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# 2021 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco

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

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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

<b>Dates</b>	Pacific Time November 1 / 4 / 8 / 11 / 15 / 18, 2021 4PM ~ 6:30PM
	Japan Tokyo Time* November 2 / 5, 2021 8AM ~ 10:30AM November 9 / 12 / 16 / 19, 2021 9AM ~ 11:30AM
<b>Venue</b>	Virtual meeting

\*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)

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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