO, Ridgely Walsh
- Mark R. Kennedy, Founding Director, Wahba Initiative for Strategic Competition, New York University; President Emeritus, University of Colorado
- Shingo Yamagami, Special Visiting Professor, Doshisha University
- Takako Hikotani, Professor, The University of Tokyo



[AI] Physical AI and Japan's Opportunity to Lead
- Yuki Nakagawa, President/CEO, RT Corporation
- Ramez Shehadi, Global Chair of Digital, Analytics & AI, Kearney
- Jad Tarifi, CEO, Co-founder, Super Foundry
- Emre Yuasa, Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners



[Society] Making Sustainability Deliver Business Value
- Keiichiro Asao, Senator, The National Diet of Japan
- Hendrik Gordenker, Principal & Senior Advisor, HG Energy Strategy; Nonexecutive director, Singapore GasCo Pte Ltd; Senior Advisor, JERA Co., Inc. and Radia Inc.
- Mika Nabeshima, Managing Director, Tokio Marine Holdings; Group Chief Sustainability Officer
- Robert Alan Feldman, Senior Advisor, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities; External Director, Tokio Marine Holdings



#5 Breakout Sessions

[Business] Redefining Ways of Working: Human Potential and Organizational Shift in the AI Era
- Karen Makishima, Former Minister of Digital Agency, Minister in Charge of Administrative Reform, Minister of State for Regulatory Reform, Member of Japan's House of Representatives
- Figen Ulgen, Group Chief Data & AI Officer, Daiichi Life Group
- Ben Waber, General Manager, Revelio Labs; Visiting Scientist, MIT; Senior Visiting Researcher, Ritsumeikan University
- Shinji Wada, Global Head, HR CoE, Nomura
- Wakana Tanaka, Country Manager, LinkedIn Japan; Board of Directors, Tsuruha Holdings; Harvard Business School Alumni Board, Harvard Business School



[Politics] Middle East Relations: Strategic Realities Amid Escalating Tensions
- Ali Mohamed Al Lawati, Chief People & Technology Officer, OQ
- Raja Al Marzoqi, General Coordinator and the GCC Chief Negotiation, The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
- Nesreen Barakat, CEO, Former Minister of Social Development, Jordan Strategy Forum
- Mohamed Ali Chihi, Executive Director, Global Institute for Strategic Research (GISR); HAMAD BIN KHALIFA UNIVERSITY; QATAR FOUNDATION
- Taro Kono, MP, Member of House of Representatives



[AI] Sovereign AI: Challenging the US-China Supremacy
- Alice Oh, Professor, Graduate School of AI, KAIST
- Marius Skuodis, Member of the Board of Lietuvos bankas, Lietuvos bankas
- Arthur Zucker, Head of Transformers, Hugging Face
- Noriyuki Kojima, Chief Executive Officer, Kotoba Technologies, Inc.



[Society] Kyosei with Data Centers: Energy, Environment & Public Acceptance
- Bill Chang, CEO Digital InfraCo, Singtel
- Yasuhiro Kajiki, Managing Director, NTT Global Data Centers Japan & APAC
- Pamela MacDougall, Head of Energy Markets & Regulation, EMEA, Amazon Web Services
- Tatsuya Terazawa, Chairman and CEO, The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan



#6 Plenary Session: Japan and the World — “Kyosei” Challenges & Opportunities



- Bill Emmott, Senior Adviser, Geopolitics, Montrose Associates
- Miki Tsusaka, President, Microsoft Japan; Co-President, Microsoft Asia
- Bob Willen, Global Managing Partner and Chairman, Kearney
- Jesper Koll, Expert Director, Monex Group



Closing Session with G1 Global Advisory Board Members

Reception Party: G1 LuckyFes Night with MONKEY MAJIK















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