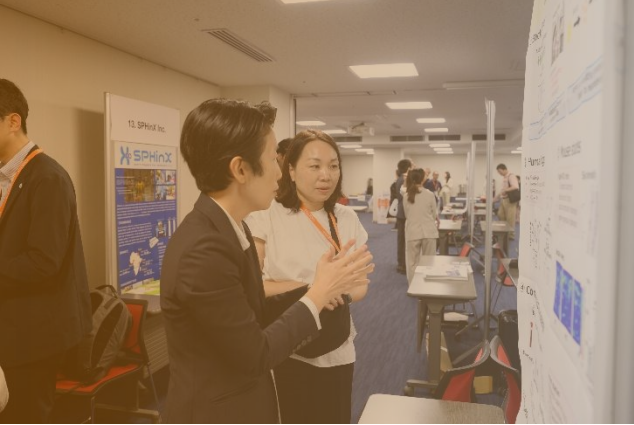


HVC KYOTO 2026

Conference Report

Showcasing the Next Innovations in Healthcare





12 Finalists' Pitch & Open Mentoring
23 Innovative Startups × **47** Partners
125 Individual Business Meetings





In-Person Networking @ KYOTO

Participants: Day1 (125) | Day2 (285)





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



HVC KYOTO provides healthcare startups with Global Market Insight through a network of translational research experts, helping them refine their business strategies, strengthen their value proposition, and enhance their appeal to potential partners and Demo Day participants.





The Challenges **HVC KYOTO** Addresses

Ecosystem

Language

Market

HVC KYOTO's unique strength lies in providing startups with pitch training and opportunities to present in English to global companies.

HVC KYOTO brings together startups, healthcare industry partners, and investors in Kyoto, creating opportunities for collaboration and global business development.

Pitch & Advice Session



1. *Seeds of Innovation!*

Selected 20 promising startups and entrepreneurial researchers

2. *Pre-Pitch Coaching!*

Coaching sessions designed to help selected startups refine their English pitches and strengthen their business strategies for global markets.

3. *Finalists' Pitch & Open Mentoring!*

At Demo Day, 12 finalists delivered their pitches and participated in open Q&A sessions with advisors.



HVC KYOTO 2026 Partners

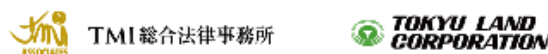
Biotech / MedTech



VC / CVC



Ecosystem



Program Overview

Title	HVC KYOTO 2026 Demo Day
Date	July 13-14, 2026
Venue	Building No. 4, Kyoto Research Park
Organizers	Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Kyoto Prefecture, City of Kyoto, KYOTO RESEARCH PARK Corp.
Co-Organizers	Office of Institutional Advancement and Communications, Kyoto University Kyoto University Innovation Capital Co., Ltd.
Supporters	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare; Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI-KANSAI); Japan Patent Office; Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST); National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT); Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation, JAPAN (SMRJ) Kinki Head Office; Osaka Prefectural Government; Hyogo Prefectural Government; City of Osaka; City of Kobe; Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN); Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Kobe 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 (FBRI); Kyoto Industrial Association; Kansai Pharmaceutical Industries Association (KPIA); NPO Kinki Bio-Industry Development Organization; Life Science Innovation Network Japan (LINK-J); inochi WAKAZO Project; Kyoto Wisdom Industry Creation Center; ZEROGATE; Kansai Innovation Initiative (KSII); Osaka-Kyoto-Hyogo-Kobe Consortium; Biocommunity Kansai (BioCK); SARR LLC; MIT Venture Forum of Japan (MIT-VFJ); Office of Economic Development Düsseldorf; Maryland Department of Commerce

Demo Day Program

Opening Remarks	Mio Kawada, Executive Vice President, JETRO
Biotech Finalists Pitch	7 Pitches
Medtech Finalists Pitch	5 Pitches
JETRO Invited Pitch	3 Pitches
BIE Selected Pitch	1 Pitch
Keynote Speech 1	Dan Wang, MD, DBA, MPH Head, External Scientific Innovation Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson
Keynote Speech 2	Fumiaki Ikeno, M.D., Researcher, Stanford University / Chief Medical Officer, MedVenture Partners, Inc.
Information Session 1	Nagomi Ota, Deputy Director, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare / Health Policy Bureau, Division of Pharma Industry Promotion and Medical Information Management
Information Session 2	Atsushi Yoshida, Senior Researcher, Frontier and Innovation Policy Division / Medicine and Health Ecosystem Division, Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.
Fireside Chat	•Dan Wang, MD, DBA, MPH Head, External Scientific Innovation Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson •Tomoyoshi Koyanagi, Ph.D. Director, Program-Specific Professor, Business Development Office, Institute for Advancement of Clinical and Translational Science (iACT), Kyoto University Hospital / Director, BioLabs Japan
Presentation of Corporate Awards	JETRO, INPIT, ATR, iPark, IT-Farm, iCONM with BioLabs, HVC-LINK-J, O-Nexus, 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 /Director, BioLabs Japan
Closing Remarks	Koji Matsui, Mayor, City of Kyoto

Opening Remarks



Mio Kawada,
Executive Vice President,
JETRO

Lead Advisor Message



Tomoyoshi Koyanagi, Ph.D.
Director, Program-Specific Professor,
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Keynote Speech



Dan Wang, MD, DBA, MPH
Head, External Scientific Innovation
Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson



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

Information Session



Nagomi Ota
Deputy Director, Ministry of Health,
Labour and Welfare / Health Policy
Bureau, Division of Pharma Industry
Promotion and Medical Information
Management



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Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc.

Fireside Chat



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Closing Remarks



Koji Matsui
Mayor,
City of Kyoto

Finalists in the Biotech Category



AIM Precision Therapeutics

Satoru Aoyama
Co-Founder & CSO



**A Novel Curative CAR-T cell therapy for
hard-to-cure Solid Tumors**



Decelink Bio Co., Ltd.

Tetsuji Yamaoka
CEO



**Social Implementation of the World's First
Decellularized Small-Diameter Vascular Graft
to Prevent Diabetic Lower Limb Amputation**



Doshisha University

Hiroaki Kitagishi
Professor



The World's First Carbon Monoxide Antidote



Kansai Medical University

Hiroyuki Tamiya
Tenure-Track Assistant Professor



**Body-Clock-Shifting Sleep Medicine Using
a Novel Organoid Platform**



Kumamoto University Team

Mariko Tosu
Business Development



**Missile precision targeting drug development
enabled by Nanorobot**



PurinoScience Inc.
(University of Tokyo)

Kotaro Hisamoto
CEO & Co-Founder



**Development of an ATP-restoring oral therapy
for acute sarcopenia originating
from the University of Tokyo Okamoto Lab**



Tohoku University Hospital

Yuya Kamano
Junior Associate Professor



**Innovative Bone Regeneration Platform utilizing
Jawbone-derived Alveolar Skeletal Stem Cells
(JASC)**

Finalists in the MedTech Category



HICKY, Inc.
Kentaro Hayashi
Founder & CEO


**Leadless Phrenic Nerve Stimulation to Improve
Heart Failure Outcomes**



SPHinX Inc.
Makoto Sasaki
COO


**Toward a World Without Diagnostic Gaps:
Smart ∞™**



Kyoto University
Ayako Kohno
Junior Associate Professor


**MenoSense: Menopausal Hormone
Visualization Project**



TOMOCLOUD Inc.
Yuta Kinouchi
Co-Founder


**Noninvasive TOMOGRAPHY for New
Lymphedema Care**



CA Technology, Inc.
(Kyushu University)
Toru Sano
CEO & Co-Founder


**Next-Generation Osteochondral
Reconstruction for Restored Knee Mobility**

Selected Startups



Kyoto University
Masataka Hakamada
Associate Professor



in vitro model “CellBlock” for drug screening



Tohoku University
(LipidSense Inc.)
Motoko Maekawa
Associate Professor
LipidSense

**A Novel Blood-Based Screening Tool
for Early Autism Risk Detection**



MiRNDa, Inc.
Masaki Hirose
Co-Founder & CEO,
 **MiRNDa**

RNA intelligence makes cancer curable!



Tohoku University
Takafumi Toyohara
Associate Professor



**Translating “Living” Artificial Blood Vessels
into Clinical and Societal Use**



Flora Co., Ltd
Anna Kreshchenko
CEO


**A New Channel for Disease Awareness and
Data Collection: Reaching Women Through
300K+ Health Data Touchpoints**



Kyushu University Team
Aiko Yamamoto
Pre-CEO, Tanaka-Masaru Project


**Preventing Thrombosis, Healing Vessels
Life-Saving Medical Coatings**



MY ROBOTS
Yoichi Miyazaki
Founder & CEO



**AI Platform Turning Surgical Video and
Audio into Searchable OR Knowledge**



Saitama University Team
Keisuke Ikemoto

**Building an Ultra-Sensitive POCT Platform with
AIE Nanoparticles**

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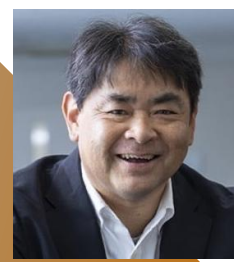
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Kyoto Mayor Award

**Doshisha University
Professor**

Hiroaki Kitagishi

The World's First Carbon Monoxide Antidote



～Prize～

Research grant subsidy of 3 million yen



KRP Award

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**A Novel Curative CAR-T cell therapy
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～Prize～

Six months of complimentary use of two facilities:
the “Turnkey Lab Kento,” a shared rental laboratory
equipped with common research instruments,
and “KRP BIZ NEXT,”
a serviced office at Kyoto Research Park.



Innovation Design Award

Kyoto University Junior Associate Professor Ayako Kohno

MenoSense: Menopausal Hormone Visualization Project



～Prize～

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



JETRO Award

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**Social Implementation of the World's First
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～Prize～

Support services for global expansion



INPIT Award



Doshisha University



Hiroaki Kitagishi
Professor

**The World's First Carbon
Monoxide Antidote**

～ Prize ～

IP strategy development
support

ATR Award



Doshisha University



Hiroaki Kitagishi
Professor

**The World's First Carbon
Monoxide Antidote**

～ Prize ～

Right to Participate in KGAP+ Batch 16
(Keihanna Global Acceleration
Program Plus)

iPark Award



Kumamoto University Team



Mariko Tosu
Business Development

**Missile precision targeting drug
development enabled by Nanorobot**

～ Prize ～

1 Year Free - iPark
Membership Entry Plan

IT-Farm Award



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Kentaro Hayashi
Founder & CEO



**Leadless Phrenic Nerve Stimulation
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～ Prize ～

An invitation to pitch at
XTC JAPAN 2027

iCONM with BioLabs Award



Doshisha University

Hiroaki Kitagishi
Professor



**The World's First Carbon
Monoxide Antidote**

～ Prize ～

One-Year Residency Package

HVC-LINK-J Award



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～ Prize ～

Membership fee waived and annual
membership fee free for 2026

O-Nexus Award



TOMOCLOUD Inc.



Yuta Kinouchi
Co-Founder

**Noninvasive TOMOGRAPHY for New
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～ Prize ～
ONE DAY PASS

Plug and Play Kyoto Award



Doshisha University



Hiroaki Kitagishi
Professor

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～ Prize ～
**BizDev support and
mentoring session**

TOKYU LAND CORPORATION Award



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Co-Founder

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～ Prize ～
**One-year startup membership at a
support facility for deep tech startups**

Other Published Reports



JETRO



INPIT



The Kyoto
Shimibun



ASCII
Biotech



ASCII
MedTech

!! WANTED !!



➤ *Pitch Speakers | Applications open in February 2027*

- ① Startups in the seed or early stage seeking funding or business partnerships.
- ② Researchers and entrepreneurs seeking to commercialize their technologies, validate business opportunities, and build a support network.

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