Prospects for the Global Biotech Industry

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rom the birthplace of the biotechnology revolution here in the San Francisco Bay Area, this forum will give us an outward looking perspective on the prospects for the industry in a global context. The panel will collectively address the following questions: How have the economic crisis and aftermath changed the way people do business in the biotech industry? How is the emerging market impacting the developed one? What are the notable cross border transactions? What is the key to survival/success in today’s global economy? Which local government has notable/smart initiatives? What can we learn from these initiatives?

Dr. Akiko Futamura will start the panel discussion by giving an overview of today’s global biotech industry. She will also talk about the challenges faced by the biotech companies and what they do to survive and succeed.

Dr. Roger Wyse will give an overview and discuss the use of biotechnology in meeting our world’s ever increasing demand for food and energy. As the human population continues to increase rapidly, meeting this demand has become one of the most important, and often contentious, geopolitical and economical priorities in the 21st century. Dr. Wyse will talk about how industrial applications, global food security and sustainability evolve in the biotech industry. His advisory role to local government and broad investment experience will give us a fresh perspective on how governments along with private sectors intend to not only meet the aforementioned demands, but also leap ahead and become leaders in the industry.

On a corporate level, Dr. Mary Haak-Frendscho will talk about how major biotech and biopharmaceutical companies are strategizing to survive this global economic downturn and position themselves for strong future growth. She will discuss about the prospect for biotech research & development (R&D) and whether US is still the global leader in biotech R&D and/or manufacturing. She will also discuss how innovation and management are practiced across borders and how these practices influence the survival/success of the companies.

Mr. Haru Morita will talk about his extensive experiences and the various risks/opportunities that await us in biotech startups as the industry recovers from the recession. In addition, he will discuss the benefits a foreign biotech startup may enjoy operating in the US versus elsewhere in terms of market opportunity and regulatory process.

This year the theme of Keizai Society is “Catch the Next Wave—New Opportunities for 201.” This forum helps us better understand the present global biotech industry and its future prospects so that we can catch the next wave, and latch on to new opportunities in the years to come. Please bring many business cards in order to exchange with attendees and panelists, since it is important to network and help each other in these tough times. And please forward this message to your friends and colleagues to expand the power of the Next Wave.

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The Keizai Society held its September Forum, ‘Recovering from Recession,’ on the 28th at the offices of Fenwick and West in Mountain View. During the event there were several very thoughtful points brought up by our panel of experts pertaining to the global impact of the recession, how much longer it will last, and how recovery is going to happen. There is an UStream recording of the event available on the Keizai Society website in case you missed the event.

We hope that the weather for our next Keizai Society Forum will be cooler. Please join us on the evening of October 28 for our October Forum, ‘Prospects for the Global Biotech Industry.’ Distinguished panelists include Dr. Roger Wyse, Managing Director and General Partner at Burrill & Company; a member of International Advisory Panel for Biotechnology for Malaysia’s Prime Minister; Dr. Mary Haak-Frendscho, President and CSO of Takeda San Francisco; Dr. Akiko Futamura, President and CEO of InifiteBio; and Haru Morita, President and CEO of REGiMMUNE. There will be time available during the forum for networking with our panelists and other professionals interested in the biotechnology industry. This forum will address the prospects for the biotechnology industry in a global context. Register soon at www.keizai.org to reserve your spot at this highly anticipated event. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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Co-Presidents, Keizai Society

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Dr. Akiko Futamura is President and CEO of InfiniteBio. Formerly, she was Executive Vice President, Science and Technology/Business Development at SC BioScience USA, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Corporation, and Vice President, Science and Technology at Summit Biotech, a venture capital arm of Sumitomo Corporation. She was responsible for identifying key technologies, conducting due diligence and was involved in business development at therapeutics and platform (tool) companies. She played a central role in concluding a number of important alliances and investments with companies such as Morphotek, Cyntellect, QuantumDot Corporation, Xenogen, Panomics and Multispan. At InfiniteBio, Dr. Futamura has assisted numerous Japanese companies commercialize novel in vitro and in vivo technologies in the U.S., including PhoenixBio, SCIvAX Corporation, and ReproCELL. Dr. Futamura received her BS in biotechnology from the University of Tokyo, and Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Illinois. She is currently serving as a visiting professor at Osaka University, Japan, and is working to transfer novel technologies from Japan to the U.S. Dr. Futamura is a co-founder of the Japanese Scientists Network in the U.S.

Mr. Haru Morita has served as President, CEO and Director of REGiMMUNE, which is headquartered in Japan but has a US subsidiary in Mountain View, California. Mr. Morita has been with REGiMMUNE since founding it in 2006 and has raised over US$20 million two years ago. Prior to REGiMMUNE, Mr. Morita served on the management teams of Y’s Therapeutics, Ltd. and Y’s Therapeutics, Inc., most recently as Director of Business Development with responsibility for corporate planning as well. Mr. Morita’s professional experience also includes management consulting at Booz Allen and Hamilton (Tokyo office). In this capacity as consultant, he helped clients to establish and implement strategy not only in pharmaceutical business but also in other area such as chemical and consumer products. Prior to that, Mr. Morita worked as a research scientist in the medical research division of Kirin Brewery Co. Ltd (lately it merged into Kyowa-Hakko-Kirin). At Kirin he was part of the research and development team that was first to clone Megakaryocyte Growth and Differentiation Factor (MDGF or Thrombopoietin). Mr. Morita received his BS in Chemical Engineering and MS in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Tokyo.
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Participating Panelists

Daniel Okimoto
Director-Emeritus, Shorenstein APARC
FSI Senior Fellow and Professor of Political Science (former), Stanford University

Keitaro Matsuda
Senior Vice President, Director of Economic Research for Union Bank

Hirofumi Takinami
Visiting Fellow, Shorenstein APARC, Stanford University
Visiting Scholar, Policy Research Institute of the Ministry of Finance, Japan

Let me characterize the current situation as a fragile recovery, which is the good news, with major uncertainties in the international system, which is worrisome, and persistent structural problems, which is very worrisome.

Dr. Daniel Okimoto

September 29 the Keizai Society held its September Forum, “Recovering from Recession,” at the offices of Fenwick & West in Mountain View. The panelists discussed the global impact of the current economic recession, and compared it to the recession in Japan in the 1990’s. The distinguished panelists were: Daniel Okimoto, the Director-Emeritus of Shorenstein APARC, FSI Senior Fellow, and former Professor of Political Science at Stanford University; Keitaro Matsuda, the Senior Vice President and Director of Economic Research for Union Bank; and Hirofumi Takinami, a Visiting Fellow with the Shorenstein APARC, and a Stanford University Visiting Scholar with the Policy Research Institute of the Ministry of Finance in Japan.

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Dr. Okimoto started off the night by giving the audience an overview of the global scope of the recent economic downturn. He states that he has a pessimistic view for the short term future of the global economy. There is evidence of a “fragile recovery,” as he calls it, but he points out that there is still major uncertainty and major structural problems that hinder growth. In his speech Dr. Okimoto covered many topics including the danger of defaulting economies in the southern Euro zone, the toxic political culture both in the US and in other democratic and capitalist systems, and the trade relationship between China and US. At the end of his speech he left the audience with one question: What is more worrisome, the global economy, or the politics?

Mr. Matsuda continued the discussion, this time from the point of view of a bank economist as opposed to Dr. Okimoto’s scholarly viewpoint. He believes that the recession started in 2006, and built to a climax at the end of 2008. Despite the fact that there is currently a fall in the GDP, and growth rates...
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are not very strong, Mr. Matsuda does not think that a double-dip recession is likely. He also compared the recession of the 1990’s in Japan to the current recession. Overall the patterns are the same, he notes, but the details are different. Among other things, the scope of the crisis was much different. With Japan, the crisis had largely been a domestic problem. In the current recession the problem very quickly spread to global markets.

Mr. Takinami ended the evening for us with an analysis of the two recessions, the different reactions by the governments involved to solve the problem, and key lessons learned. He points out that there was considerable public resistance in Japan to injecting public money into failing banks. This caused the economy to stagnate and recovery to be delayed. The economy never started recovering until 2003 when the government was able to successfully inject public money into a failing institution. Mr. Takinami recommends two keys for a successful bailout: the public’s understanding of the necessity of a bailout along with swift action, and the market’s belief in the credibility of the government’s commitment to solve the crisis.

Overall, opinions on the recovery range from pessimistic to cautious optimism. The recovery has many more years left to go, and may be complicated by what happens in foreign economies. A recording of the September Forum is available for free on www.keizai.org and is recommended so you may get the full details.

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Koji Osawa of Global Catalyst Partners and a Keizai Society board member.

Koitaro Matsuda takes some questions after the presentation.

Robert Stodieck of Shangai Jade Technologies.

Hirofumi Takninami answers questions after the event.

The panel takes questions from the audience after the event.

Koitaro Matsuda makes a point.
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