



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES

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STEVEN WHITE, MA 1988

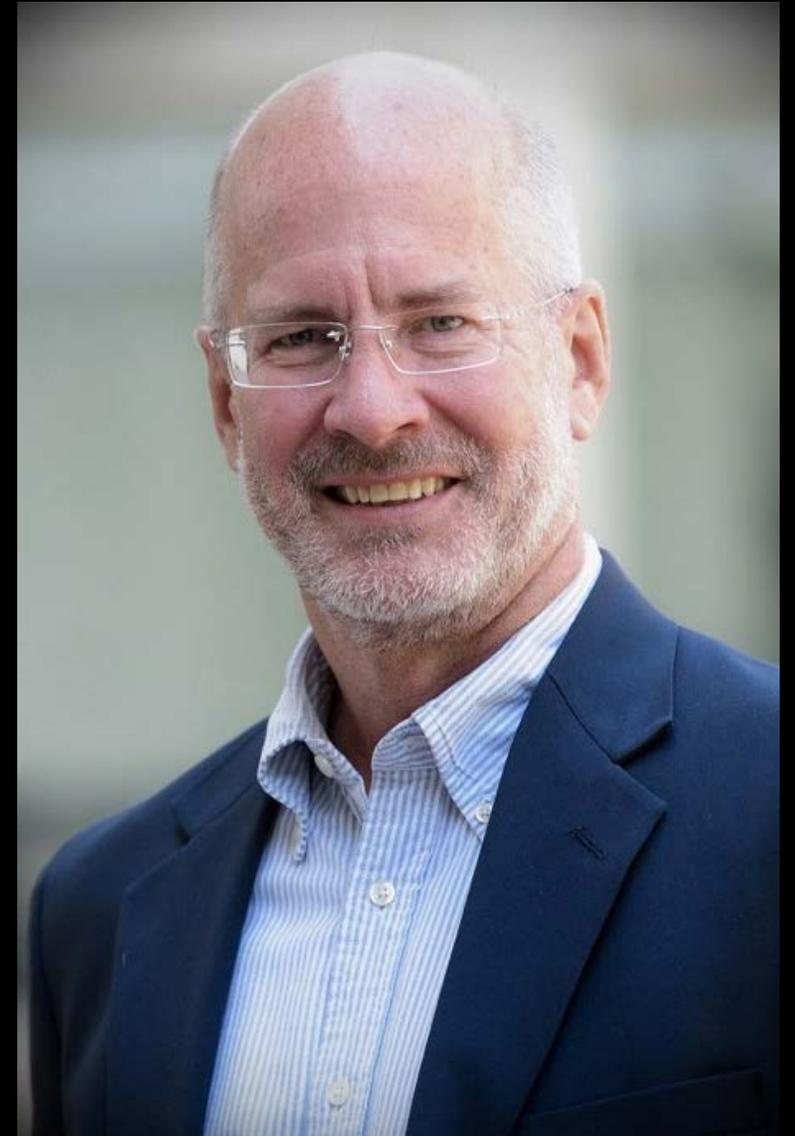
Tsinghua University, Professor (based in China)

Main Theme:

Leverage the Alumni Network more effectively to create value for all

My motivation is the understanding that so much of my present is a result of my having the chance to study at IUJ at a crucial time in my life. Only now do I realize how important IUJ was in the path of my life, and how important it was to my “present”. I’m very lucky to feel happy and satisfied as a professor of innovation, entrepreneurship and strategy at Tsinghua University in China. And how important my experience at IUJ was in coming to my “here”. I believe that there are amazing ways to continue and leverage the value of our 30+ years of alumni. And that is what I would hope to develop further—how to make our collective experience even more valuable, to take even more advantage of our amazing collective store of experience, networks and energy to do more than we might have imagined.

Having graduated in 1988, I’m on the old side of our alumni group. But I’m also at the stage where I want to explore possibilities to create more value for all of us, based on the amazing pool of human capital that we alumni have to offer. I would value the opportunity to work with others to pursue this.



MITSUHARU NAKANO, MBA 1990

SilverRay Capital, Inc., CEO (based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Enhance alumni network and activities inline with IUJ's mission

I would like to contribute to the development of International University of Japan and its alumni association. Through the further enhancement of the alumni network and its activities, I would like to make efforts to achieve the goal of "contributing to the global public interest" set forth in the mission of International University of Japan.



HIDEYUKI KAWASHIMA, MBA 1990

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., Board of Directors (based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Leverage alumni network for IUJ improvements

I have served as a EC member for the last several years. Being aware of the challenges which IUJ face, it is important for the alumni to provide the united efforts to improve the school as well as our relationship. I would like to continue to support in my capacity.



NORIMASA "TERRY" TERAMACHI

MBA 1993

Infosys, Consultant (based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Bring in more alumni to alumni association activities

- 1) enhance connectivity among each graduation year for IR, IDP, E-business and IM by sharing the memories of IUJ days with photos and episodes among classmates and faculty members of each graduation year,
- 2) ask all class rep alumni, who would accept to connect, to reconnect with EC and/or IUJ to share the formal/informal events and discussions within the classmates through secured application, like Signal, or other,
- 3) try to increase the number of participants in the General Meeting, IUJ Bonenkai, IUJ events through the network established by Gretchen,
- 4) one idea is "IUJ Home-coming Day (virtual or physical event)" to reconnect with classmates and faculty members every 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, 25 years, 30 years, 35 years, 40 years, after graduation.



TADASHI INAGAKI, MBA 1995

Retired from Pfizer (based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Provide guidance based on past EC activities

I would like to be an EC member because my organizing skill, persistency, and knowledge of alumni history may be useful to move EC forward steadily.



YAOYU YANG, MBA 1996

Sino Japan Capital, Partner (based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Increase alumni interaction among each other, and promote IUJ in China

- 1) increase alumni interactions by Online and offline events, business cooperation
- 2) increase alumni exchanges with IUJ both on academic and other events including recruitment
- 3) increase IUJ's reputation in China for recruitment and partnerships
- 4) support other alumni to lead EC as one team to contribute to new IUJ development



RAKIB MAHMOOD, MBA 2007

Enterprise Medical Intelligence, Solutions Architect (based in USA)

Main Theme:

Support student career placement, and engage new people in IUJ activities

Together, I hope to work with the other members to further the goals and the responsibilities of the EC and better engage the alumni community to take more advantage of our outstanding network. I can especially work directly with current students on their placement efforts utilizing my network within various industries that I have worked in these years in conjunction with our extensive network of alumni. I will also approach leaders in different aspect of the society both corporate, non-profit and academia to introduce IUJ and make an effort to bring them in some kind of engagement that would benefit IUJ and its student body.



TADAHIKO ISHIKAWA, MBA 2003

AEON Retail Co. Ltd.

Chiba New Store Manager (based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Improve IUJ's ranking in Asia

I have been overseas for the past 10 years. Now that I am back in Japan I am ready to contribute much to IUJ as one of the alumni.

Together, we will try to make IUJ the No.1 school in Asia.



DANIEL BUKENYA, EBIZ 2008

UNICEF, Consultant

Goldstone Enterprise Consulting and Training Limited

Managing Director (based in Uganda)

Main Theme:

Leverage alumni network focusing on African continent

The decade after I left, IUJ saw an influx of African Students under the Abe Initiative. Since then, the number of African Alumni has grown and can no longer stay in the fringes in many aspects. I would like to offer myself for the next EC with a pledge to coalesce African Alumni better and get them to contribute to and benefit from the great IUJ family.

I would like to support the rest of the IUJ family to leverage the great wealth of well-placed and skilled alumni in Africa for the growth of more meaningful and mutually beneficial relationships founded on our timeless experiences at the great alma mater... The Great International University of Japan.

It is with great thanks and humility that I present myself for this challenge.

Doumo Arigatou Gozaimasu!



PRIYANSHU SHARMA, MBA 2011

Barclays Bank Plc., Vice President, eFX Trading
(based in Singapore)

Main Theme:

Involve more alumni specifically for career support and donations

I want to create more awareness and involvement among alumni globally. The idea is to have more people involved in EC activities to create more awareness and drive agenda like student opportunities for jobs and internships and funding towards alumni scholarships.



DENIS DESJARDINS, MBA 2011

Talent Solution Canada Immigration Services, Owner and Director
(based in Vietnam)

Main Theme:

Linking alumni to opportunities especially in Canada

We are all responsible for the Executive Council as part of the IUJ family. I can attribute my businesses' growing success directly to the people. The connections I've made through IUJ, with most of my clients coming from IUJ alumni and past professors. I feel I should give back. I see some potential to help those interested in making business connections in Canada as well attracting people from Canada to Japan.



AKIYO HIGAKI, MA 2017

Foreign Non-Life Insurance Association of Japan

(based in Japan)

Main Theme:

Leveraging alumni network for continuing education and mentoring programs, especially for women

My current job is events planning organized by a non-life insurance association to advocate risk management to Japanese society. I believe I will be able to apply these skills to animate our alumni.

Taking advantage of the worldwide network, we should be more connected and do something creative. When we do so, we will be able to make some good impact on our society. In particular, I'm thinking of asking some successful alumni members to make a speech for continuing education, women's career seminars. I also want to make more use of the existing matching system in various ways.

Lastly, I'd like to fundraise to help and encourage people in difficulty when a serious natural disaster occurs in a country where our alumni members were from asking help from the present IUJ students. It will draw the alumni members' attention to IUJ again and create a moral economy in our society.



KEISUKE "JOHNNY" KUROGI

MBA 2019

Mizuho Securities Co., Ltd., Vice President, Investment Department
(Japan)

Main Theme:

Improve IUJ-Community relations

I'm recognizing IUJ as a most unique globalized and diversified university with various world leading Alumni in its network.

To enhance this uniqueness, I would like to lead this Alumni network to be more proactive and efficient, starting with collaboration between IUJ and local society which is the closest "Japan" to IUJ.



MOHAMED REDA SALEH AHMED

MBA 2019

Landmark & Company, Business Development Consultant
And Consulting Manager for Kakehashi Africa (based in Egypt)

Main Theme:

Tighten alumni relations across the globe

I totally understand and believe in the importance of the Alumni Executive Council's role to engage and bring in all the vast IUJ alumni network members together. The Alumni Network can be tightened and strengthened which should be aligned with the whole vision and mission of IUJ. Therefore, I would like to participate with my strategic planning experiences, efforts, and new ideas together with all the other EC members to achieve all the EC's planned objectives and more.



14 CANDIDATES FROM 8 COUNTRIES AND IN 7 COUNTRIES

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