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To the Media

Hitotsubashi ICS Welcomes New Advisory Board Member

Hitotsubashi University Business School, School of International Corporate Strategy (Hitotsubashi ICS) is delighted to announce that Mr. James Kondo (Chairman, International House of Japan) has joined its Advisory Board.

The Hitotsubashi ICS Advisory Board provides advice on the design and implementation of the school's MBA program curriculum.

Mr. Kondo joins existing Advisory Board Members Dr. Kazuo Iwano and Mr. Daisuke Kan.

Hitotsubashi ICS Advisory Board Members

DR KAZUO IWANO

[Term of Office: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028]

Director, Remote Sensing Technology Center of Japan (General Incorporated Foundation); former Director of the Software Development Laboratory at IBM Japan, Ltd.; former Executive Officer, Chief Digital Officer (CDO), Fellow, and Advisor at Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation (until March 2022).

Mr. Iwano is widely recognized as an authority on digital transformation and entrepreneurship—bridging computer science and business—and possesses both academic and practical expertise. In this context, he provides to the board insights on the impact of technology on society and business, as well as the development of business leaders.

MR DAISUKE KAN

[Term of Office: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028]

President and CEO of Cheerio Corporation; Trustee of the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST).

As the third-generation head of his family's beverage manufacturing business, Mr. Kan drives business innovation to enhance current and emerging lifestyles. He is deeply committed to realizing a society that respects diversity, and, drawing on his own MBA experience, contributes to the board his insights

on talent development in business schools.

MR JAMES KONDO

[Term of Office: October 1, 2026 – March 31, 2028]

Chairman, The International House of Japan (a public interest incorporated foundation). Co-founder of TABLE FOR TWO and the Beyond Tomorrow Global Education Support Fund. Representative Director and Global Trustee of the Asia Society Japan Center. Former Vice President at Twitter headquarters.

As Chairman of the International House of Japan—whose mission is to “Contribute to building a free, open, and sustainable future through intellectual dialogue, policy research, and cultural exchange with a diverse world”—Mr. Kondo has positioned the organization as a “hub for intellectual exchange.” At Hitotsubashi ICS, where next-generation leaders from 20 countries study full-time, the importance of a geopolitical perspective is growing, and the school expects Mr. Kondo’s advice to play a vital role in this area. Mr. Kondo is both an MBA holder and experienced instructor, having taught MBA courses on government, business, and international economics as a visiting professor at Hitotsubashi ICS.

About Hitotsubashi ICS

Hitotsubashi ICS, with its mission of “Achieving the Best of Two Worlds,” strives to integrate seemingly conflicting concepts—such as East and West, analog and digital, and economic development and sustainability—to address pressing contemporary business challenges and cultivate leaders who can make a significant positive impact on society. As Japan’s sole member of the prestigious GNAM (Global Network for Advanced Management), a group consisting of 33 of the world’s top business schools, Hitotsubashi ICS collaborates with other member schools to provide network-based education and a global perspective.

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