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Mobility innovations: What do VCs, accelerators, and Corporates think?

Tuesday | March 24, 2019 | 5:30 PM – 8:45 PM

Event Overview

The way we transport from point A to point B is rapidly changing. Autonomous vehicles, flying taxis, electric scooters, and so on. How are these technologies coming to reality and what comes next? In this event you will hear from Venture Capitalists, an Accelerator, and a corporate in the mobility sector to picture the innovations that are going on and what comes next.

Presentation and Panel:

Morgan Livermore — Partner, Geodesic Capital
Shinichiro Nakamura — Senior Vice President, DENSO International America(DIAM)
Risa Ishii — Partnerships Manager, Plug and Play
Masahiro Suzuki — Partner, Director of Strategic Services, Autotech Ventures
Shawn Koyama (*Moderator*)— Startup Liaison Manager, Hitachi

Date: **Tuesday, March 24, 2020**
Registration/Networking: 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Program: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Networking: 8:00 PM – 8:45 PM

Venue: Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
650 Page Mill Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94304

Fees: \$15: Early Bird Discount for first 30 registrations by Sunday, Mar 8 (11PM)
\$20: Regular Registration by Friday, Mar 20 (11 PM)
\$35: Late Registration by Saturday, Mar 22 (Noon)
\$50: Walk-ins (Seats are limited and may not be available)
Food and beverages will be served.

Registration: <http://www.keizai.org>

Featured Panelists and Moderator



Morgan Livermore, *Partner, Geodesic Capital*

Morgan is a Partner at Geodesic Capital. Morgan works with various Geodesic portfolio companies including InVision, JFrog, Aurora, Marqeta, UiPath, and Workato. He primarily focuses his investments on two key themes: companies reinventing industries (autonomous vehicles, fintech) and technologies modernizing enterprises (application software, DevOps, automation, infrastructure, and AI). Prior to Geodesic, Morgan was an investor at Accel, where he invested in GoFundMe, PagerDuty, Algolia, and Browserstack. Before Accel, Morgan advised founders through capital raises and company sales at Vista Point Advisors.

Morgan received a BA from Dartmouth College, with a major in government and a minor in markets, management, and the economy. While in college, Morgan co-owned and operated Evolving Vox, Dartmouth's original furniture rental company.



Risa Ishii, *Partnerships Manager, Plug and Play*

Risa is a Partnerships Manager focusing on mobility industry at Plug and Play. She strategically supports OEMs and suppliers in their innovation activities, set up their innovation roadmaps and provide smart city related industry expertise. She is also responsible for promoting collaborations among startups that could provide solutions to large corporations' multifarious needs and vice versa.



Shinichiro Nakamura, *Senior Vice President, DENSO International America (DIAM)*

Shin is Senior Vice President of DENSO International America (DIAM) and also the head of Silicon Valley Innovation Center (SVIC) in San Jose. DIAM is the U.S. subsidiary of DENSO Corporation, once of the world's largest auto parts and systems suppliers. Shin joined DENSO in 1998 and most of his career is based in Thermal Systems Business Unit, which manufactures most of the HVAC systems in the automobiles around the world. He was a visiting scholar at MIT for 2005-2007 doing research on thermo-electrics under Prof. Gang Chen, whom started a company based on his research. He has wide variety of experience from fundamental research to mass production/quality control.



Masahiro Suzuki, *Partner, Director of Strategic Services, Autotech Ventures*

Masahiro is Partner at Autotech Ventures, a venture capital firm located in Silicon Valley that manages funds of more than \$250 million to invest in ground transportation startups. He provides corporate investors awareness of the fast-moving trends in the transportation technology and market while helping these corporate investors to engage leading ground transportation startups as their strategic technology partners.

Masahiro was previously Director of Corporate Planning at Toyota Motor, providing internal strategy consulting and forming technology partnerships with outside corporations while reporting directly to the CEO and Board of Directors.

Masahiro graduated from the Executive MBA program at Stanford and holds a BA degree in Psychology from Nagoya University.



Shawn Koyama (*Moderator*), *Startup Liaison Manager, Hitachi*

Shawn is a Startup Liaison Manager at Hitachi. Shawn focuses on designing new businesses for Hitachi in collaboration with startups especially in the railway sector. His experience includes designing, developing, testing, and selling various railway solutions for Japanese bullet train (Shinkansen) and the UK railway market. He grew up in the US and received a BA Degree in economics from Keio University.



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