

Statement by Ambassador Ishikawa Hiroshi at
The InnoVision Networking Reception

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A very good evening to everyone!

First of all, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Kyoto University and Kyoto University Innovation Capital for granting me the honor of being here today.

InnoVision began in 2024 and is now in its third edition. The event focuses on connecting startups and R&D achievements with investors and industry sectors to foster collaboration opportunities, and further develop the innovation network not only in Singapore, but also in the entire ASEAN region. We recognize that many achievements have already been made through extensive collaboration facilitated by this event.

We hope that the seeds of innovation between Singapore and Japan sown today will grow significantly in the future. The fact that there are so many significant contributions from startups that originated from a number of universities in Japan is all thanks to the dedicated support of Kyoto University and Kyoto University Innovation Capital as well as many other universities in Japan. I would like to express my sincere respect for their efforts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you may have already noticed the logo displayed here, this year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Japan. The slogan for this celebration agreed by the governments of Singapore and Japan is: Co-imagine, Co-create, and Co-evolve. Behind this slogan, there is a firm conviction that now the two countries are destined to look toward the future together and create solutions hand in hand as we continue to progress in this world. And I am confident that the field of innovative startups is certainly an area of our cooperation that best exemplifies this spirit.

Going forward, initiatives for co-creation and open innovation that transcend borders and company sizes will become increasingly important on a global scale. The main players in this journey will surely be all of you gathered here today, and Singapore is undoubtedly the best place to support such efforts.

Last but not least, I would like to celebrate the success of today's InnoVision Event, and wish everyone gathered here continued happiness, good health, and the prosperity of both Singapore and Japan. Thank you very much.