

**“Next-Generation Mobility –  
Challenges for the Automobile and Automobile Parts Industry – Connectivity,  
Powertrain, Lightweight and Quality Solutions from Germany / NRW & Japan”**

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## **Speaker Profiles**

**Mr. Koichi Oyama**, Senior Manager, Deloitte Exponential, Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting LLC, focuses on the development of new business strategies and marketing strategies for the automotive as well as manufacturing industry. He was in charge of the Project Management Office (private sector) in the LDP “Promotion Workshop to Realize a Hydrogen Society with FCVs as its Core”. His expertise is in business/industry creation with next-generation technology. He speaks about changes in the automotive industry, efforts against global warming, the rise of the sharing economy and advances in AI/IoT.

**Prof. Takanori Fukao, Ph.D.**, is with the Department of Electric and Electrical Engineering of Ritsumeikan University, Kusatsu, since 2015. He became Assistant Professor, Department of Applied System Science, Kyoto University, in 1996, and Associate Professor Department of Mechanical Engineering, Kobe University in 2004. From 2001 to 2003 he was visiting researcher at the Robotics Institute of Carnegie Mellon University. From 2008 to 2012 he was a leader in NEDO’s (New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization) “Energy ITS project”. He also conducts research on automated driving, agricultural and aerial robots with industrial companies as well as national research centers.

**Mr. Ryosuke Kosuge** is Vice President, Sales, Business Area Component Technology at thyssenkrupp Japan K.K., overseeing Japan market operations and managing business with Japanese automotive customers. After gaining expertise at a Japanese Tier2 automotive industry company, which manufactures automotive air conditioning components, he joined an American Tier1 company specialized in interior, seating and electronics for Advanced Sales of the global business expansion with Japanese customers, leading the opening of a new branch and expansion of business and resources. In

2012 he joined a German chemical company in its Global Key Account Management. In order to improve thyssenkrupp’s presence and enable future growth of business and performance in Japan, he has been appointed to the current position in 2016.

**Mr. Shuji Yoshida**, born in Hokkaido in 1969, graduated from Hokkaido Polytechnic College. He gained broad experience in software and hardware development, sales engineering, business development and CRM consulting at various companies. In 2002 he joined Wago Japan K.K., the Japanese subsidiary of the German manufacturer of terminal block and control equipment, Wago Kontakttechnik GmbH & Co. KG, headquartered in Minden / NRW. Having moved from the engineering department to sales manager and market manager, in 2014 he became the Automation Manager in Sales & Marketing, responsible for Sales & Marketing and Solution Support. Wago conducts business in various industries based on technology connecting wires and cables as well as technology connecting information. The company promotes solutions for factories and buildings connected by open systems.

**Mr. Ulrich Seuthe** is the CEO and founder of QASS GmbH. His professional training included Vocational training as a toolmaker at Mannesmann-DEMAG (1986) as well as university degrees from TU Dortmund (Engineering Diploma, 1996) as well as from FernUniversität Hagen (1998). After working as Manager at Wolter GmbH (Measurement technology, crack detection in metallic materials), he established QASS GmbH (Development and production of acoustic emission measurement technology) in 2001. QASS focused on the following key aspects: Analogue and digital processing of signals from fast production processes, utilizing Big Data for production and material analysis as well as development of measurement technology for process monitoring.