

2023 CJEB Annual Tokyo Conference

The Need for Innovation:

Digitalization, Sustainable Cities, and Reforming Higher Education

Monday, May 29, 2023 | 1:15 – 6:30 PM Japan Time

Presented by Center on Japanese Economy and Business, Columbia Business School

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Venue: Otemachi Financial City Conference Center, Tokyo, Japan

Simultaneous interpretation was provided.

Summary



Please find a list of confirmed speakers and panels below:

Keynotes:

Digital Transformation in Japan: Navigating Key Challenges ([Video](#))

- **His Excellency KONO Taro**, Minister for Digital Transformation; Minister for Digital Reform; Minister for Consumer Affairs and Food Safety; Minister in charge of Civil Service Reform, Government of Japan

The 21st Century University: An Enduring Foundation for Talent, Education, Discovery, and Innovation Launches a New Tradition of Impact ([Video](#))

- **Mary C. Boyce**, Provost; Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University

Panels:

- **Higher Education for Innovation ([Video](#))**
- **Smart and Sustainable Cities ([Video](#))**
- **A Special Panel with H.E. KONO and Professors Gerald Curtis and Merit Janow ([Video](#))**

Other Participants:

Gerald Curtis, Burgess Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Columbia University

Teruo Fujii, President, The University of Tokyo ([Slides](#))

Takatoshi Ito, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University

Merit E. Janow, Dean Emerita, SIPA; Professor of Practice in International Economic Law and International Affairs, Columbia University

Andrés Jaque, Dean, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University

Hiroo Mori, Director; Executive Vice President, Mori Building Co., Ltd.

Yumiko Noda, Chairman & Representative Director, Veolia Japan K.K.

Miguel Urquiola, Dean of Social Science; Professor of Economics, Columbia University ([Slides](#))

David Weinstein, Director, CJEB

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Videos:

- H.E.KONO Taro's Keynote
- Provost Mary Boyce's Keynote
- Panel 1: Higher Education for Innovation
- Panel 2: Smart and Sustainable Cities
- Panel 3 with H.E. KONO and Professors Gerald Curtis and Merit Janow

Slides: President Teruo Fujii, Dean Miguel Urquiola