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Why Japan Matters

Guest Speakers List

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Guest Speakers List (In alphabetical order)

Mr. David Atkinson

(CEO, Konishi Decorative Arts & Crafts)

Mr. Azby Brown

(Member, Safecast)

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(CEO, 2next)

Mr. Mao Danqing

(Writer and Professor, Kobe International University)

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(CEO and Founder, Blue Bottle Coffee)

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(President, The University of Tokyo)

Dr. Andrew Gordon

(Professor, Lee and Juliet Folger Fund, Harvard University)

Mr. Kenji Hall

(Asia Editor at Large at Monocle)

Mr. Kenya Hara

(President, Nippon Design Center)

Mr. Masato Harada

(Film Director/Actor)

Mr. James Higa

(Former Senior Director, Office of the CEO, Apple. Executive Director, Philanthropic Ventures Foundation)

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(Associate Professor, The Department of Agriculture, The University of Tokyo)

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(General Producer, WAO & Fashion Journalist)

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(The Representative Director & CEO, Peach Aviation)

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(Co-founder and CEO, World Innovative Lab)

Mr. Joi Ito

(Director of the MIT Media Lab)

Mr. Donald Keene

(Japanese literature scholar)

Mr. Tom Kelley

(Partner, IDEO)

Mr. Makoto Kigawa

(Representative Director and Chairman of the Yamato Holdings CO., LTD)

Mr. Hiroaki Kitano

(President and CEO of Sony Computer Science Laboratories, Inc)

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(Member of the House of Representative)

Mr. Tadashi Maeda

(Senior Managing Director, JBIC)

Ms. Kathy Matsui

(Vice Chair, Goldman Sachs Japan)

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(CIO, Government Pension Investment Fund)

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(Commissioner, Financial Services Agency)

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(Chairperson & Director, Tetsuyu-Kai Medical Corporation You Home Clinic)

Dr. Kohei Nawa

(Associate Professor, Kyoto University of Art and Design)

Mr. Masayori Oka (Masi Oka)

(Actor)

Dr. Yoshiyuki Sankai

(Professor, Department of System & Information Engineering, University of Tsukuba)

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(Financial Analyst/Writer)

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