

## Programme

- 14:00**      **Opening Remarks**  
**Georg Löer, President & Representative Director**  
**NRW Japan K.K.**
- 14:10**      **Keynote 1: “Changes to Come in the Automotive Industry”**  
**Koichi Oyama, Senior Manager**  
**Deloitte Exponential, Deloitte Tomatsu Consulting LLC**
- 14:45**      **Keynote 2: “Current Technologies and Future Directions of Automated Driving”**  
**Ph.D. Takanori Fukao, Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering**  
**Ritsumeikan University**
- 15:20**      **“NRW – a ‘Hidden Champion’ of the Automobile Industry Supply Chain“**  
**Georg Löer, President & Representative Director**  
**NRW Japan K.K.**
- 15:40**      **“Innovative Automotive Supplier for Next Generation Vehicles”**  
**Ryosuke Kosuge, Vice President Sales BA CT Automotive Japan**  
**thyssenkrupp Japan K.K.**
- 16:00**      **Coffee-Break and Networking**
- 16:30**      **“Connectivity – Enabling Industrie 4.0 in a Borderless Manufacturing Environment“**  
**Shuji Yoshida, Automation Manager, Sales & Marketing**  
**Wago Company of Japan, Ltd.**
- 16:50**      **”Cognitive Measurement Methods to Sense Manufacturing Processes and Material Properties in Real-time. Examples of Innovative QASS Systems in German Automotive Manufacturing”**  
**Ulrich Seuthe, President, QASS GmbH**
- 17:10**      **“Aluminum Materials for Automotive, Challenges for Lightweight Construction Technology“**  
**Nobuyuki Shizuka, General Manager Automotive Materials Marketing & Sales Department, UACJ Corporation**
- 17:30**      **”Rhine County of Neuss – Automotive Parts and Logistics Region for the Next Generation Mobility”**  
**Dirk Brügge, Vice County Administrator**  
**Rhine County of Neuss**
- 17:50**      **Panel Discussion / Q&A with Presenters**
- 18:15**      **----- Drinks and Networking -----**