

「6th Annual Medtech & Healthtech Innovation Forum」 Report

On November 8th (Thur), Kobe City, Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation at Kobe (FBRI), Kobe University and US-Japan Medtech Frontiers (USJMF) co-hosted 「6th Annual Medtech & Healthtech Innovation Forum」 and over 500 people had participated. This event aimed to support the promotion of medical device development through the lectures and panel discussions by leading experts from US and Japan who are front-runners of medical device development. This forum is led by volunteers from Silicon Valley, and has been held in Sendai in 2014, then in Osaka, Hiroshima, Okinawa and Shizuoka.

1. Date: Friday, November 8th 2019 10:00~18:00 (Networking Reception 18:30~19:30)
2. Place: Kobe Portpia Hotel
3. Number of Participants: 527 participants
4. Program:

【Morning Session】

- Opening Remarks Hidetoshi Terasaki, Vice Mayor of Kobe City
Tasuku Honjo, President, Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation at Kobe
Jack Moorman, Chairman, US-Japan Medtech Frontiers
- Keynote Speech Russell H. Taylor, Professor, Johns Hopkins University
- Panel Discussion 「Medical Innovation by Robotic Technology」
Moderator: Amish Parashar, Managing Partner, Explorers' Lab
Panelists: Myriam J. Curet, Executive Vice President and CMO, Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
Yasuhiko Hashimoto, President, Medcaroid Corporation
Bruce Lichorowic, President & CEO, Galen Robotics Inc.
Russell H. Taylor, Professor, Johns Hopkins University



(Opening Remarks) Hidetoshi Terasaki, Vice Mayor of Kobe City



(Opening Remarks) Tasuku Honjo, President, FBRI



(Opening Remarks) Jack Moorman, Chairman, USJMF



(Keynote Speech) Russell H. Taylor, Professor, Johns Hopkins University



(Panel Discussion) Amish Parashar, Managing Partner, Explorers' Lab



(Panel Discussion) Panelists

【Lunch Presentation】

Sponsor companies and Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation at Kobe presented their activities.



Mr. Hiroshi Nakatsuji, CEO, Kairos Co., Ltd.



Ms. Oriha Kuwaki, Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.
Business Development Senior Specialist



Takeyuki Sato, Director, FBRI



Lunch Presentation

【Afternoon Session】

In the afternoon, panel discussions were held in 2 separate venues.

Venue A (Seminar Session)

A-1 『Innovation in US Medtech Hot Areas』

Moderator: Shinichiro Komoto, Partner, Eight Roads Ventures Japan

A-2 『Medtech and Healthtech for Super Aging Society』

Moderator: Yasuko Akutsu, Chairman, Advanced Gerontology in Next Generation Japan

A-3 『Successful Cases of US-Japan Collaborations』

Moderator: Joseph Heanue, CEO and President, Triple Ring Technologies, Inc.



A-1
Innovation in US Medtech Hot Areas



A-2
Medtech and Healthtech for
Super Aging Society



A-3
Successful Cases of
US-Japan Collaborations

Venue B (Panel Discussion)

B-1 『Developing Unmet Needs Driven Innovative Medical Devices』

Moderator: Kirk Zeller, Board Member, US-Japan MedTech Frontiers
David Smith, Board Member, US-Japan MedTech Frontiers

B-2 『How to Foster Players for Medical Device Development』

Moderator: Takahiro Yasuda, Advanced Medical-Engineering Development Center of Kobe University
Clinical & Translational Research Center of Kobe University Hospital
Takahiro Nakanishi, Senior Coordinator, Center for Cluster Development and Coordination,
Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation at Kobe (FBRI)

B-3 『Understanding Evaluation Criteria for Investors』

Moderator: Tomohisa Ishikawa, Head of Macro-Economics Research Center, Advanced Senior Economist
The Japan Research Institute, Limited



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【Special Lecture · Kobe Declaration】

Dr. Fumiaki Ikeno of Stanford University had spoke about the “Difference in Medical Device Development between Japan and US”, then closed the forum with “Kobe Declaration”.



(Special Lecture) Dr. Fumiaki Ikeno, Interventional
Cardiologist and Researcher, Stanford University



(Kobe Declaration) Masayoshi Murakami
Senior Executive Director, FBRI



(Closing Remarks) Masato Fujisawa
Dean, Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine



USJMF/Moderators · Panelists

【Networking Reception】



(Opening Remarks) Kazuro Sugimura
Executive Vice President, Kobe University



Sake Barrel Ceremony



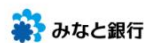
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(Closing Remarks) Jack Moorman
Chairman, US-Japan Medtech Frontiers

【Sponsors】

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