



# OSAKA UNIVERSITY PARTNER SUMMIT

The Role of Universities in Facing Societal Challenges  
and Recovering from COVID-19

## Contributing Universities

**30 APRIL 2021**

16:00-18:20 (JST)  
LIVE Streaming via  
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# PROGRAM

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Recognizing the pivotal role of universities in facing the pandemic and societal challenges, the summit will share visions among Osaka University's partner universities for a resilient society, and pursue collaboration to contribute to local and global communities.

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**16:00-16:10**      **OPENING REMARKS**  
Dr. Shojiro Nishio (President, Osaka University)

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**16:10-16:15**      **GREETING**  
Mr. Kiyoshi Mori (Vice Secretary General,  
Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition)

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**16:15-16:50**      **RESEARCH CHAIRS SESSION**

Prof. Hiroyasu Iso

Graduate School of  
Medicine  
Osaka University

Prof. Eric Brunner

Faculty of Population  
Health Sciences  
University College  
London

Prof. Shinji Shimojo

Cybermedia Center  
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Prof. Yanjun Dai

Department of Power  
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Shanghai Jiao Tong  
University

Prof. Takuo Dome

Social Solution Initiative/  
Graduate School of  
Economics  
Osaka University

Prof. Andrej Zwitter

Campus Fryslân  
University of Groningen

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**16:50-17:15**      **STUDENT VOICES**  
*The Role of Students in Responding to Uncertainty as Future Leaders*

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**17:15-17:35**      **JOINT STATEMENT ON INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION**

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**17:35-18:20**      **VIDEO MESSAGES FROM PARTNER UNIVERSITY LEADERS**  
*Universities and Global Engagement in a Post-Pandemic World*

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MC: Dr. Genta Kawahara  
(Executive Vice President  
of Global Engagement,  
Osaka University)