

The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco
and
The Stanford University US-Asia Technology Management Center present

JAPAN INNOVATION FORUM

With Keynote Presentation by

Kazuo Inamori

**Founder and Chairman Emeritus
KYOCERA CORPORATION, Japan**



February 7, 2009 (Saturday)

**Kresge Auditorium
Stanford University**

12:00 noon Registration Opens
1:00 pm Keynote Speech:

“Fine Ceramics Innovation” by Dr. Inamori

2:45 pm Panel Discussion **“On the Future of Innovation:
An Emerging New Role for Japan?”**

Paul Saffo, Futurist and Technology Forecaster

Masa Ishii, Founder and Managing Director, AZCA, Inc.

Richard Dasher, Director, US-Asia Technology Management Center

4:00 pm Networking

Supported by JETRO San Francisco, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, the Japan Society of Northern California, the Keizai Society, Silicon Valley Japanese Entrepreneurs Network (SVJEN), Silicon Valley Media Forum (SVMF), and Japan Bio Community (JBC)

Free Admission

Advance Registration Required

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DR. KAZUO INAMORI

Dr. Kazuo Inamori was born in Kagoshima, Japan, in 1932. He graduated from Kagoshima University in 1955 with a Bachelor of Sciences degree. Four years later he established Kyoto Ceramic Co., Ltd. (now Kyocera Corporation) and developed it into a world-leading enterprise -- with products ranging from fine ceramics material to information and communications equipment. He was named President of the Company in 1966, Chairman in 1985, and Founder and Chairman Emeritus in 1997.

In 1984 Dr. Inamori made a personal endowment to establish the non-profit Inamori Foundation and became its President. At the same time, he created the Kyoto Prize, an international award presented by the Foundation each November 10 to recognize individuals and groups worldwide who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of society and humankind.

When Japan's telecommunications industry was liberalized in 1984, Dr. Inamori quickly took the initiative to establish DDI Corporation and became its Chairman. DDI merged in 2000 with KDD and IDO to become KDDI Corporation. Dr. Inamori served as KDDI's Chairman Emeritus and is now its Honorary Advisor.

His voluntary service now includes leading the "Seiwa-Juku," a private business school operating in 60 locations, including seven outside Japan. As Seiwa-Juku President, Dr. Inamori teaches his management philosophy at no charge to more than 5,000 young business owners and entrepreneurs.

PAUL SAFFO

Paul Saffo is a forecaster and essayist with over two decades experience exploring long-term technological change and its practical impact on business and society. Formerly affiliated with the Institute for the Future, he now teaches at Stanford University and is Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the Stanford Media X research network. He was the founding chairman of the Samsung Science Board and serves on a variety of other boards including the Long Now Foundation, the Singapore National Research Foundation Science Advisory Board, and the Pax Group. He has served as an advisor and Forum Fellow to the World Economic Forum since 1997. Paul is a columnist for ABCNews.com, and his essays have appeared in numerous publications including The Harvard Business Review, Fortune, Wired, The Los Angeles Times, Newsweek, The New York Times, and the Washington Post. Paul is a Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, and holds degrees from Harvard College, Cambridge University and Stanford University.

MASA ISHII

Masa Ishii is Managing Director of Noventi and Founder and Managing Director of AZCA Inc., a professional services firm based in Menlo Park, CA, that specializes in Japan and Asia-Pacific corporate development for high technology ventures. He has over 25 years of experience as a professional in international business and high technology. He has been an active venture investor in emerging technology companies during the past 15 years. Formerly, Masa worked at McKinsey & Company, Inc. as a senior management consultant and at IBM Japan as a systems engineer. Masa serves or has served on the board and the advisory board of several multinational companies, including Logitech, s.a., IA Global Inc., Zaxel Inc., iFire Technology Inc., Alien Technology Corporation, and BayMode, Inc., among others. He is a frequent speaker and writer on issues involving international business development in the high technology

industry. Masa holds a Bachelor of Engineering in mathematical engineering and instrumentation physics from the University of Tokyo and a Master of Science in computer science from Stanford University.

RICHARD DASHER

At Stanford University, Richard Dasher has been Director of the US-Asia Technology Management Center since 1994 and has concurrently served as Executive Director of the Center for Integrated Systems since 1998. He holds Consulting Professor appointments in the Departments of Electrical Engineering (technology management), Asian Languages (Japanese business), and at the Asia-Pacific Research Center. From 2004, Dr. Dasher became the first non-Japanese person ever asked to join the governance of a Japanese national university, serving a term on the Board of Directors of Tohoku University. He continues on the Management Council of Tohoku University and as Advisor to the Tohoku University president. He is on expert review panels for government funding programs and think tanks in Japan, Canada, Germany, and Hong Kong. Also active as a management consultant, Dr. Dasher serves on the board of two start-up companies, and he advises start-up companies and large firms in the U.S., Japan, and China.