

# DII Program

## 'Solution Design Phase' SEMINAR

**Date:** 16:30-18:00 June 3 (Fri.), 2022

**Place:** IB014 Lecture Room (IB Building 1F) NAGOYA Univ.

**Title :** Big Vision, Small Steps. -Social Business, Entrepreneurship, and Future Direction-

**Lecturer :** Ms. Sachiko Kuno(Executive Vice-President for International Liaison and International Alumni Affairs, Kyoto University/Executive Director and Founder, Phoenixi, Co., Ltd./President and CEO, S&R Foundation, Washington, DC/Founder and Chair Emeritus, Halcyon, Washington, DC)

**Language:** English

### **Abstract**

I will share my experience of over 30 years, starting as a basic Researcher but unexpectedly becoming a founder of biotech companies. Starting as a scientist, I consider myself extremely fortunate to have started my own businesses in Japan and the U.S., and to have seen twice the whole processes of discoveries I saw in the lab being approved and marketed as completely new drugs, . To achieve any kind of success, you need to try things that no one has ever tried before, and you must work hard and keep at it until the end. But there is even more luck than that. I would like to reflect on this process with you and think about how we should live in these uncertain times. I will also share with you some of the ways and visions of incubators that we have launched in the U.S. and Japan in the last 10 years.



### **BIO**

Sachiko Kuno earned her Ph.D. in biochemical engineering from Kyoto University, and conducted post-doctoral research at the Technical University of Munich, Germany. In the mid-1980s, she co-established R-Tech Ueno Ltd. in Japan, and Sucampo Group in 1996. In 2013, Kuno also co-founded VLP Therapeutics to combat the 21st century global public health problems through revolutionary vaccine technology. As a social entrepreneur, Kuno is the co-founder and Chair Emeritus of Halcyon, a nonprofit dedicated to the power of human creativity. Kuno also serves as CEO of S&R Foundation, co-founded in 2000 to support talented individuals with great potential and high aspirations in the arts, sciences, and social entrepreneurship. she also co-founded Phoenixi Co Ltd in 2018, a Kyoto-based residential incubator for social entrepreneurs and intrepeneurs. Kuno has been most recently recognized as Harvard Business School of Japan's 2016 Stateswoman of the Year, AVON Awards to Women ('16), and one of Washingtonian's 2017 Tech Titans.

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