



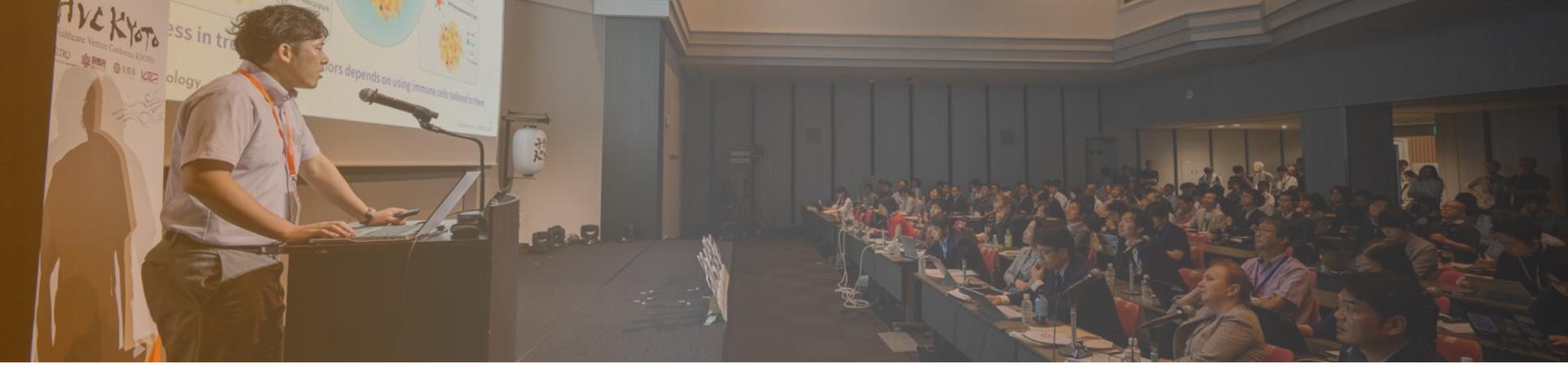
HVC KYOTO

2025

Conference Report

Showcasing the Next Innovations in Healthcare

10th
Anniversary



15 Finalists' Pitch & Open Mentoring
22 Innovative Startups × **26** Partners
111 Individual Business Meetings





Gateway for innovative start-ups aiming to develop cross-border business



HVC KYOTO is providing a key component of business planning for healthcare startups, “Global Market Insight” making alliances with professionals in the translational research. Advisors maximize the appeal of start-ups to partners and Demo Day participants.





The barriers **HVC KYOTO** aims to solve

Ecosystem

Language

Market

Our uniqueness and strength are providing training and an opportunity to pitch in “English” in front of “Global Companies”.

We welcome pitch speakers from startups as well as partners from healthcare industries and VCs, at a world-class exclusive place, KYOTO.



Pitch & Advice Session



1. Seeds of Innovations!

Selected 22 startups and highly entrepreneurial-minded researchers

2. Pre-Pitch Coaching!

Business advice sessions for selected startups to provide advice on English pitches and business strategies with an eye on overseas markets

3. Finalists' Pitch & Open Advising!

At the Demo Day, 15 finalists is openly shared pitches and QA sessions with the advisors

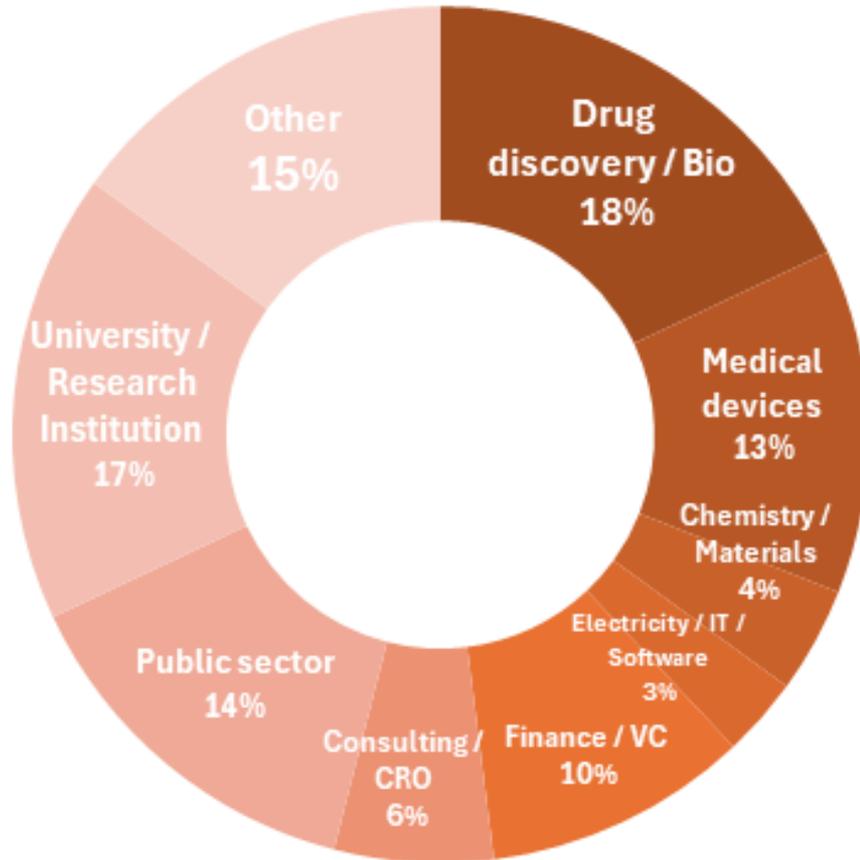
Program Overview

Title	HVC KYOTO 2025 Demo Day
Date	June 30 - July 1, 2025
Venue	Bldg.4, Kyoto Research Park
Organizers	Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Kyoto Prefecture, City of Kyoto, KYOTO RESEARCH PARK Corp.
Co-Organizers	Kansai Innovation Initiative(KSII), Office of Institutional Advancement and Communications Kyoto University, Kyoto University Innovation Capital Co., Ltd.
Supporters	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan Patent Office, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST), National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT), Osaka Prefectural Government, Hyogo Prefectural Government, City of Osaka, City of Kobe, The Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI-KANSAI), Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren), The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry, The Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kyoto Industrial Support Organization 21, Advanced Science, Technology & Management Research Institute of KYOTO (ASTEM), Foundation for Biomedical Research and Innovation at KOBE, Kyoto Industrial Association, Kyoto Wisdom Industry Creation Center, Life Science Innovation Network Japan(LINK-J), Kansai Health and Medical Association, NPO Kinki Bio-industry Development Organization, MIT Venture Forum of Japan (MIT-VFJ), Kansai Health and Medical Care Innovation Council, Kansai Pharmaceutical Industries Association (KPIA), Biocommunity Kansai (BioCK), CIC Japan, Plug and Play Japan KK, SARR LLC, Economic Development City of Düsseldorf, Maryland Department of Commerce, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (InvestHK)

Demo Day Program

Opening Remarks	Mitsuo Asano, President, Kyoto Research Park Corp. Kazuya Nakajo, Executive Vice President, JETRO
Congratulatory Speech	Sharon Chan, DPhil, MBA, MPH, Vice President, JLABS Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson
Biotech Pitch	8 Finalists
Keynote Speech 1	Daria Mochly-Rosen, Ph.D., Founder and co-director of SPARK and President Founder of SPARK GLOBAL, SPARK Translational Research Program
Keynote Speech 2	Fumiaki Ikeno, M.D., Researcher, Stanford University / Chief Medical Officer, MedVenture Partners, Inc.
Information Session 1	Mayu Santa, Town Management Department, Shibuya Business Division, Urban Business Unit, TOKYU LAND CORPORATION
BIE Pitch	BIE Training Course in Japan supported by SPARK Global Finalists
Medtech Pitch	7 Finalists
Keynote Speech 3	Seiichi Inamura, Ph.D., Head, Search and Evaluation Group, Chugai Partnering
Information Session 2	Eiki Urushibata, Deputy Director, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare / Health Policy Bureau, Policy Planning Division for Pharmaceutical Industry Promotion and Medical Information Management
Information Session 3	Akihiko Kawakami, Ph.D., Senior Project Leader, MEDISO / Senior Project Leader, Healthcare Division, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc
Fireside Chat	4 Speakers
Presentation of Corporate Awards	JETRO, KSII, INPIT, IT-Farm, ATR, TOKYU LAND CORPORATION, Innovation Design, KRP, Kyoto Mayor
General Comments	Tomoyoshi Koyanagi, Ph.D., Director, Program-Specific Professor Business Development Office, Institute for Advancement of Clinical and Translational Science (iACT), Kyoto University Hospital
Closing Remarks	Takatoshi Nishiwaki, Governor, Kyoto Prefecture Koji Matsui, Mayor, City of Kyoto

Demo Day Participants Attribute



On-site Participants **338**

Business Companies **38%**

Investors, Incubators **16%**

Opening Remarks



Mitsuo Asano,
President,
Kyoto Research Park Corp.



Kazuya Nakajo,
Executive Vice President,
JETRO

Congratulatory Speech



Sharon Chan, DPhil, MBA, MPH,
Vice President,
JLABS Asia Pacific,
Johnson & Johnson

Lead Advisor's Message



Tomoyoshi Koyanagi, Ph.D.,
Director, Program-Specific Professor
Business Development Office,
Institute for Advancement of
Clinical and Translational Science (iACT),
Kyoto University Hospital

Keynote Speech



Daria Mochly-Rosen, Ph.D.,
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President Founder of
SPARK GLOBAL, SPARK
Translational Research Program



Fumiaki Ikeno, M.D.,
Researcher, Stanford University /
Chief Medical Officer,
MedVenture Partners, Inc.



Seiichi Inamura, Ph.D.,
Head,
Search and Evaluation Group,
Chugai Partnering

Information Session



Mayu Santa,
Town Management Department,
Shibuya Business Division,
Urban Business Unit,
TOKYU LAND CORPORATION



Eiki Urushibata,
Deputy Director, Ministry of Health,
Labour and Welfare / Health
Policy Bureau, Policy Planning
Division for Pharmaceutical
Industry Promotion and
Medical Information Management



Akihiko Kawakami, Ph.D.,
Senior Project Leader, MEDISO /
Senior Project Leader,
Healthcare Division,
Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc

Fireside Chat



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Jun Kusunoki, Ph.D.,
Senior Director, Japan Country Lead &
Regional Strategic Sourcing Liaison,
External Scientific Innovation APAC,
Johnson & Johnson



Akihiko Soyama, MBA
CEO,
Life Science Innovation
Network Japan (LINK-J)



Tomoyoshi Koyanagi, Ph.D.,
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Closing Remarks



Takatoshi Nishiwaki,
Governor of Kyoto Prefecture



Koji Matsui,
Mayor of Kyoto

Finalists in the Biotech Category



AngenMed Therapeutics, Inc.
Engkong Tan
Director, Head of Japan Branch


Pioneering Neoantigen-Targeted Therapeutics for Precision Medicine to Eradicate Cancer



Sharkey Technologies
Zhou Wei
CEO


Next-Generation Therapeutics: Unlocking the Potential of the Smallest Antibodies



ENIC Immunology K.K.
Keisuke Wagatsuma
CEO


Unlocking Next-Generation Immune Cell Therapies through iPSC-Derived CAR-Macrophages from an Innovative Differentiation Platform



Institute of Science Tokyo
Itsuki Ajioka
Professor


Molecular Assembly Medicine: Pioneering a Peptide-Based New Therapeutic Modality



The Jikei University
Kohji Yamada
Associate Professor


New Cancer Treatment Strategies by Endoplasmic Reticulum Drug Discovery



Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University
Shunsuke Funakoshi
Project Assistant Professor


Development of Drug Discovery Platform Business Using Human iPSC-Derived 3D Mature Cardiac Tissues



Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology
Masayuki Tera
Associate Professor


Development of Small Molecule Drugs Targeting Gene Structure



Toyama Prefectural University/ Kyoto University
Tatsuya Murakami
Professor/Visiting Professor


Development of Next-Generation Photodynamic Therapy Agent for Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Finalists in the Medtech Category



JiMED Inc.
Nayuta Mizuguchi
Executive Officer of Global
Business Development



**Realizing Innovative Healthcare
Through the World's First Implantable
Brain-Computer Interface**



National Institute of
Advanced Industrial
Science and Technology
Toshihiro Takamatsu
Senior Researcher



**Near-Infrared Spectroscopic Laparoscope System
for Deep Tissue Visualization**



NODAS Inc.
Tang Honghao
CTO



**Portable Fundus Camera (Hyperspectral Imaging)
for Early Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease**



The University of
Osaka Hospital
Gajanan Revankar
Specially Appointed
Assistant Professor



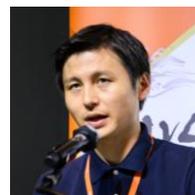
**Maya-mind®
Precision Diagnostics for Dementia**



Physiologas
Technologies Inc.
Kazuyoshi Miyawaki
CEO



Waterless Hemodialysis System



Surg storage Co.,Ltd.
Akihiro Hirao
CEO



**Revolutionizing Healthcare with Data:
The Future of Surgical AI**



Toneasy, Inc.
Paul Bridenbaugh
COO



**Research and Development of a Home
Tonometer for Glaucoma Patients**

Selected Startups



DLeader, Inc
Chen Qingwen
CEO



KumiChemTM: a Closed-Loop Automatic AI Drug Discovery Platform



RMD Sciences, Inc
Aki Taira
Co-founder and CEO



Stopping Memory Decline from the Gut 24/7 Small Molecule Therapy after Amyloid Clearance



Kyoto Koka Women's University
Yoshihiro Ohashi
Junior Associate Professor



Communication Support Using Generative AI after Brain Damage



Kyoto University
Graduate School of Medicine
Hirohiko Kohjitani
Program Specified Lecturer



ECG-AI Foundation Model to Solve Arrhythmia Treatment Challenges



Second Heart Inc.
Yukihiro Ishida
CEO



**The Second Heart:
Aiming for Zero Diabetes Amputations**



Smart Tissues
Denise Zujur
CEO



Preventing Amputations and Accelerating Wound Healing with Advanced Biomaterials



Tohoku University
Graduate School of Engineering
Akihiro Kuwahata
Associate Professor



Non-Invasive Cancer Treatment System Using Magnetic Energy

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Osaka University
Graduate School of Medicine



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Chief Executive Officer,
Rege Nephro Co., Ltd.



Jun Yamadera
Chief Chaos Officer,
Eyes, JAPAN Co. Ltd.

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National Taiwan University /
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Remarkable Ventures

JETRO Award

National Institute of Advanced Industrial
Science and Technology

Senior Researcher **Toshihiro Takamatsu**

Near-Infrared Spectroscopic Laparoscope
System for Deep Tissue Visualization



~Prize~

Support services for global expansion



KSII Award

NODAS Inc.

CTO Tang Honghao

Portable Fundus Camera
(Hyperspectral Imaging)
for Early Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease

NODAS

~Prize~

Receiving priority support
provided by KSII



INPIT Award

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Professor / Visiting Professor

Tatsuya Murakami

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~Prize~

IP strategy development support



IT-Farm Award

Physiologas Technologies Inc.
CEO Kazuyoshi Miyawaki

Waterless Hemodialysis System



~Prize~

An invitation to pitch at XTC JAPAN



ATR Award

The University of Osaka Hospital
Specially Appointed Assistant Professor
Gajanan Revankar

Maya-mind®
Precision Diagnostics for Dementia



~Prize~
Participation rights in KGAP+ Batch 14



TOKYU LAND CORPORATION Award

Physiologas Technologies Inc.
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Waterless Hemodialysis System



~Prize~

Startup membership rights (for 1 year)
at Sakura DeepTech Shibuya,
a deeptech startup support facility



Innovation Design Award

Surg storage Co.,Ltd.

CEO Akihiro Hirao

Revolutionizing Healthcare with Data:
The Future of Surgical AI



Surg storage

~Prize~

Round-trip airfare tickets to SLUSH,
hotel accommodation, and opportunities to
meet with local support organizations



KRP Award

Sharkey Technologies

CEO Zhou Wei

Next-Generation Therapeutics:
Unlocking the Potential of
the Smallest Antibodies



~Prize~

6 months free use of TURNKEY LAB KENTO,
shared rental lab with shared equipment,
and KRP BIZ NEXT service office



Kyoto Mayor Award

Center for iPS Cell Research and Application,
Kyoto University, Project Assistant Professor

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Development of Drug Discovery
Platform Business Using Human iPSC-Derived
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~Prize~

Research grant subsidy of 3 million yen



Platinum Partners



Gold Partners



Silver Partners





Networking in Person @KYOTO
Exciting × Fun = Innovation



**1to1 individual meetings
between 22 startups and 26 partners: 111**

Other Published Reports



Forbes



INPIT



ASCII



JETRO



Kyoto Shimbun

!! WANTED !!



➤ *Pitch Speakers* *Recruitment starts in Feb 2026

- ① Startups in the seed to early stages seeking funding or business partnerships.
- ② Entrepreneurial researchers aiming to commercialize research, identify business challenges, and gain supporters.



➤ *Partners* *at any time

- ① Healthcare companies in drug discovery, biotech, medical devices, and digital health.
- ② Supporting entities like VCs, CVCs, financial institutions, real estate firms, and incubators.

Please join our challenge to create
the “Healthcare Innovation Ecosystem” in Japan!

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