

Future Medical Expo

~The world-leading ecosystem of Osaka-Kansai~

Osaka Prefecture is promoting the industrialization of future healthcare, including regenerative medicine, with the International Institute of Future Medicine, Nakanoshima Qross(NQ), at its core.

This symposium aims to showcase the technological capabilities and life science potential of Osaka and the Kansai region, as well as the appeal of NQ, to both domestic and international audiences. The goal is to expand investment opportunities in Osaka and Kansai.

The event will feature lectures by key figures such as Dr. Yoshiki Sawa, a leader in the practical application of regenerative medicine, along with international experts and specialists from medical venture capital firms. In addition, life science startups will present future medical pitches.

Networking programs will also be held at the venue to foster interaction among participants.

Date **2025 10.3** (FRI) **13:00** **17:30** JST

Application
Deadline

[In-person] 2025.9.24 (WED) capacity : 200 people
[Online] 2025.10.3 (FRI) *Until the end of the event



Hirofumi Yoshimura



Martina Hirayama



Yoshiki Sawa



Shinichiro Komoto



Dan Kemp



Brenda Renata Kwak



Chiemi Kamakura



Mitsuru Miyata

In-person & Online (Hybrid) / Free participation

Program

13:00~13:05	Opening Remarks	Hirofumi Yoshimura Governor of Osaka Prefecture
13:05~13:10	Guest Remarks	Martina Hirayama Head of the State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation, Switzerland
13:10~13:30	Keynote Speech	Initiatives at Nakanoshima Qross, the International Hub for Future Medicine ~Communicating the Industrialization of Future Medicine to the World from Global Financial City OSAKA~ Yoshiki Sawa President of the Organization for Advanced Healthcare Innovation
13:30~14:00	Presentation	Where Healthcare Ecosystem Meets Capital Shinichiro Komoto Eight Roads Ventures Japan
14:00~14:30	Presentation	"Kansai, the birthplace of iPSC and its role in the global biotech ecosystem" Dan Kemp CEO, Shinobi Therapeutics, Inc.
14:30~15:00	Presentation	Bridging borders: optimizing research foundation support in Switzerland to facilitate international collaboration and exchange Brenda Renata Kwak Professor, University of Geneva, and Research Council member, Swiss National Science Foundation
15:10~16:00	Future Medical Pitch	"Presentations by healthcare startups" Healthcare Startups based in Osaka
16:00~17:00	Panel Discussion	Building a World-Leading Ecosystem: Future Visions through Research, Innovation, and Investment Shinichiro Komoto Eight Roads Ventures Japan Partner Dan Kemp CEO, Shinobi Therapeutics, Inc. Brenda Renata Kwak Professor, University of Geneva, and Research Council member, Swiss National Science Foundation Chiemi Kamakura President and CEO, Agatha Inc. Mitsuru Miyata President and CEO, MIYATA INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGIES
17:00~17:30	Networking Session	*In-person attendance only.

*This event will be conducted primarily in English, but simultaneous interpretation in Japanese will be available.
*The program is subject to change without notice.

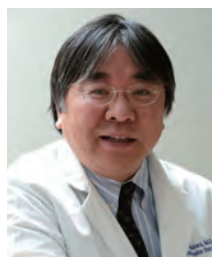
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Hosted by Osaka Prefectural Government

President of the Organization of Future Medicine

Yoshiki Sawa



After graduating from Osaka University Medical School, he joined the First Department of Surgery and studied in Germany. He later served as Professor, Dean, and Director of the Future Medicine Center at Osaka University, and chaired major medical societies. Currently President of the Organization for Future Medicine Promotion, Director of Osaka Police Hospital, and Professor Emeritus, he will chair the 2027 Japan Medical Congress and received the Medal with Purple Ribbon in 2020.

CEO, Shinobi Therapeutics, Inc.

Dan Kemp



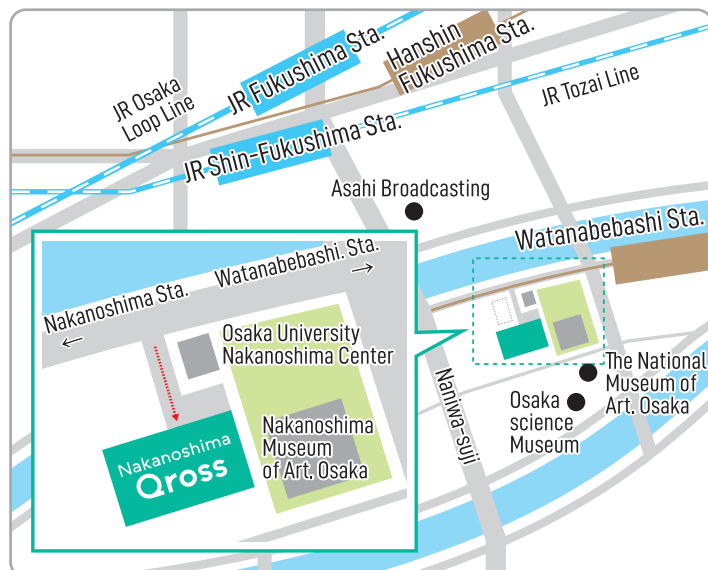
Dr. Kemp has over 20 years of experience leading pipelines from discovery to clinical development at Novartis, Merck, and Takeda, where he advanced strategic cell therapy partnerships. As CEO of Wugen, he drove rapid growth and now serves as CEO of Shinobi Therapeutics. He earned a Ph.D. in Molecular Pharmacology from the University of Kent and conducted beta-cell research as an HHMI Fellow at Harvard Medical School.

President and CEO, Agatha Inc.

Chiemi Kamakura



After earning a master's degree from Nagoya Institute of Technology, she worked at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications and later drove new healthcare ventures at Hitachi. Former head of NextDocs Japan, she founded Agatha in 2015 and became CEO. She holds an MBA from Rice University, lectures at Nagoya Institute of Technology, and won the 2024 Women Entrepreneur Award by Nikkei WOMAN and Tokyo Metropolitan Government.



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Head of the State Secretary for Education,
Research and Innovation, Switzerland

Martina Hirayama



After earning a Ph.D. from ETH Zurich and completing studies in economics, she led a polymer chemistry group at ETH and served as CEO of a startup. At ZHAW, she held roles as professor, dean, and head of international affairs. She has contributed to METAS, Innosuisse, SNSF, and various national and international committees. Since 2019, she has served as Director of the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI).

Eight Roads
Ventures Japan Partner

Shinichiro Komoto



He leads healthcare investments at Eight Roads Ventures Japan, following experience at Mitsui & Co. in investment, M&A, and subsidiary management across the U.S., Asia, and Japan. Currently serving as an outside director for multiple companies, he is committed to fostering global healthcare ventures from Japan. He graduated from Tokyo Metropolitan University and completed the INSEAD Executive Programme.

Professor, University of Geneva, and Research Council member,
Swiss National Science Foundation

Brenda Renata Kwak



As Professor at the University of Geneva Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Brenda Kwak has published over 150 papers on intercellular communication in cardiovascular and neurovascular systems. Supported by SNSF, she founded her research group and became Chair of the International Cooperation Committee in 2024, promoting global scientific collaboration and grant review. She earned her Ph.D. at the University of Amsterdam and conducted postdoctoral research at the universities of Utrecht and Geneva.

President and CEO, MIYATA INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGIES

Mitsuru Miyata



After graduating from the Faculty of Science at the University of Tokyo, he joined Nikkei Inc. He was involved in the launch of Nikkei Biotech and served as its editor-in-chief. He promoted internet-based businesses and the dissemination of medical and biotechnology information, while also serving as a visiting professor at several universities. After leaving Nikkei BP, he founded Miyata Institute of Technologies and Healthcare Innovation, a biotech-focused venture capital firm, and has also produced international conferences.

Registration

Please complete the necessary information and apply via the URL below.

<https://events.nikkei.co.jp/76463/>

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In-person attendance will be by lottery if applications exceed capacity.
Results will be announced via email on Thursday, September 25.



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Access

- Five-minute walk from Nakanoshima Station or Watanabebashi Station on the Keihan Nakanoshima Line
- Ten-minute walk from Higobashi Station on the Osaka Metro Subway Yotsubashi Line
- Fifteen-minute walk from Yodoyabashi Station on the Osaka Metro Subway Midotsuji Line or Keihan Main Line
- Ten-minute walk from Fukushima Station on the JR Osaka Loop Line or Shin-Fukushima Station on the JR Tozai Line
- Ten-minute walk from Fukushima Station on the Hanshin Main Line