

13:30 | **Registration**

MC JUNICHI YOKOTA Counsellor, Economic Section, Embassy of Japan in Canada

14:00 | **Welcoming Remarks**

TAKUJI SAKAI Executive Director, JETRO Toronto

14:05 | **Keynote address**

H.E. KIMIHIRO ISHIKANE Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Canada

14:10 | **AI Ecosystem in Canada**

ERIKO EZAKI Deputy Executive Director, JETRO Toronto

14:25 | **Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster**

ROB MACLEOD Director, Programs and Partnership, Next Generation Manufacturing Canada

14:35 | **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **IAN MCKAY**

Chief Executive Officer, Invest in Canada

Panelists: **HIROAKI TANAKA**

Head of Silicon Valley Innovation Center, Senior Vice President of DENSO International America, Inc.

MASAYA KIBUNE

Research Manager, Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc.

SHOTARO MIWA

Chief Researcher, Advanced Technology R&D Center, Mitsubishi Electric Corp.

MIKIHIRO YASUDA

Founding Partner, Hike Ventures

16:00 | **Break**16:15 | **Presentations on Support from Public Sector**

Alberta: **JIMMY SHEWCHUK**

Business Development, Trade and Investment Manager, Enterprise Edmonton

KARRA-LEE GERRITS

Director, Business Development, Edmonton Global

Ontario: **HAROLD DREMIN**

Manager, Business Investment and Sector Development, City of Mississauga

STEPHEN CHAIT

Director of Economic Growth, Culture & Entrepreneurship, City of Markham

Quebec: **CLAIRE YU**

Senior Director, Asia Pacific, Montreal International

DENIS HVIZDAK

Business Development Manager, Americas, Investissement Québec

Nova Scotia: **LAUREL BROTEN**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Nova Scotia Business Inc.

Canada: **KOSUKE ABE**

Senior Investor Services Advisor – Japan, Invest in Canada

16:50 | **Concluding Remarks**

MICHAEL PARSA Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Small Business), Ontario Govt.

17:00 | **Networking Reception**

Panelists' Bio



HIROAKI TANAKA

Head of Silicon Valley Innovation Center,
Senior Vice President of DENSO International America, Inc.

HIROAKI TANAKA joined DENSO in Japan and has spent his career focused on R&D. Before coming to the US, he spent a decade leading DENSO's R&D strategy. In 2013, Tanaka became a DENSO fellow (distinguished engineer), and has since developed DENSO's key business and technology globally in the area of Advanced Driver Assistant Systems (ADAS) and Human Machine Interface (HMI). In January 2018, Tanaka was appointed head of the Silicon Valley office which has two groups: R&D and Corporate Venture Capital. In this leadership role, his mission is to find new business opportunities for DENSO's future growth. Tanaka holds a Ph.D. in Information Science and Technology from Aichi Prefectural University. DENSO is a leading supplier of advanced automotive technology system and components for all the world's major automakers. Its consolidated revenue is roughly \$48 billion US dollars and it has 170,000 employees in 220 sites worldwide.



MASAYA KIBUNE

Research Manager
Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc.

MASAYA KIBUNE currently manages research and development of domain-specific computing for solving combinatorial optimization problems at Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc. in close collaboration with the University of Toronto. He has been engaged in research and development of high-speed interconnect technology at Fujitsu Laboratories LTD. (1998 – 2013) and energy-efficient learning algorithms for deep neural networks at Fujitsu Laboratories of America Inc. (2014-2017). With almost 20 years of experience, he has collaborated with universities in Japan, the U.S and Canada to develop cutting-edge technologies for advanced computing.

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SHOTARO MIWA

Chief Researcher,
Advanced Technology R&D Center, Mitsubishi Electric Corp.

SHOTARO MIWA is a computer vision (CV) and machine learning (ML) researcher at Advanced Technology R&D Center, Mitsubishi Electric Corp. Mitsubishi Electric is one of the world's leading names in the manufacture and sales of electrical and electronic products and systems used in a broad range of fields and applications. The net sale in FY 2018 is about 40 billion USD. Among many CV fields he specializes in pattern recognition and has contributed to a large number of commercialization from appliances to industrial products, such as a printer, a room air conditioner, a security camera, thermal sensor-based system, etc. He has been working world wide as well and has many experiences with international organizations. In 2016 he took a big step toward AI in academia. He has been a visiting researcher at University of Alberta since 2016 and researching Reinforcement Learning with collaboration with Prof. Rich Sutton and Prof. Osmar Zaiane at Amii. Ph.D. in Computer Science, Osaka University B.A. in Electric Engineering, University of Tokyo.



MIKIHIRO YASUDA

Founding Partner
Hike Ventures

MIKIHIRO YASUDA started his career as a programmer. After a while, he joined Netscape as a practice manager. At Kakaku.com, he was a Board of Director (BOD) and CTO/COO. He built tech team and lead new business development. Then at Digital Garage, he was a BOD in charge of the international operation. He became CEO of Open Network Lab, an incubator for global-minded entrepreneurs, and CEO of Neo, San Francisco based Lean Startup consulting company. After Digital Garage, he joined DeNA San Francisco where he led its early-stage investment in the US. Miki holds BS from Rochester Institute of Technologies and MBA from McGill University.

Moderator's Bio



IAN MCKAY

Chief Executive Officer
Invest in Canada

IAN MCKAY is the CEO of Invest in Canada, where he promotes Canada as a premier global investment destination, making it easier and more attractive to build innovative and global businesses in Canada. Previous roles include a distinguished career in international finance markets, CEO of the Vancouver Economic Commission and political advisor. Fluent in Japanese, Mr. McKay studied Political Science and Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia and holds a Master of Business Administration from Queen's University.

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