



**The Inaugural  
G1 in Silicon Valley  
Report**

**April 20-21, 2023  
G1 Institute**

# Message from the Chair

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Thank you for attending the Inaugural G1 in Silicon Valley! I hope you had a wonderful time.

For the first G1 event outside Japan, we welcomed 50 leaders from the US and Japan for two days at the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay. We gathered to discuss the theme “US-Japan Contribution to the World: What should we do next?” We kicked off Thursday night with cocktails and a BBQ dinner in front of a scenic view of the Pacific Ocean.

On Friday morning, we covered topics including the economy, investment. The discussions were deep and engaging. By revealing our personal experiences and thoughts, we came to understand our own perceptions of each other, deepening the trust among us. Our lunch workshops built on these connections between the US and Japan and talked about our personal commitment on those causes.

The afternoon panels on design, geopolitics, and generative AI challenged our ways of thinking and led to moments of excitement and uncertainty for our future. We continued the conversation over cocktails and the Farewell Dinner, where we had an energizing nightcap.

Our vision for 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 in order to make a better Japan and a better world. The success of the G1 in Silicon Valley is all thanks to your passion, your participation, and your commitment to this community.

Early audience feedback has been quite strong, and we appreciate your valuable expertise and insights. Please keep the conversation going on social media by using the hashtag #G1SV.

To rewatch the sessions, or to catch any you may have missed, please check the G1 website. For videos which were on the record, we will announce each video’s release on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/G1Global>).

Thank you again for helping make the Inaugural G1 in Silicon Valley a truly exciting and memorable event. I wish all the best to you and hope to see you again at the 2nd G1 in Silicon Valley on April 17-18 (Wed-Thu), 2024!

Yours,

**Yoshito Hori**  
President, G1 Institute  
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# Inaugural G1 in Silicon Valley Overview

## Dates

*Thu-Fri, April 20-21, 2023*

## Venue

*Ritz-Carlton Half-Moon Bay  
California, USA*

## Number of Participants:

*50*

## Theme

*“US-Japan Contribution to the World:  
What Should We Do Next?”*

## Host

*G1 Institute*



# Thursday, April 20: "Cocktail Time and Welcome Reception"



# Friday, April 21: Morning Sessions



## Opening Session

- Yoshito Hori, President, G1 Institute; President, GLOBIS University; Managing Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners



## Session 1: Economic Outlook: Inflation, Financial Stability & New Global Realities

- Thierry Porte, Managing Director, J.C. Flowers & Co.
- Preethi Prasad, Partner, AT Kearney
- Daniel Springer, Board Director, UiPath and DocuSign
- Jesper Koll, Expert Director, Monex Group



## Session 2: Venture Capital and the Investment Climate

- Dave Chen, Managing Director, Head of Global Technology Investment Banking, Morgan Stanley
- Naoko Okumoto, Founder & Managing Director, NIREMIA Collective
- Arthur Trueger, Managing Director, Berkeley VC International
- Shinichi Takamiya, Managing Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners

# Friday, April 21 Lunch Workshop: "US-Japan Contribution to the World: What Should We Do Next?"



# Friday, April 21: Afternoon Sessions



## Session 3: The Intersection of Design and Business

- Chris Cowart, Managing Director, Nomura-SRI Innovation Center (NSIC)
- Ari Horie, CEO/Founder, Women's Startup Lab
- Tom Kelley, Partner, IDEO/D4V
- Patricia Lee-Hoffman, Co-Founder, Flutter Eyewear and Triage Consulting Group
- Makoto Takano, CEO & Founder of Forbes JAPAN linkties Holdings Co., Ltd.

## Session 4: Geopolitics in the US, Japan, and China (Off the Record: No Photo)

- Fiona Ma, California State Treasurer
- Kenji Kushida, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



## Session 5: Generative AI - The Next Big Platform Shift

- Mitchell Baker, CEO, Mozilla Corporation & Chairwoman, Mozilla Foundation
- Shane Gu, AI Expert
- Hiroaki Kitano, Senior Executive Vice President & CTO, Sony Group Corporation
- Ken Suzuki, CEO and co-founder, SmartNews
- Emre Yuasa, Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners



# Friday, April 21: Closing Session, Cocktail Hour and Farewell Dinner



## Feedback from Participants

**How was the conference today?**

**4.9**

(5-point scale)

**Please evaluate our operations.**

**4.9**

(5-point scale)

**The panel discussion was one of its kind and the venue was beautiful.**

**I was never able to join G1 in the past as I am living outside Japan. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet Hori-san and many other friends in Japan in addition to meeting fellow alumni from my university.**

**The event made me aware of the importance of having a global perspective for Japanese society. In this very difficult era, this event made me more optimistic and motivated.**

**The attendees, the topics to discuss and the venue were all amazing! I really appreciate the arrangement made by the G1 team! Great sessions. I made lots of new connections. Amazing venue!**

**Operations were very smooth and no confusion. I think the facilitation and setup were perfect.**

**I am committed to doing this Silicon Valley Event for at least ten more years; to built trust amongst US members and let G1 become a bridge to America for Japan members.**

**I can feel there are many great members and friends to challenge ourselves together in a global atmosphere and environment.**

**Thank you for preparing the event and inviting me to this wonderful opportunity. I am really looking forward to future events!**



Thank you for coming!

We appreciate your generosity in contributing to a stronger G1 Community!