Japan – U.S. Innovation Awards Announce Keynote Dialog

Explores Case Study of U.S. – Japan Cooperation in Innovation

San Francisco, CA – The 2015 Japan – U.S. Innovation Awards program today announced a Keynote Dialog titled, “What the Tesla – Panasonic Gigafactory Means for Silicon Valley,” that will headline the Japan – U.S. Innovation Awards Symposium, being held at Stanford University on July 10, 2015. This year’s Keynote Dialog will feature Kurt Kelty, Director, Battery Technology, Tesla Motors and Shinichi Ito, Manager, Business Promotion Office, Panasonic Energy Corporation of North America. Both Mr. Kelty and Mr. Ito were actively engaged in the negotiations that lead to this imaginative new venture. The Keynote Dialog will be moderated by Dr. Richard B. Dasher, Director, Stanford University US-Asia Technology Management Center. Additional details are available at: http://www.usajinnovate.org.

In addition, the Symposium will include the following program highlights:

• Welcoming remarks by Consul-General of Japan in San Francisco, Mr. Jun Yamada.
• Presentation of the 2015 Salesforce Emerging Leader Award to iRobot (U.S.) and to JIN CO., LTD. (Japan). After accepting their awards, Hitoshi Tanaka, Founder & CEO, JIN CO., LTD., and Anders Bialek, Director of Corporate Development, iRobot, will share information about their respective companies and also will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Allen Miner, Founder and Chairman, SunBridge Corporation.
• A panel discussion with the CEO’s of five exciting Japanese start-up companies, Couldian, Inc.; Quantum Biosystems; PI R&D; SleepWell Co., Ltd.; and Whill, Inc. Ken Yasunaga, Managing Director, Innovation Network Corporation of Japan, will moderate this first ever Innovation Showcase portion of the Symposium.
• A progress update by the CEO of a previous Salesforce Emerging Leader Award winner that has just completed its IPO.

Symposium attendees will have an invaluable opportunity to experience first-hand the exciting products offered by each Innovation Showcase company, as well as unmatched opportunities to network with thought-leaders who are active at the intersection of Japanese creativity and Silicon Valley entrepreneurship and innovation.

Now in its fifth year, the 2015 Japan-U.S. Innovation Awards Symposium is organized by the Japan Society of Northern California (http://www.usajapan.org), in cooperation with the Stanford University US-Asia Technology Management Center (http://asia.stanford.edu). This year’s Symposium will be held on July 10, 2015 at the Stanford University Arrillaga Alumni Center from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. For additional participant information see: http://www.usjinnovate.org.

To attend the Innovation Symposium visit: http://www.usjinnovate.org/register/
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