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# 2021 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco

## Healthcare Game Changers: Breakthrough Scientific Technologies Towards Revolution of Human Society (tentative)

Co-Organized by: Alliance Forum Foundation  
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Virtual Meeting | November 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 & 18, 2021 (PST)

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*"Healthcare Game Changers:*

*Breakthrough Scientific Technologies Towards Revolution of Human Society"*

The ultimate goal of WAFSF is to create a society where everyone leads a healthy life – both mentally and physically – until his/her last moment. There are three important factors to achieve this goal: (1) innovations in technology that enables a full, healthy life even after a serious illness or injury, (2) innovations in policy that encourage scientific and technological advances and accelerate access to them, and (3) an ecosystem where technology and policy innovations thrive sustainably.

WAFSF will provide an information exchange, business and networking opportunities for multiple stakeholders to determine the latest ideas, strategies and technologies to invest in for the marketing of solutions promoting a healthy society where every person can live a healthy life until his/her last moment.

### About WAFSF

Since 2013, the World Alliance Forum in San Francisco (WAFSF) has focused on the commercialization and industrialization of new technologies in healthcare fields, including regenerative medicine, gene therapy, cancer immunotherapy, and digital health.

In the past seven years, a total of nearly two thousands leaders from the US, Japan, and other countries, representing diverse companies from different industries, academic and research institutions, governments, and nonprofit organizations were in attendance. As a result of this premier, annual international conference, multiple partnerships and countless connections were formed.

Immersion in the active discussions by leading visionaries and unique attendee composition at WAFSF encourages cross-industry, cross-sector, and cross-boarder collaborations, which makes WAFSF an important destination for business development.



*This conference brings the best minds together from the both sides of the Pacific along with leaders of other parts of the world... This conference is an accelerator – it brings the great minds together. It shares ideas. It drives progress. It drives therapies and outcomes, and eventually, cures.*

– Robert Klein, CIRM



*The most important part of the conference is the amount of partners that are available here for us to meet with, global partners. It has really opened doors for us to think about partnering with organizations from Japan especially here at the World Alliance Forum. It's been an enormous help for us as a company.*

– Robin Smith, ORIG3N



*I am so pleased to see that the organizers have been able to move with the times and organize discussions around timely, new approaches such as gene and CAR-T cell therapy... Great hockey player Gretzky said "You don't aim for the puck – you aim where you think the puck is moving toward." That's what this meeting does.*

– Arlene Chiu, City of Hope

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| <b>Dates</b> | Pacific Standard Time                                   |
|              | November 1 / 4 / 8 / 11 / 15 / 18, 2021<br>4PM ~ 6:30PM |

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|  | Japan Tokyo Time*  |
|  | November 2 / 5, 2021 8AM ~ 10:30AM<br>November 9 / 12 / 16 / 19, 2021<br>9AM ~ 11:30AM |

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| <b>Venue</b> | Virtual meeting |
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\*Please note that the start time in Japan is shifted for one hour after Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> due to day light saving in the US time zones.



# Forum Feature



## Distinguished Speakers

Every year, WAFSF is proud to host the world's leading figures and visionaries in the field. On the picture are Nobel laureates Dr. Shinya Yamanaka (left) and Dr. Paul Berg (right) at 2013 WAFSF.



## High Quality Networking

Attendees represent different industries, research institutions, and governmental agencies. This unique composition of attendees make way for new ideas and have resulted in multiple collaboration and partnership deals.



## Business Opportunities

Many business opportunities are offered at WAFSF, ranging from sponsorships, presentations, pitch event, which give direct access to key decision makers from the industry, academia, and governments.



## Compelling Agenda

From trending innovations and startups and funding and commercialization strategies to new regulatory frameworks, as well as the trends on emerging market, discussions at WAFSF are active, exciting, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary.

## Speakers (Selected, 2013-2020)



Shinya  
Yamanaka  
(Kyoto U.)



Paul  
Berg  
(Stanford U.)



Masayo  
Takahashi  
(RIKEN)



Daniel  
Kraft  
(Singularity U.)



Akihiko  
Kondo  
(Kobe U.)



Hiroto  
Izumi  
(Cabinet  
Secretariat)



Susan  
Solomon  
(NYSCF)



Michael  
Doherty  
(Roche)



Richard  
Roberts  
(New England  
Biolabs)



Yoshiyuki  
Sankai  
(Cyberdyne)



Judy  
Chou  
(Bayer)



Seiji  
Nishino  
(Stanford U.)



Dale  
Bredesen  
(Buck Institute)



Tomoki  
Todo  
(Tokyo U.)



Mark  
Ratain  
(Chicago U.)



Hideyuki  
Okano  
(Keio U.)



George  
Hara  
(DEFTA)



Francis  
Chan  
(CUHK)



Tatsuya  
Kondo  
(PMDA)



Regis  
Kelly  
(QB3)



Toshio  
Nakagawa  
(JMA)



Brock  
Reeve  
(Harvard U.)



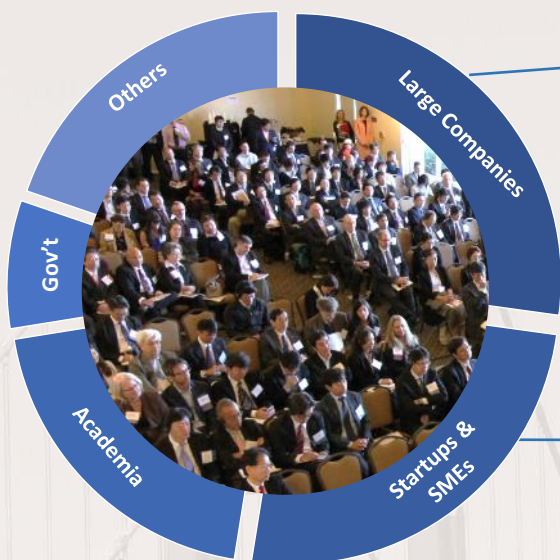
Seigo  
Izumo  
(Takeda)



Amy  
DuRoss  
(GE Ventures)



# Attendee Background



**50%+ Business, 20% Academic, 10% Government**

Just over half of the participants represent businesses. Of the business participants, about 50% are from large or public corporations, and the other half from startups, small and medium companies.

**90% Decision Makers**

Out of the business participants, about 40% are key decision makers – chairpersons, presidents, board directors, CEOs or other C-level officers. Another 50% hold middle management positions.

**3,000+ Since 2013**

Since 2013, more than 3,000 people have attended WAFSF. Participants come from the United States, Japan, China, Korea, Canada, Israel, Sweden, and several other countries.

**Governmental Agencies, Industry Groups, Media**

Regulatory, policy-making, and funding officials are in attendance as well as many industry and nonprofit groups such as ARM, FIRM, and JMA. WAFSF is covered by media outlets, including Cell Stem Cell, BioCentury, NHK, Forbes Japan.

## Past Participant Companies (Selected, 2013-2020)

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Abbott                          | Fujitsu                     | Merrill Lynch            | ROHTO Pharmaceutical      |
| AMTD Group                      | GE Ventures                 | MIRAI Trust              | SanBio                    |
| Asahi Kasei Corporation         | Genentech                   | Mitsubishi Corporation   | Sangamo BioSciences       |
| Astellas Pharma                 | Gladstone Institutes        | Mitsubishi-Tanabe Pharma | Santen                    |
| ASUA                            | Harvard Stem Cell Institute | Mitsui & Co.             | Shiseido                  |
| Bio-Rad Laboratories            | Hitachi                     | Mitsui Fudosan           | Silicon Valley Bank       |
| Canon USA                       | Hitachi Chemical            | Mizuho Securities        | Singularity University    |
| Capricor Therapeutics           | IBM Watson Health           | NEC                      | SMBC                      |
| Celgene Cellular Therapeutics   | iFREE Group                 | Nikon Corporation        | Stanford University       |
| Cellular Dynamics International | JCR Pharmaceutical          | Nippon Life Insurance    | Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma |
| Chevron                         | Johnson & Johnson           | Nitto Denko Corporation  | Sutter Health             |
| Chugai Pharmaceutical           | Kaneka Americas Holding     | NTT DATA                 | Sysmex                    |
| CiRA, Kyoto University          | Kawasaki Heavy Industries   | Olympus Corporation      | Takeda Pharmaceutical     |
| CIRM                            | Konica Minolta              | Ono Pharmaceutical       | Teijin Pharma Ltd.        |
| Daiichi Sankyo                  | Kowa Company                | Otsuka Pharmaceutical    | The University of Tokyo   |
| DeNA                            | KPMG                        | Philips Healthcare       | Thermo Fisher Scientific  |
| DNP                             | Kyowa Kirin                 | Regeneron                | Toshiba America Inc.      |
| Eisai                           | Longevity Fund              | RICOH                    | UBS Financial Services    |
| FDA                             | Lonza                       | RIKEN                    | UCSF                      |
| Fujifilm Corporation            | Marubeni                    | Roche Venture Fund       | Walgreens                 |

## Information

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