



4th G1 Silicon Valley Report

**April 15-16, 2026
G1 Institute**

Message from the President

Thank you for attending the 4th G1 Silicon Valley! I hope you had a wonderful time.

In our 4th year, we welcomed 102 leaders from the US and Japan for two days at the Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay. Across 8 panels, we discussed how to achieve **"A New Golden Age of the US-Japan Alliance amidst AI in a Fractured World"** in business, politics, tech and startups. We kicked off Wednesday night with cocktails and a BBQ dinner in front of the scenic Pacific Ocean.

The next morning, we covered US-Japan geopolitics, US-Japan Startup ecosystems, and how businesses can thrive with AI. The lunch group discussions built on the morning sessions, focusing on how to create a Golden Age of US-Japan relations.

The afternoon panels covered "luck," human-AI relations, a US-Japan roadmap and the impact of AI on our daily lives. In the Closing Plenary, we discussed how "trust" might be Japan's biggest asset, due to its stability. We often mentioned each other's strengths and our mutual challenge: to help restart the world economy and use AI safely and proactively.

Despite the transactional nature of global affairs, we emphasized the decisive leadership necessary to foster more "win-win" relationships. We agreed on the need to continue to work together, to take advantage of our alliance, and work to make the world a better place. We continued the conversation over cocktails and a farewell dinner, into the night.

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

Audience feedback has been quite strong, and we appreciate your valuable expertise and insights. Please use #G1SV to keep the conversation ongoing on social media.

To rewatch the sessions, or to catch any you may have missed, please find us on X to see the videos which were on the record (<https://x.com/G1Global>).

Thank you again for helping make the 4th G1 Silicon Valley a truly exciting and memorable event. I wish all the best to you and hope to see you again at the 5th G1 Silicon Valley in 2027!

Yours,

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4th G1 Silicon Valley Overview

Dates

Wed-Thu, April 15-16, 2026

Venue

*Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay
California, USA*

Number of Participants:

102

Host

G1 Institute



Feedback from Participants

How was the conference today?

4.8

(5-point scale)

Please evaluate our operations.

4.8

(5-point scale)

Great panelists, beautiful venue, cooperative energy, fascinating content, solid leadership. Most inspired by frank conversations on Japan's place in the world—and future trajectory.

The staff were exceptionally attentive and professional, and the venue setup was truly outstanding. The overall sense of cohesion and atmosphere was remarkable. An excellent experience all around.

Lots of good friends were there, and I got to know new people.

I had many opportunities to engage in deep conversations with leaders representing both Japan and the United States. In particular, the lunch and dinner sessions provided a valuable chance to discuss ideas with people I would not normally have the opportunity to speak with. These Japan–U.S. discussions, which would be difficult to replicate in Tokyo, were an incredible experience that truly broadened my perspective.

As a first-time attendee, I was exposed to high-level discussions on US-Japan geopolitics and coexistence with AI, which broadened my perspective.

The quality of the dialogue was exceptional, particularly regarding the "New Golden Age" of the US-Japan alliance. In today's fractured world, I was deeply moved by the discussion on "trust" as Japan's greatest asset. It served as a powerful reminder that while technology like AI is a tool for efficiency, it is our mutual trust and stable leadership that will ultimately restart the world economy and ensure a "win-win" future. The scenic setting of Half Moon Bay only added to the depth of these candid conversations.

The attendees, the topics to discuss and the venue were all amazing! I really appreciate the arrangement made by the G1 team!

I loved the atmosphere and enthusiasm of everyone working together to support Japan in this very chaotic current US environment. I went away with more energy, hope and connections to help make this happen.

The scope of event was very unique. It was a privilege to meet the leaders who attended.

Thank you for inviting me to this wonderful opportunity. I am really looking forward to future events!

Wed, Apr 15: Cocktail Time and Welcome Reception

Thu, Apr 16: Opening Session



Opening Session

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



Thu, Apr 16: Morning Sessions



#1 Plenary Session: A New Golden Age of the US-Japan Alliance amidst AI in a Fractured World

- Glen S. Fukushima, Visiting Fellow, Stanford University
- Jane Harman, Chair, Commission on the National Defense Strategy
- Bob Willen, Global Managing Partner and Chairman, Kearney
- Jesper Koll, Expert Director, Monex Group



#2 Breakout Sessions:

<Business & Politics> How Businesses Can Thrive amidst AI in a Fractured World

- Geoff Brooks, Head of Business Operations, Notion
- Jennifer A. Chatman, Dean, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley
- Tatsuo Kawasaki, Co-Founder and Chairman, Unison Capital, Inc.
- Olaf Groth, Author, Professor, Co-Founder, Cambrian Futures & Cambrian Labs



<Tech & Startups> US & Japan Tech Ecosystems: VC & Startup Strategies

- Noriyuki Kojima, Chief Executive Officer, Kotoba Technologies, Inc.
- Ann Miura-Ko, Co-founding Partner, Floodgate
- Alexander Wortmann, Partner, TCV
- Emre Yuasa, Partner, GLOBIS Capital Partners

Thu, Apr 16: Lunch Discussion Groups: "How to Create a New Golden Age of the US-Japan Alliance amidst AI in a Fractured World"



Thu, Apr 16: Early Afternoon Sessions



#3 Breakout Sessions:

<Business & Politics> Engineering Serendipity: The Role of Luck in Innovation

- Tina Seelig, Executive Director, Knight-Hennessy Scholars, Stanford University
- Catherine Porter, Advisor, GLOBIS Capital Partners

Contributors:

- Stephen Barnham, Group CIO and CDO, Daiichi Life Group
- Akio Kodaira, Founder & CEO, Shizuku AI, Inc.



<Tech & Startups>

A New Age of the Human-AI Relationship

- Blaise Agüera y Arcas, VP / Fellow, CTO of Technology & Society, Google
- Mizuki Oka, Managing Director, Artificial Life Institute
- Emmett Shear, CEO, Softmax
- Kenneth Stanley, Senior Vice President of Open-Endedness, Lila Sciences
- Richard B. Dasher, Director, US-Asia Technology Management Center, Stanford University / Founding Partner, Global Hands-On Venture Capital (GHOVC)

Thu, Apr 16: Late Afternoon Sessions



#4 Breakout Sessions:

<Business & Politics> Navigating a Strategic Roadmap for the US-Japan Alliance

- Suzanne Basalla, Partner, Geodesic Capital
- Mark R. Kennedy, Director, Development Research Institute, New York University / President Emeritus, University of Colorado
- Taro Kono, MP, Member of House of Representatives
- Matthew Spence, Global Head of Venture Capital Banking, Managing Director, Technology Investment Banking, Barclays
- Kenji Kushida, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



<Tech & Startups> From Lab to Life: The Real-World Impact of the AI Revolution

- Paul Bakaus, Founder & CEO, Stealth AI Startup
- Mitchell Baker, Founder, Mozilla / Founder and CEO, Remix Studios LLC
- Philip Rosedale, Founder & CTO, Linden Lab
- Shane Gu, Senior Staff Research Scientist, Google DeepMind
- Cory Ondrejka, CTO, Onebrief

#5 Plenary Session: A New Golden Age of the US-Japan Alliance: Where Do We Go From Here?

- Suzanne Basalla, Partner, Geodesic Capital
- Daniel Springer, CEO, Ironclad / Board Director, UiPath & SmartNews
- Genichi Tamatsuka, President and CEO, Lotte Holdings Co., Ltd.
- Jesper Koll, Expert Director, Monex Group



Thu, Apr 16: Closing, Cocktail Time and Farewell Dinner



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