




## 2019 Pitch Presenters

## Session 2

	Affiliation	Name of Speaker	Title
1	 <b>ARTham Therapeutics Inc.</b>	<b>Hiroshi Nagabukuro PhD</b>	<b>Delivering medicines that matter and maximizing pharma asset value through robust and efficient industry-academia collaborations</b>
	Dr. Hiroshi Nagabukuro is a co-founder, COO/CSO of newly launched ARTham Therapeutics Inc. He has strong background in pharmacology with >20 years' experience of drug discovery research in both Japan and US. Dr. Nagabukuro also holds special appointed professorship at Oita University Medical School.		
2	 <b>Luxonus Inc.</b>	<b>Sadakazu Aiso M.D., PhD.</b>	<b>Photoacoustic 3D imaging opens a Door to Vascular Health Science</b>
	Our new diagnostic equipment using Photoacoustic Imaging technology is non-bombarded, non-invasive, and enables ultra-high resolution 3D imaging of vessels such as blood vessels and lymph vessels. Furthermore, the oxygen saturation of the bloodstream can be visualized, and it is expected to be utilized for preoperative planning and drug effect verification.		
3	 <b>aceRNA Technologies</b>	<b>Shin-Il Kim</b>	<b>Solution provider for new pharmaceutical modalities</b>
	I obtained Ph.D in 2008 from University of Wisconsin – Madison. After a postdoc at University of California - SF, I received JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship to study iPSCs at CIRA, Kyoto University under supervision of Drs. Yamanaka and Woltjen. Currently, I am a director of R&D division at aceRNA Technologies.		
4	 <b>HAPPY PROJECT LLC</b>	<b>Masa Kawamukai</b>	<b>Respect aging society and end-of-life medical care at home by utilizing IoT/AI</b>
	He was born and grew up in Kyoto and studied at Liberal Arts College in Oakland, CA both undergraduate and graduate school. He worked one of big accounting firm and fingerprint venture company in Silicon Valley until dot-com bubble. Since back in Japan, he worked in several industries including investment firm, hospitality, IT. Now he runs his own small consulting firm and an associate professor /producer at Liberal Arts Innovation Center in Kyoto University Art & Design.		
5	 <b>Melody International Ltd.</b>	<b>Yhuko Ogata</b>	<b>Save all Mothers and Babies Lives around the Globe ~Perinatal e-Health platform</b>
	Master of Engineering, Kyoto University Graduate School of Engineering, Nuclear Engineering. I succeeded in commercialization of the first EMR for Perinatal period at previous company which I founded in 2002. In 2009, I was awarded "Japan Venture Awards 2009" by the government. Taking advantage of the experiences of medical ICT, I started Melody International in 2015. The corporate mission as "Providing safe and secure deliveries for all mothers around the World.		
6	 <b>United Immunity, Co., Ltd.</b>	<b>Naozumi Harada, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Transforming Cold Tumors Hot: A Novel Strategy to Fight Off Immune Checkpoint Inhibition-Resistant Tumors</b>
	20+ years research experience in pharmaceutical companies and biotech. In a recent decade, has studied cancer immunotherapy focusing on tumor immune resistance and exploiting nanotechnology to immunotherapy. Recently invented a technology to improve macrophage function using a Kyoto University-originated unique nanoparticle. To make it as a new weapon against cancer, launched United Immunity.		
7	 <b>Metcela Inc.</b>	<b>H. Joon Paek, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Revolutionizing the Way We Treat Heart Failure</b>
	After completing university, he established a network of researchers in the US and abroad based on regenerative medicine and medical devices using adipose-derived stem cells, and has led joint research and business. Master's : Degree Kyoto University Graduate School of Engineering doctorate : Brown University, Department of Biology		
8	 <b>Kyoto University</b>	<b>Yuki Yamamoto, M.D., Ph.D.</b>	<b>Innovating drug discovery for respiratory diseases using iPSC-cell technology</b>
	I have been working as a researcher of iPSC-cell technology for respiratory diseases. I am preparing for a start-up based on our technologies. I have seen many patients with respiratory diseases as a respiratory physician. Now I will give our technologies back to patients as novel drugs.		
9	 <b>The Elegant Monkeys Ltd.</b>	<b>Idan Lahav</b>	<b>Kenko Technology - Digitizing Human Emotions.</b>
	Idan is the VP R&D of The Elegant Monkeys, leading the research and development of Kenko Technology, overcoming challenges and advancing the technology to where it needs to be. Idan holds a Master of Business Administration in Management of Technology, Innovation & Entrepreneurship from Tel Aviv University and a Bachelor in Computer Science. Before joining the Elegant Monkeys, Idan served for 6 years as an officer in an elite intelligence unit for the Israeli Defence Forces and later led development teams for 3 years in the Israeli start-up ecosystem.		