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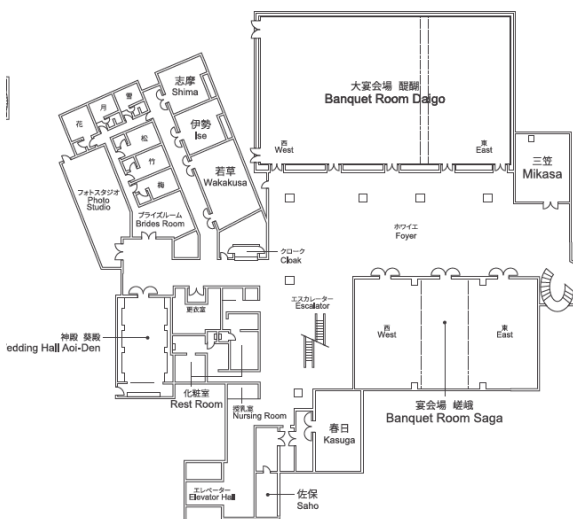ERICSSON

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Digital Transformation Beyond 5G

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DAY 1　　　　**Agenda**　　　　　　Tuesday, 29th of November 2022

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08:00~09:00	**Registration**
09:00~09:30	**Opening Session** Greetings & Introduction – John David Kim, Head of NEA & DXAF, GSMA Opening – Julian Gorman, Head of APAC, GSMA Congratulatory Address – Lara Dewar, Chief Marketing Officer, GSMA Welcome Address - Osamu Onodera, Director General of International Affairs, MIC Japan
09:30~10:30	**Session I: Status Update on 5G & Digital Tranformation in Japan** Moderator: John David Kim, Head of DXAF & NEA, GSMA It has been two and a half years since the commercial deployment of 5G services in March of 2020 in Japan. In this session, the four Japanese MNOs will provide a status update and share experiences on 5G, beyond 5G and driving digital transformation in Japan. **Speakers:** Mr Naoki Tani, CTO, NTT DOCOMO, INC Mr Hiromichi Matsuda, CSO, KDDI Corp. Mr Tomohiro Sekiwa, CNO, SoftBank Corp. Mr Sharad Sriwastawa, CTO, Rakuten Mobile, Inc.
10:30~10:50	**Coffee/Tea Break**
10:50~11:40	**Session II: Holistic DX for Telcos....Digico or Techco?** Moderator: John David Kim, Head of DXAF & NEA, GSMA Whilst playing a key role in facilitating digital transformation in other sectors, telcos have been slow in digitally transforming themselves and their services in the dynamic tech driven environment that requires agility, flexibility and adaptability. For successful digitisation, telcos need a holistic, future-forward approach that will help themselves transform radically internally and externally to drive innovation, business growth and be in line with the market, customers, competitors, and more agile new players. (Delayering, Innovative Monetization Services, DX for sustainability)

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Introduction – John David Kim, Head of DXAF & NEA, GSMA
Presentation 1 – A Global 5G Connectivity Platform for Accelerated Digitization
Luca Orsini, President and Representative Director, Ericsson Japan
Presentation 2 – Telco Transformation – Data Possibilities
Darren Yong, Head of Tech, Media & Telecom, KPMG Asia Pacific
Presentation 3 – Digital Telco DX: Platform, DNA and Mindset
Brian Finn, Chief Business Officer, Circles

Panel Discussion
All three speakers

11:40~13:00 **Session III: DX of Networks: O-RAN and Automation**

Moderator: Henry Calvert, Head of Networks, GSMA

Open RAN technology being deployed by mobile operators ultimately will lead to further innovation to expand the equipment supplier ecosystem and provide further economic efficiencies through network automation. Greenfield and brownfield operators in Japan have successfully deployed Virtual or Open RANs and are seeing the benefits of such an innovative transformation. What aspects of the regulatory or commercial environments in Japan has led to this success? How can Japan's experiences benefit the global supplier ecosystem, what can be achieved?

Speakers:
Presentation 1 – Open RAN - DOCOMO's Experience and Learning
Sadayuki Abeta, VP/Head of Open RAN, NTT DOCOMO
Presentation 2 – Hiroshi Takeshita, SVP, Rakuten Mobile, Inc.
Presentation 3 – 5G Open Networks: A Blueprint for the World
Mayuko Tatewaki, SVP of 5G Strategy & Business, NEC

Panel Discussion
All three speakers
Yutaka Kitagami, Deputy Director General, MIC Japan
Christopher Price, Director of Advanced Technology, Ericsson CTO Office

13:00~13:45 **Lunch Break**

13:45~14:00 **Special Keynote Presentation - ITU Standardization toward 6G**
Seizo Onoe, ITU-T Director Elect

14:00~15:10 **Session IV: Expectations and Reality of 5G on the Journey Towards 6G**

Moderator: John David Kim, Head of NEA & DXAF, GSMA

Leading 5G MNOs have already rolled out SA, partially or fully, in countries like Japan, Korea, Australia, Singapore and the US with the expectation that it will enable more innovative, diverse and immersive services resulting in sustainable new revenue streams. However, the gap between expectations and reality of 5G services is wide raising questions about realistic market demand for convincing services and sustainability of business models. The homework will be identifying, addressing and overcoming these issues creating this gap by rethinking and taking a revolutionary approach to ensure smooth journey Beyond 5G towards 6G.

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Presentation 1 – 5G Evolution and 6G Powered by IOWN
Takehiro Nakamura, GM of 6G Labs, NTT DOCOMO
Presentation 2 – Toward 5G Evolution and Beyond 5G/6G
Satoshi Konishi, EVP, Advanced Technology Labs, KDDI Research
Presentation 3 – Japan's Activities Toward Beyond 5G
Mashiko Takanori, Director of New Gen Mobile Comms, MIC Japan
Presentation 4 – Our Journey Beyond 5G to 6G
Christopher Price, Director of Advanced Technology, Ericsson CTO Office

<u>Panel Discussion</u>
Takehiro Nakamura, GM of 6G Labs, NTT DOCOMO
Satoshi Konishi, EVP, Advanced Technology Labs, KDDI Research
Christopher Price, Director of Advanced Technology, Ericsson CTO Office
Nozomu Watanabe, Corporate Executive & Business Unit - CTO, NEC

15:10~16:30   **Session V: Policy Vision for Digital Transformation**

Moderator: Mani Manimohan, Head of Digital Infrastructure Policy, GSMA

Mobile connectivity and digital technologies are driving transformative change across the economy. While digital transformation offers large payoffs, they create new challenges for firms as vectors of competitive advantage and market structures shift and new market growth opportunities are created. New thinking is needed to realign policies and regulatory frameworks and set the vision for the digital economy. This session will discuss national digital agendas, role of mobile in digital transformation, the challenges in realising the digital vision and how policies can shape this trajectory in the 5G era and beyond.

<u>Speakers</u>
Presentation 1 – Policies of the MIC of Japan to Ensure Qualified & Sustainable 5G
Yutaka Kitagami, Deputy Director General, MIC Japan
Presentation 2 – Realising Malaysia's Digital Vision
Shamsul Majid, Chief Technology & Innovation Officer, MCMC
Presentation 3 – National Digital Strategy of Korea
Jonghyeuk Lee, Director, Radio Policy Bureau, MSIT

<u>Panel Discussion</u>
All three speakers
Jun Yamazaki, Head of Government & Industry Relations, Ericsson Japan
Foong Chee Kheong, Head of Group Regulatory Affairs, Axiata Group

16:20~16:50   **Coffee/Tea Break**

16:50~17:25   **Session VI: Exposure and Monetisation of Network Capabilities through Standard Open APIs**

Moderator: Henry Calvert, Head of Networks, GSMA

The Mobile industry has been instrumental in driving global GDP contribution, from $2.4 trillion in 2013 to a forecast of $5 trillion by 2025 driven by the 5G Era.[1] However, operators only capture 25% of the GDP value created. Emerging Web 3.0 and Metaverse, such as gaming, online retail, industry 4.0 augmentation, could

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provide a market opportunity of $680bn by 2030[2]. These new universes of value will challenge networks for speed, latency and dedicated capability needs, a new Tsunami of data traffic, that will require planned connected infrastructure in other markets and regions globally. There will be multiple new universes, no one operator will be able to scale to support, and hyperscalers will play a significant role individually or in partnership with operators.

GSMA's initiative builds on its expertise and reach to support its members in the Exposure & Monetisation of Operator Network Capabilities through Open APIs and universal federation.

Speakers
Introduction – Henry Calvert, Head of Networks, GSMA

Panel Discussion
Masaaki Koga, Executive Director, Technology Sector, KDDI
Jemin Chung, VP, Infra DX Laboratory, KT Institute of Convergence Technology

17:25~17:30   **Summary of Day 1 & Closing**

18:00~20:00   **DX Leaders' CxO Summit Networking Reception - Sponsored by KPMG**

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08:30~09:00   Registration

09:00~09:45   **Session I: Digital Transformation Service Enabling Technologies**

Moderator: David Turkington, Head of Technology APAC, GSMA

5G is now mainstream in leading digitized countries and there is more emphasis on using connectivity to accelerate digital transformation through innovative services and business models across sectors enabled by technologies such as e-SIM, MEC, AI/ML, xR, Big Data, Robotics, Digital Twin and API based integration. This session will identify popular enabling technologies driving sector-wide digital transformation.

Speakers
Presentation 1 – Benefits of e-Sim for Digital Transformation
David Turkington, Head of Technology APAC, GSMA
Presentation 2 – Accelerating Digital Transformation as a Regional Alliance
Pai Achuth, Director, Innovation Projects, Bridge Alliance
Presentation 3 – Yoshiaki Kono, Director, Cloud & NW Services Solutions Consulting, Nokia

09:45~10:30   **Session II: Digital Platform Strategies**

Moderator: Darren Yong, Head of Tech, Media & Telecom, KPMG Asia Pacific

The telecommunications industry is going through a digital revolution, shifting from a traditional service delivery model to one that is disaggregated and extends beyond the provision of traditional connectivity services to include diverse digital services across sectors. By implementing digital platform strategies, leading MNOs have been successful in unlocking new commercial opportunities, specific new business models, digital ecosystem growth and drive digital transformation.

Speakers
Presentation 1 – Platform Economy and Sector Convergence
Darren Yong, Head of Tech, Media & Telecom, KPMG Asia Pacific
Presentation 2 – Axiata's Journey into Mobile Financial Services
Foong Chee Kheong, Head of Group Regulatory Affairs, Axiata Group
Presentation 3 – Telco Data Cloud - the Connective Tissue of the Data Economy
Will Cage, Global Industry GTM Lead - Telco & Tech, Snowflake

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10:30~10:50	**Coffee/Tea Break**
10:50~11:50	**Session III: Innovative DX of Sector Specific Services**

Moderator: Zaif Siddiqi, Executive Director - Global Business, NTT Communications

MNOs are working with ecosystem players across sectors to introduce innovative services enabled by different technologies that enhance digital transformation of processes and workflows internally and externally. This session will look into creative and innovative services offered by leading MNOs in different sectors along with related case studies.

Speakers
Presentation 1 – Changing Worlds With You - DX Now
Zaif Siddiqi, Executive Director - Global Business, NTT Communications
Presentation 2 – How 5G Enables Holomedicine for Better Healthcare Services
Dr Gao Yujia, Deputy Group CTO, National University Health System
Presentation 3 – Accelerating DX through Portable and Private Network System
Jaehyung Kim, CEO, EUCAST
Presentation 4 - How 5G Transforms Robotics Adoption in Public
Victor Lee, CEO, Rice Robotics

Panel Discussion
All four speakers

11:50~12:40	**Session IV: Private 5G Opportunities for MNOs and Ecosystem**

Moderator: John David Kim, Head of NEA & DXAF, GSMA
MNOs are looking for new business cases and revenue models to replace the slowly eroding revenues of traditional services given the potential benefits of 5G in enabling economy-wide digital transformation. The enterprise sector is being prioritized by mobile operators and their suppliers as they see more opportunities for revenue growth across specific sectors.

Speakers
Presentation 1 – Japan's Efforts to Promote the Prevalence of Local 5G
Yuichiro Uchida, Director of the Digital Economy Promotion Office, MIC Japan
Presentation 2 – Beyond 5G in Japan & SoftBank's Strategy
Takenori Kobayashi, VP - Service Planning Tech Div, Softbank Corp
Presentation 3 – Connecting Technology and Use Cases for Global 5G Industry
Christopher Price, Director of Advanced Technology, Ericsson CTO Office
Presentation 4 – 5G Industrial Use Case: Real Story in Japan
Tomoya Arai, MD, Business Development Division, NEC

12:40~13:30	**Lunch Break**
13:30~15:00	**Session V: The Metaverse – Opportunities & Challenges**

Moderator: Kevin Henry, Head of Strategic Engagement APAC, GSMA

For the metaverse to grow and thrive alongside the physical world, collaboration between ecosystem players, OTTs, MNOs, and policy makers across sectors will be

critical. The availability of open interoperable platforms – diverse range of content and applications – will be key to building a successful metaverse ecosystem. These elements will also need to be supported by robust and reliable high-capacity networks to truly create the rich and seamless digital environment that will engage consumers/citizens, enterprises, and governments to make the most of metaverse opportunities and overcome challenges.

Speakers
Presentation 1 – XR & Metaverse Frontiers Envisioned by NTT QONOQ
Mikio Iwamura, Executive Vice President, NTT QONOQ
Presentation 2 – The Sandbox: Building the Open NFT Metaverse
Yuki Endo, Japan Director, The Sandbox
Presentation 3 – Exploring Metaverse & Web3 Opportunities
Jae Yeol Kim, Research Fellow, Web3 Business Development Div, LG Uplus
Presentation 4 –Life in the Metaverse, Navigating Hype vs Reality
Timothy Lin, CEO, Cylynx

Panel Discussion
Mikio Iwamura, Executive Vice President, NTT QONOQ
Yuki Endo, Japan Director, The Sandbox
Jae Yeol Kim, Research Fellow, Web3 Business Development Div, LG Uplus
Timothy Lin, CEO, Cylynx

15:00~15:20   **Coffee/Tea Break**

15:20~16:50   **Session VI: Startups, VCs, Accelerators and Service Diversification**
Moderator: Ryo Umezawa, Partner, Antler Japan
To maximize the benefits of digital transformation enabled by 5G and other technologies, collaboration between and investment by MNOs, cloud providers, hyperscalers, venture capitalists, ecosystem players and innovative SMEs/Startups is crucial to ensuring the creation of a scalable digital ecosystem. Many MNOs have their own CVCs and Accelerator Programmes to identify, invest and/or partner with innovative SMEs and startups to create new revenue opportunities and reinforce existing ones by facilitating digital transformation across sectors.

Speakers
Presentation 1 – Early-Stage Venture Building - Zero to One Approach
Presentation 2 – Accelerating DX Through Deep Tech Ecosystem Regional Collaboration
Jongkap Kim, Chief Executive Director, Born2Global Center
Presentation 3 – Investing in Entrepreneurs from Day -1
Ryo Umezawa, Partner, Antler Japan
Presentation 4 – Key Success Factors for An Open Innovation
Takahisa Ohira, Head of Asia, Deloitte Tomatsu Venture Support

Panel Discussion
Jongkap Kim, Chief Executive Director, Born2Global Center
Takahisa Ohira, Head of Asia, Deloitte Tomatsu Venture Support
Veljko Vasic, Founder & CEO, Creitive Ventures
Andy Zain, Managing Partner, Kejora Capital

16:50~17:00   **Summary of Day 2**
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Speakers Profile

Ryo Umezawa
Partner
Antler Japan

Ryo Umezawa is a Partner leading Antler's expansion into Japan. Prior to Antler, Ryo was a Principal at East Ventures, Japan, an early stage venture capital firm. As a serial entrepreneur, Ryo founded two companies, including AllCoupon Japan (acquired), and was Japan's country manager for companies such as Tinder, Homeaway (Expedia Group) and Hailo. Ryo spent 10 years in the Philippines prior to studying International Business and Economics at Sophia University in Tokyo. Ryo has been selected as a Leader of Tomorrow at the 40th + 44th St. Gallen Symposium, as well as one of the first members of World Economic Forum, Global Shapers Community (GSC) in its Tokyo hub.

Foong Chee Kheong
Group Head of Regulatory Affairs
Axiata

Foong Chee Kheong is Group Head of Regulatory Affairs, Group Corporate Office, Axiata Group Berhad. CK has about 17 years of experience in telecommunication, with roles in regulatory strategy and policy development with prior experience in network engineering and project management. Prior to this, he was in regulatory management roles in Digi Telecommunications, Celcom Axiata, U Mobile and the Multimedia Development Corporation. CK holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Queen's University Belfast, United Kingdom and an MBA from University of Strathclyde.

Jongkap Kim
Chief Executive Director
Born2Global Centre

Prior to heading the Center, he worked for over 20 years at Silicon Valley as the founding member and CEO of ETRI (Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute of Korea) Silicon Valley, and CEO of iPark Silicon Valley, a government agency for incubating tech entrepreneurs and businesses. During his time in Silicon Valley, he was responsible for developing, implementing, and managing business strategies for deep-tech companies and advising the Korean government on policies and new programs for the development of the deep-tech industry. In addition, he worked to create investment opportunities, partnerships and strategic alliances with U.S. channel partners. He himself is also an entrepreneur with multiple startups in the heart of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara. With expertise in technology startups and global ecosystem, he has supported over 2,000 startups penetrate the global market.

He has served in various committees and councils including as the Leader Group Mentor of the Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning, Global Advisory Member of the Mobile Convergence Technology Centre of Seoul City, Member of the Council for Seoul Creative Economy, and Member of the SW Cloud ride to the World TF of the Ministry of Science and Technology. He is currently a member of the Big Data Committee of Gyeonggi Province, Global SaaS Incubating Project Committee, ICT Internationalization Project Committee and National R&D Policy Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Science and ICT, and Personal Information Protection Commission. He completed a Ph.D. course in Finance at Vanderbilt University and received an M.S. in Environmental Planning and Design from Seoul National University

Pai Achuth
Director, Innovation Projects
Bridge Alliance

Pai Achuth is the Director of Innovation Projects at Bridge Alliance, an alliance of 34 premier telecommunication service providers covering Asia, Middle East and Africa. He drives cross-border collaboration initiatives and platforms leveraging on the latest technologies such as 5G and edge compute.

Over the last 12 years at Bridge Alliance, Pai has driven synergy projects within the alliance covering various revenue generating and cost optimization initiatives and has provided consulting to alliance functions in roaming, enterprise, and IoT.   Pai has over 18 years of experience in the telecommunications/ ICT industry working in various capacities with both technology vendor and service provider.

Pai was previously the Director, SE Asia for Global Support Services at Dilithium Networks leading the customer engagement, pre-sales and project deliveries. Pai graduated from University of Kerala with a Bachelor of Technology in 2002, and obtained his Master of Science, Communications Engineering from Nanyang Technological University Singapore in 2005.

Brian Finn
Chief Business Officer
Circles

Circles, a digital telecom technology company, today announced the appointment of Brian Finn as Chief Business Officer. In his role, Finn will lead business strategy formulation, drive operational excellence and advance financial growth for Circles.

Finn comes with over 25 years of experience in the international telecom industry, with the last 17 years in various executive roles. Prior to Circles, he was the Group Chief Commercial Operations Officer at VEON, a global digital operator that provides mobile services to 217 million customers. Finn has recently completed his PhD research on the digital transformation of Communication Service Providers (CSP). He has also previously held senior executive roles at Digicel Group, Vodafone, eircom PLC and Hewlett-Packard.

Finn has a deep passion for formulating and translating strategy into impactful operational execution for telecom companies, with experience in diverse markets from Europe to the Caribbean and Latin America.

Veljko Vasic
Managing Partner
Creitive Ventures

Veljko (Vel) is the Managing Partner of Creitive Ventures, a leading venture builder focused on product acceleration and go-to-market routes for early-stage ideas in APAC, MENA, and Europe. For the last ten years, he has helped some of the biggest global brands define and implement their digital transformation strategies.

Veljko is also highly engaged across the fintech ecosystem through his startup HolyWally, the world's first wallet-as-a-service platform that combines adaptability, rapid scalability, and optimized user experience. He believes that partnerships and innovation ecosystems are the key to highly successful digital transformation initiatives.

Timothy Lin
CEO
Cylynx

Mr Timothy Lin is the CEO of Cylynx, a web3 data and analytics startup that aims to be the morningstar for the digital asset space. They have been recognised as Regulation's Asia "One to Watch" and were recently winners of the Monetary Authority of Singapore's Global Veritas Challenge for responsible AI.

Since founding Cylynx, Timothy has worked closely with ecosystem partners from creators and brands to marketplaces and regulators to solve key issues pertaining to trust, safety and interoperability within the metaverse. He has also partnered enterprises such as Levis and Hong Kong Telecom to pilot opportunities for metaverse augmented loyalty programs and customer engagement.

Takahisa Ohira
Head of Asia Region
Deloitte Tohmatsu Venture Support (DTVS)

Takahisa is the Head of Asia Region at Deloitte Tohmatsu Venture Support (DTVS), where he supports startups from Asia (Southeast Asia, India) and Japanese startups expansion in Asia.

As the FinTech leader at DTVS, he has provided support services to start-ups (FinTech, media, EC) and new business development consulting for large companies. His expertise and consulting focus include wide knowledge in IT & finance industry, business development, and media management experience. He was also the Director of Platform Division in DTVS, where he led Deloitte's premier pitching platform "MorningPitch" and managed governmental projects.

His commentary on FinTech frequently appears in major Japanese financial publications such as Nikkei FinTech and Weekly Diamond. He also served on the jury of FinTechCity Asia 2017 and many other business contests.

Prior to Deloitte, Takahisa engaged in consulting for financial services companies (credit card, securities, consumer finance) at an IT consulting firm. After which, he led the business development of a domestic magazine publisher where he was responsible for launching 6 new business lines in 2 years.

Christopher Price
Director of Advanced Technology
Ericsson CTO Office

Chris is an experienced global executive with over 25 years experience working with communication and cloud technologies both through technical engagement, leadership and Board Directorial roles. At the forefront of ICT technology shifts from the early days of software defined to cloud native operations he has extensive experience with open source, standardization and industrial product development.

Luca Orsini
President and Representative Director
Ericsson Japan

Luca Orsini is the President and Representative Director of Ericsson Japan K.K., a position he has held since February 12, 2020. He is also serving as Head of Customer Unit SoftBank.

Prior to this role, Orsini held the position of Head of Networks in Market Area North East Asia, from 2017 to 2020, responsible for reinforcing Ericsson's products and solution leadership in Mainland China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau.

He has held various senior management positions and business responsibilities in Japan and Asia since 2001. Orsini started his carrier in Ericsson Italy in 1999 as Senior System and Technical Support Engineer.

Orsini holds a Master degree of Electronic Engineering from University of La Sapienza in Rome.

Dr Jaehyeong Kim
CEO
EUCAST Co.

Dr. Jaehyeong Kim is founder and CEO of EUCAST Co. Ltd. He received BS and MS on Electronics Engineering from Seoul National University, Korea, in 1988 and 1990, respectively, and Ph.D. on Electrical Engineering from University of California, Los Angeles, in 1996.

Until 2004, He has been with Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies, New Jersey, USA, where he worked on CDMA device modem and base station modem development, Power Amplifier linearization, and 3GPP/3GPP2 standard activities. In 2004, He joined POSCO ICT and led R&D activities as a director of system engineer until 2009, where he worked on core technologies development of mobile WiMAX system and device chip solution.

From 2009 to 2011, he was with SeAH ICT, who inherited POSCO ICT's business and R&D assets, as a CTO, where he worked on technical strategy and marketing, maintenance, and technical support for commercial sites.

On 2011, he founded EUCAST Co. Ltd. EUCAST is a 4G and 5G mobile wireless access system vendor and provides broadband wireless access turn-key solution. EUCAST also provides Digital Twin solutions for Smart-X system. He served as a board member of Korea Communications Agency, a Korean government organization, from 2014 to 2016.

Before founding EUCAST to become a businessman, his major research interest was Channel coding, Signal processing for communication systems including multiple antenna signal processing, Digital predistortion of power amplifier, and Advanced communication system architecture.

David Turkington
Head of Technology APAC
GSMA

David Turkington is the Head of Technology for the GSMA Asia Pacific.
David is responsible for driving the technology direction of the GSMA across the APAC region and working with its membership to execute key technology initiatives. Prior to joining the GSMA, David held senior positions in companies including Pixel Networks, Ericsson, SmarTone, Nokia and British Telecom. David is a Chartered Engineer and member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.

Henry Calvert
Head of Networks
GSMA

Henry joined the GSMA in December 2013, and will be responsible for the delivery of the Network 2020 programme, a key pillar of the GSMA's strategic focus. He was recently part of the SingTel Group and has over 20 years' experience in the telecommunications sector, both in Networks and IT portfolios and has been involved in the deployment of mobile networks in over 10 operations across 10 different countries. Henry designed and built Optus' 3G + LTE mobile network, all IP network and managed the product development transformation. He is the creator and board member of the network sharing Joint Venture between Optus and Vodafone Networks Pty Ltd (Australia).

Henry has represented SingTel Optus as a board member and Chair of the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association (AMTA) and previously held an Executive Management Committee position in the GSMA, representing the SingTel Group's interest. He has recently moved back to England with his wife and two children after 15 years working across the southern hemisphere. He has a lifelong passion for coaching and supporting Rugby Union.

John David Kim
Head of NEA & DXAF
GSMA

John David Kim is Strategic Engagement Director and Head of North East Asia at the GSMA. In this role, he is responsible for engaging with GSMA mobile operator members, ecosystem partners and government/policy-makers in the Asia Pacific Region. His activities involve working closely with these organisations to introduce, implement and execute GSMA initiatives/programmes to foster innovative business/commercial strategies, new technology adoption/commercialization and general policy and regulatory developments across a range of topics such as IoT, 5G commercialization, VoLTE Interconnection and RCS etc.

With over 20 years of research and consulting experience in the ICT and Telecoms industry, especially in North East Asia, Johnny has executed and directed major research and consulting studies for MNOs, vendors and government/regulatory bodies across a wide range of areas. Prior to joining the GSMA, he worked as Regional Head/Managing Director for ICT global research and consulting companies specializing in Telecoms & ICT and key industry verticals, respectively for North East Asia.

Johnny completed studies in Science and Business/Marketing at the University of Melbourne and Swinburne University of Technology, respectively and has also completed postgraduate studies in Economics and Applied Information Systems.

Julian Gorman
Head of APAC
GSMA

Julian is the Head of Asia Pacific for the GSMA, leading a highly experienced cross-functional team to advance the impact, growth, and sustainability of digital economies by collaboration between the mobile industry, policymakers, and ecosystem. He is a global telecommunications executive with over 20 years of commercial and marketing experience across Wholesale, Business, Regulatory, Policy and Digital Transformation.

He has pioneered new digital partnerships and business units in mature and emerging markets across Africa, Europe, Australia and Asia with industry leaders including Vodafone, MTN and Ooredoo. As an advisor to management executive teams and Boards, he has extensive insight and relationships to support collaboration and delivery of industry alignment.

He has been recognized for his leadership in digital innovation, digital women, health and agriculture services with industry awards and grants.

Julian has degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Law from Australia.

Kevin Henry
Head of Strategic Engagement APAC
GSMA

Kevin has over 20 years of experience in the telecommunications sector working with various mobile operators regionally in APAC. He has held multiple senior positions with the last being the Chief Operations Officer of Tune Talk. He has worked with large mobile operators like Maxis, Celcom, Indosat Ooredoo (Indonesia), Robi (Bangladesh) as well as smaller startups like UMobile, P1, Seatel (Cambodia) and Tune Talk.

He was crucial in the end to end service launch of 4G and content services for the large mobile operators stated above. He has both commercial and technical experience in the various roles he has held during his tenure.

Kevin has a BSc Physics Degree (Honors) from the National University of Malaysia.

Lara Dewar
Chief Marketing Officer
GSMA

As Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) at the GSMA, Lara Dewar is responsible for driving the Association's global marketing and communications strategy to support and enable business success for the GSMA and its members.

Lara is a global leader with over 20 years of knowledge in industries shaping our world. She is motivated by the trust bestowed upon marketing and communications professionals to tell compelling stories that spark the imagination. Since joining the GSMA in January 2020 as Global Head of Communications, Lara has successfully shaped the organisation's communication strategy during a tumultuous time and comes to the seat with extensive CMO experience. From financial services and energy to charity and telecoms, Lara has applied her strategic and collaborative approach to leadership to drive transformation in its truest sense.

Before joining the GSMA, Lara worked at World Vision where she held positions including Chief Marketing & Development Officer and Partnership Leader. In this role, Lara was responsible for reputation management across a $2.5 billion-dollar enterprise operating in 100 countries with over 38,000 employees. She has also held executive positions at Crossroads Media Group, Jameson Bank, Direct Energy, and Thomas Cook Group. The breadth of Lara's career means that she brings a holistic understanding of how businesses work and the function of marketing and communications in driving growth.

Lara holds a B.A. degree in English & Women's Studies from the University of Western Ontario.

Mani Manimohan
Head of Digital Infrastructure Policy
GSMA

Mani has a diverse track record that blends in-depth experiences in each of technology innovation, product strategy and policy making, working at technology firms, tech start-ups, regulatory authority, and global industry body.

At GSMA, he leads the global policy research and in-market delivery activities across a portfolio of digital infrastructure policy and regulatory topics. In his early career, he developed statistical algorithms and software systems for innovative tech products, including the first 2G-3G handsets and multi-antenna processing systems. In recent years, he has collaborated on policy research on digital economy, online platforms, 5G infrastructure, competition frameworks, regulatory assessments, and licence models and influenced many policy outcomes in markets across the world.

Mani is a Master's Scholar of the University of Cambridge with a First Class Honours degree and a PhD in Information Sciences.

Seizo Onoe
Director Elect
ITU-T

Seizo ONOE is Chief Standardization Strategy Officer of NTT CORP. and Fellow of NTT DOCOMO, INC. He is elected as ITU Telecommunication Standardization Burau (TSB) Director for 2023-2026 period.

Prior to his current position, he was President of DOCOMO Technology, Inc. from 2017 to 2021. From 2012 to 2017, he was Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President and a Member of the Board of Directors of NTT DOCOMO. He has been responsible for leading initiatives in the research and development of the analog cellular system (1G), the digital cellular system (2G), W-CDMA/HSPA (3G), LTE/LTE-Advanced (4G), 5G and beyond.

He has worked for NTT and NTT DOCOMO since 1982, acquiring more than 30 years of experience. Mr. Onoe has a master's degree in electronics from the Kyoto University Graduate School of Engineering.

Hiromichi Matsuda
CSO
KDDI Corp.

Mr. Hiromichi Matsuda is the CSO (Chief Strategy Officer) of KDDI and Executive Officer of Business Exploration & Development Division. He directly reports to CEO.

During his tenure as General Manager of Consumer BD & Marketing, KDDI has increased both of market share and profit in Japanese mobile market, and started 5G service with wide variety of handsets and contents-packaged tariff structure which delivers impactful value proposition to our customers.
He also showed strong leadership in driving Digital Transformation (DX) activities to enhance customer experience in the purchasing flow.

Mr. Matsuda received his B.E. and M.E. degrees in electrical engineering from Kyoto University, Japan in 1994 and 1996 respectively, majored in radio communications.

Masaaki Koga

Executive Director, Technology Sector
KDDI

Masaaki Koga joined KDDI in 1989 and has been working on technology development, planning and strategy.

He received 3G CDMA Industry Achievement Award Industry Leadership in 2006. He is the Executive Director in charge of industry standards under Technology Sector and is a GSMA Technology Group member.

Satoshi Konishi

EVP, Advanced Technology Labs
KDDI Research

Satoshi KONISHI joined KDDI in 1993.

From 1995, he was mainly involved in research and development in wireless communication systems such as LEO satellite systems, mesh-type fixed wireless access (FWA) systems, and mobile cellular systems. He led development of base stations for LTE in KDDI while contributing for standardizations in 3GPP, 3GPP2 and ITU-R.

He lead and succeeded, as 1st telco operator in Japan, development and commercialization of new features such as carrier aggregation, Voice over LTE (VoLTE), Femto cell, and so on for the LTE-Advanced system in KDDI since 2014, as Head of Mobile Access Technology Division in KDDI.

He then conducted numerous demonstrations using 5G and 5G commercialization in KDDI since 2017 as Head of Next Generation Network Development Division in KDDI.

Since April 2020, he has been leading B5G/6G as Head of Advanced Technology Laboratories of KDDI Research Inc. as well as leading Beyond 5G white paper by Beyond 5G promotion consortium in Japan.

Andy Zain
Managing Partner
Kejora Capital

For over 20 years, Andy has been a professional, serial entrepreneur, investor, and involved in launching technology companies in Southeast Asia, with multiple successful exits, including 2 IPOs.

Andy Zain is the Managing Partner of Kejora Capital, a venture capital he co-founded in 2013. Kejora made investments in Southeast Asia and is recognized as one of the Global Top 10 Performing VCs by Prequin Global PE & VC Report 2020-2021.

Deeply rooted in the startup ecosystem, Andy is the Director of Jakarta Founder Institute, a pre-seed accelerator that has given birth to over 100 startups in Indonesia. He founded ideabox, an award-winning startup accelerator based in Jakarta, a joint venture between Kejora and Indosat Ooredoo.

Andy graduated from Monash University, Australia, with an MBA and a post-graduate degree in International Finance & Business Law. He is the recipient of the Australia Alumni Award in 2018 in the category of Innovation & Entrepreneurship, a recognition given by the Australian government to Australian alums' significant contribution to society.

Darren Yong
Executive Director, Head of Technology, Media and Telecommunications Asia Pacific
Head of Client and Market Development Asia Pacific
Pacific Telecom Council
Vice Chair of Advisory Council
KPMG Services Pte. Ltd.

KPMG Background
Darren works in the ASPAC Clients and Markets team and is part of the Asia Pacific Leadership team. He leads Client Development for priority clients in the region and is the Asia Pacific Head of Technology, Media and Telecommunications for Asia Pacific. Working via the COO Office to bring emerging trends / technology solutions to our clients to enable their digital transformation journey. Clients include those in Banking, Insurance, Technology, Life Sciences, Energy and Resource, Consumer. Area of focus include Strategy, Transformation, Cyber Security, Data and Analytics and Cloud. He also leads the Asia Pacific Sector strategy which looks to prioritize key sectors in the markets in Asia Pacific. Working with the C-Suite, the emphasis is enabling business transformation using technology via strategic programs, enabling implementations, fast prototyping and use case builds.

Professional and Industry Experience
Darren has lead key technology engagements in KPMG which cover Strategy, Technology, Data Migration, Cloud, Blockchain and use case builds. Prior to joining KPMG, Darren has 20 years experience in Telecom / IT working in companies such as Orange Business Services, Verizon Business, Sprint International, Lucent Worldwide Services, Siemens, and Nortel. Products and services include outsourcing, global networking, IP and PBX and Wireless.

Jemin Chung

Vice President, Infra DX Lab, Institute of Convergence Technology
KT Institute of Convergence Technology

Personal profile
Jemin Chung started his researcher career in 1996, joining wireless communication research lab in KT. He has been working in various wireless technology area including 3G, Mobile WiMAX, LTE, and 5G. He also had been involved in the development of Smart Grid technologies and services, and worked in CTO office for corporate technology strategy planning.

Since 2016, he has been leading the development project for 5G core network technologies and vertical services in KT. Since last year he has been in charge of a R&D group for software based network system development and operation, and his current research interest focuses on cloud native network functions and mobile edge computing.

He received the B.S. & M.S. degrees in Physics from the Seoul National University in 1994 and in 1996, respectively.

Jae Yeol Kim

Research Fellow, Web3 Business Development Division
LG Uplus

Jae Yeol Kim is a research fellow at LG U+, developing new business opportunities from technology advancement. Previously, he worked as a product expert and a software developer at the smartphone business unit of LG Electronics.

For his academic background, he received a BS in physics and an MS in electrical engineering from KAIST. His interests include emerging technologies like Web3 and human interactions with them.

ENCIK SHAMSUL IZHAN ABDUL MAJID
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION OFFICER,
MALAYSIAN COMMUNICATION AND MULTIMEDIA COMMISSIONS (MCMC)

Recognised for his track record in Digital Transformation for business growth, Sam is a Business Technology leader with vast international experience in driving innovative growth across a diverse range of landscape including transportation, utilities, logistics, telecommunications and Government.

At the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), Sam is responsible as the Chief Technology and Innovation Officer (CTIO) over the Commission's technology, innovation vision and strategies execution for growth whilst focusing on improving technological advancement. He had bootstrapped start-ups, drives corporate innovation, a regular public speaker and gained recognition with innovation awards of IDC, APICTA and iAwards.

He holds a Research Masters and Engineering Degree from University of Melbourne, Australia.

Mashiko Takanori
Director of New Gen Mobile Comms
MIC Japan

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan（2003-Present）
Deputy Director for Science and Technology, Cabinet Office in 2009
Secretary of Embassy of Japan in Russia in 2012
Deputy Director of Radio Policy Division in 2020
Director of New Generation Mobile Communications Office from 2022

Osamu Onodera

Director-General for International Affairs,
Global Strategy Bureau
MIC Japan

Current Position (July 2021- present)
Director-General for International Affairs, Global Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication (MIC)

Previous Positions
1991 Joined Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan
2005-2008 Senior Trade Analyst, Trade and Agriculture Directorate, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
2008-2010 Director, International Affairs Office, Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
2010-2013 Chief Representative of the Silicon Valley Office of NEDO (New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization)
2013-2015 Director, Rules and WTO Compliance, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, METI 2015-2016 Principal Director, Multilateral Trade System Department, Trade Policy Bureau, METI 2016-2018 Counselor, Intellectual Property Strategy Office, Cabinet Office
2018-2021 Deputy Director-General for Trade Policy, Trade Policy Bureau, METI

Education: University of Tokyo, Bachelor of Arts, International Relations Stanford Graduate School of Business, Master of Business Administration.

Yuichiro Uchida

Director, Digital Economy Promotion Office, Regional Communications
Development Division, ICB
MIC Japan

Yuichiro Uchida joined Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) in 2006. He engaged in editing and compiling of the growth strategy for "Abenomics" at the Cabinet Secretariat in 2012-2014 and took part in establishing a public-private investment fund, Japan ICT Fund (JICT), at the ICT Policy Division, MIC, in 2014-2016. Uchida relocated to Vietnam in 2016 and was in charge of the Japan-Vietnam cooperation in the field of ICT, postal service, fire and disaster management, and e-Government at the Embassy of Japan.

After moving back to Tokyo, he got involved in general coordination of the policy making at the Minister's Secretariat, MIC, in 2019-2020, and then worked on the PR strategy of the Suga Cabinet and the Kishida Cabinet at the Prime Minister's Office as the Executive Secretary to the Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs in 2021-2022. Uchida has taken his current post since July 2022.

Yutaka Kitagami
Deputy Director-General for International Economic Affairs
Global Strategy Bureau
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan

1998 Graduated from The University of Tokyo (BA)
Entered the service of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT)
Postal Saving Operation Research Office Official
2001 Entered the service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)
2003 Graduated from University of California, San Diego (MA)
2006 Director General, Policy Planning Department, Sanjo-City Government
2009 Secretary to State Minister of MIC
2010 Deputy Director, Regional Broadcasting Promotion Office (MIC)
2014 Principal Deputy Director, Telecommunication Policy Planning Division (MIC)
2015 Director, Telecommunication Number Planning Office (MIC)
2016 Director for Cool Japan Strategy, Cabinet Office
2018 Director, International Affairs Office, Postal Services Policy Department (MIC)
2021 Deputy Director-General for International Economic Affairs,
Global Strategy Bureau (MIC)
 2015-2016   Lecturer, Waseda University
2018-2019   Lecturer, Keio University
2018-2021 Co-chair, Committee 2 of Council of Administration (CA), Universal Postal
Union (UPU)
2018-2021 Vice-chair, Executive Council of Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU)

Jonghyeuk Lee
Head of Radio Resource Management Team in Radio Policy Bureau,
Ministry of Science & ICT

Jonghyeuk Lee is the head of radio resource management team in Radio Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Science & ICT.

From 2011 to the present, as a government official, he has performed various ICT-related tasks in the bureaus of the Ministry of Science & ICT including fields of Radio Spectrum and Digital Contents Policies. As a deputy director, he also carried out his mission as a deputy head of deligation at CPM 15-2 and served as the official in charge of WRC-15 in Korea.

Currently he takes charge of local 5G and subway Wi-Fi improvement(using 5G) in Korea

Dr Gao Yujia
Consultant surgeon
National University Hospital

Dr Gao Yujia is currently a Consultant surgeon at the National University Hospital in Singapore, specialising in liver, pancreas, and liver transplant surgery.

Dr Gao also serves as the Assistant Group Chief Technology Officer of the National University Health System, where he is actively involved in research and development of Mixed Reality technology and its application in healthcare. He is also responsible for the implementation of 5G infrastructure and the deployment of a highspeed integrated network for the hospital.

Dr Gao is also heavily involved in medical education, where he is currently the director of undergraduate medical education at the National University of Singapore School of Medicine. To contribute to the greater international community, Dr Gao is currently the Vice Chairman of the Holomedicine Association, which is an international association aimed at promoting the development and implementation of extended reality technology in healthcare'

Mayuko Tatewaki
Senior Vice President Head of 5G Strategy and Business
NEC Corporation

Mayuko Tatewaki is Senior Vice President, 5G Strategy and Business, Network Service Business Unit of NEC Corporation. She is responsible for developing 5G business for global communication service provider customers, leveraging on NEC Open Networks, the 5G solution suite based on open architecture as well as orchestrating strategic alliances with global key partners. Since she joined NEC Corporation in 1991, Ms. Tatewaki's career in NEC spans close to 30 years in various sales roles as well as strategy leadership positions in overseas business. Especially in the sales and marketing of telecommunication systems, she has held global account management roles and has had business engagements in 40+ countries worldwide.

Qualification :
Bachelor of Social Psychology from Sophia University, in March 1991

Business Career :
Apr 1991 Joined NEC Corporation
Apr 2010 Senior Manager, EMEA and Americas Sales Division, Global Business Unit
Apr 2014 Deputy General Manager, Corporate Strategy Division
Oct 2018 General Manager, Service Provider Solutions Division, Global Business Unit
Apr 2022 Senior Vice President, 5G Strategy and Business, Network Service Business Unit

Nozomu Watanabe

Corporate Executive & Business Unit - CTO,
NEC

Nozomu Watanabe joined NEC Corporation in April 1988. His career started as an engineer of mobile radio access technology. From 1998 to 2003, he was Division Manager of Telecom MODUS Ltd. (UK), where he engaged to launch development center of mobile base station equipment for global market.

In 2011, he was assigned to General Manager of Mobile Radio Access Network Division, responsible for mobile base station equipment business for telecom carriers. In 2017, he was assigned to General Manager of Wireless Network Development Division, responsible for wireless network development. In 2018, he was promoted to Senior Vice President and he is currently responsible for 5G and next generation network solution technology development.

Tomoya Arai

Managing Director, Business Development Division
NEC Corporation

Mr. Arai Joined NEC in 1997. He started his carrier as software engineer and after that he was in charge of Mobile carrier hardware development and solutions.

Mr. Arai is a Managing Director of Business Development Division, which leads Beyond5G, Private Network Business, IOWN and Network service development.

Zaif Siddiqi

Executive Director
Global Business
NTT Communications

Mr. Siddiqi is responsible to promote NTT Communication Corporation's enterprise 5G and IoT solutions in collaboration with NTT group companies and ecosystem partners under the brand of docomo business. He is currently an Executive Director of Global Business and serves as the board member of NTT DOCOMO's overseas branches, Transatel and a Thai based joint venture company, Mobile Innovation. Leveraging 5G, IoT and AI technologies, Mr. Siddiqi's role is to strategize the enterprise ICT business in various verticals such as connected cars, smart construction, smart factory, smart hospitals, smart cities and other innovative segments to generate new revenue streams, respond to customer needs and resolve societal issues.

Prior to the current assignment, his professional contributions were at NTT Docomo, Vodafone, Microsoft and Verizon Business to promote global sales and events.
Mr. Siddiqi is a national of Pakistan & Japan and earned his bachelor's degree from International Islamic University, Malaysia, in the faculty of Economics and Management Sciences with a minor in Business Administration. He speaks native Japanese, English and Urdu and has over 45 years of living experience in Japan.

Sadayuki Abeta

VP/Head of Open RAN
NTT DOCOMO

Dr Sadayuki Abeta is global head of open RAN solutions and OREC evangelist in NTT DOCOMO for creating open RAN ecosystem globally, and shaping them to meet customer and service provider needs. Since joining NTT DOCOMO, INC in 1997, He has been working for research, standardization and development of the UMTS/W-CDMA, HPSA, LTE, LTE-Advanced and 5G.

From 2005 to 2009, he was a vice chairman of 3GPP TSG-RAN WG1 and rapporteur of LTE and LTE-Advanced in 3GPP TSG RAN WG1. He is an O-RAN executive committee member. From 2018-2022, he was a General Manager of the Radio Access Network Development Department, which is responsible for development of LTE, 5G, X-haul and satellite communications. He received the Ph.D. degrees in electrical communication engineering from Osaka University, Osaka, Japan in 1997.

Takehiro Nakamura
GM of 6G Labs
NTT DOCOMO

Mr. Takehiro Nakamura joined NTT Laboratories in 1990. He is now Chief Technology Architect in NTT DOCOMO, Inc.

Mr. Nakamura has been engaged in R&D and the standardization activities for advanced radio and network technologies of W-CDMA, HSPA, LTE/LTE-Advanced, 5G and 6G. He has been the Acting Chairman of Strategy & Planning Committee of 5G Mobile Communications Promotion Forum(5GMF) since October 2014, the leader of Cellular System Task Group of ITS Info-communications Forum since 2016, and the leader of White Paper Subcommittee in Beyond 5G Promotion Consortium in Japan since February 2021.

Mr. Nakamura has also been contributing to standardization activities in 3GPP since 1999, including as chairman of 3GPP TSG-RAN from April 2009 to March 2013.

Naoki Tani
CTO
NTT DOCOMO, INC

Mr. Naoki Tani has been leading the R&D Innovation Division since June 2020. He is responsible for the entire R&D activities of NTT DOCOMO, including radio, mobile core, terminals, and services, and for the creation of a vision of future mobile systems and services.

Prior to the current assignment, he was Managing Director of IoT Business Department from June 2014, where he was responsible for marketing strategy, service planning, business development, and technical support of IoT business for 6 years. While in charge of IoT business duties, Mr. Tani also assumed the role of Senior Vice President of NTT DOCOMO in 2017. Mr. Tani started his career at NTT in April 1989, where he was involved in the initial development and deployment of mobile communications network systems. He has continued his responsibility for network development and deployment also after moved to NTT DOCOMO upon its establishment in July 1992, while shifting his focus of activity to international standardization, development, and deployment of 3G (W-CDMA) and LTE network systems.

Mr. Tani graduated from Tokyo University with a Master of Engineering in 1989 and from Duke University with a Master of Business Administration in 1997.

Mikio Iwamura
SVP
NTT QONOQ

Mikio has over 20 years of experience at NTT DOCOMO, especially in the field of R&D including 3G/4G/5G standardization and development, and is currently an Executive Vice President at NTT QONOQ (established on 1 Oct 2022 as NTT DOCOMO subsidiary), responsible for developing XR businesses leveraging concepts of metaverse, digital twin, and XR devices.

He is passionate about creating new experiences and business frontiers through provision of XR services, platform, and devices, that eventually elevates civilization into a new era.

Sharad Sriwastawa
Chief Technology Officer
Rakuten Mobile, Inc.

Sharad Sriwastawa joined Rakuten Mobile in 2018 and was appointed Chief Technology Officer in March 2022.

As Chief Technology Officer of Rakuten Mobile, Sriwastawa is responsible for the development and operation of the operator's fully virtualized, cloud native, Open RAN-based mobile network. In this position, Sriwastawa is leading disruptive initiatives in cloud native, container-based architecture, open disaggregated RAN, end-to-end automation in the OSS, and simplified hardware deployment enabling an any service/anywhere approach.

Victor Lee
Founder & CEO
Rice Robotics

Victor is the Founder & CEO of Rice Robotics and Founding Member of Gogox
EY Entrepreneur of the Year
7+ YRS exp in Product Development and Industrial Design
Studied at UC Berkeley and Chinese University of Hong Kong

Company bio:
At Rice Robotics, we are building the infrastructure for
next-generation corporates to deploy fleets of robots. Our
robots are autonomous and can operate elevators and
turnstiles, charge, and navigate in crowded areas without
help. Rice, our delivery robot, and Jasmine, our disinfection
robot, are freeing up employees to focus on more meaningful
tasks in Japan and Hong Kong.

Tomohiro Sekiwa
Senior Vice President
SoftBank Corp.

2007 SoftBank mobile Corp. Deputy Division Head Service Platform Management Dept.
2013 SoftBank mobile Corp. Vice President Mobile Network Planning Div.
2016 SoftBank Corp. Vice President Core Network & Device Technology Div.
2018 SoftBank Corp. Vice President Core & Transport Technology Div.
2020 SoftBank Corp. Senior Vice President Head of Mobile Network Div.

Yuki Endo
Head of Japan
The Sandbox

Yuki Endo is the Director of Japan of The Sandbox decentralized Metaverse, a virtual world where players can create, play, own, govern and monetize their experiences using NFTs & SAND, the main utility token of the platform. The Sandbox has won the 2022 "Outstanding performance award" for the Tokyo Blockchain Game Awards.The Sandbox has been featured in TIME100 Top 100 most influential companies of 2022 by Times magazine https://time.com/collection/time100-companies-2022/6159401/the-sandbox/

The Sandbox is a decentralised, community-driven gaming ecosystem where designers and artists can create, share and monetise NFTs and gaming experiences on the Ethereum blockchain and is partnered with 165 Brands, IPs and Artists in Music, Entertainment, Fashion, Sport and Music (Snoop Dogg, Deadmau5,The Walking Dead, Smurfs, Shibuya109, Captain Tsubasa, Square Enix, Atari…).

Will Cage
Principal Consultant, Telecommunications Industry
Snowflake

Will Cage joined Snowflake as Industry Principal for the Telecommunications sector in a global role, based in Lugano, Switzerland. He is responsible for ensuring that Snowflake delivers business value and strategic industry consulting capabilities to Telco customers across all three regions. Will's core focus in the role will be to articulate Snowflake's vision & direction for the Telco industry in order to ensure that market leading propositions, such as the Telco Data Cloud, provide competitive advantage for Snowflake's customers, whilst also providing market insights, best practice and business focus to all strategic customer engagements.

Will is a DnA (Data & Analytics) thought leader with deep and rich Telco industry knowledge, He joined Snowflake from Teradata where he held various leadership roles during his tenure. Will was most recently the Vice President of the Americas Industry Consulting team. Prior to that he fulfilled several leadership roles ranging from Senior Director of Corporate & GTM Strategy to the International Customer Management Applications Centre of Excellence.

Part of the original team at the start-up of MFS (MCI-Worldcom) in EMEA, Will was a key contributor to the strategic business plan, which grew the business from an original team of 20 to over 2,000 employees and 1,000 new B2B customers in less than 2 years. Will has also held various executive and strategic consulting positions at The London Stock Exchange, BT, Vodafone-Celfocus (Novabase), GTE and Sky.

Need to know information

4.1   Event Contact: Lilian Hung, GSMA, Email: lhung@gsma.com

4.2   Travel to Japan information: https://www.klook.com/blog/japan-travel-restrictions-en
try-requirements/

4.3   Other necessary Info:
Electricity in Japan - In Japan the power plugs and sockets are of type A and B.
The standard voltage is 100 V and the standard frequency is 50 / 60 H

Which power plugs and sockets in Japan?
In Japan the power plugs and sockets are of type A and B. Check out the following pictures.

Type A:
mainly used in North and Central America, China and Japan. This socket only works with plug A.

Type B:
like type A but with an extra prong for grounding. This socket also works with plug A.

Type A:
This socket has no
alternative plugs

Type A:
This socket also works
with plug A