

Drones: Current Uses and Future Trends

Thursday | March 21, 2019 | 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Event Overview

Originally developed for military, drones are quickly evolving for commercial and consumer uses: facility inspections, first responder surveillances, filming, and so on. Yet it is still rare to spot a drone in our daily lives. Where are we today with drone technologies? This program will explore recent trends in the North American and Japanese markets in drone technology, how safety and industrial sectors are changing by the use of drones, and how they will lead to the future automated drones.

Panel: Brent Wu — Partner, Geodesic Capital

Shailendra Singh — Director Business Development, Honeywell

Tom Moss — COO, Skydio Inc.

Shawn Koyama (Moderator)— Startup Liaison Manager, Hitachi

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019

Registration/Networking: 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Program: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Networking: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Venue: DLA PIPER

2000 University Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94303

Fees: \$15: Early Bird Discount for first 30 registrations by Saturday, Mar 2 (11PM)

\$20: Regular Registration by Saturday, Mar 16 (11 PM) \$35: Late Registration by Tuesday, Mar 19 (Noon)

\$50: Walk-ins (Seats are limited and may not be available)

Food and beverages will be served.

Registration: http://www.keizai.org

Featured Panelists and Moderator



Brent Wu, Partner, Geodesic Capital

Brent Wu is a Partner at Geodesic Capital and manages Investor Relations. His experiences and interests have been at the crossroad of business services and entrepreneurship, with a focus on seamlessly connecting end users to innovative solutions that solve real business problems. With a focus on building and growing partnerships with clients, companies, and individuals, he has been drawn into a variety of B2B and B2C verticals. Prior to joining Geodesic, Brent was the Director of Business Development at Kespry, a leading commercial drone and data intelligence provider for industrial use cases. There he led channel sales and OEM partnerships to serve the Architecture, Engineering, Construction, and Mining verticals. Prior to Kespry, Brent built and led the Business Development and Account Management teams at Blackhawk Network's Gift Card Exchange Business where he worked with the worlds largest retailers to fully leverage their brand equity. Before private industry, Brent was a Senior Associate at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services, specializing in valuations of business entities, intangible assets, and equities. Brent earned a Masters in Business Administration from MIT's Sloan School of Management and a Bachelor's Degree from Berkeley's Haas School of Business. He is also a CFA Charterholder.



Shailendra Singh, Director Business Development, Honeywell

Shailendra is part of Honeywell UAV group and responsible for business development in an entrepreneur environment for inspections and data-analytics services. He has been instrumental in setting up product and business strategy, industry partnerships and developing a global reach for Honeywell's UAV inspection service.

Shailendra has been in product and business development for 20+ years and have lead several innovative programs including autonomous vehicles and related technologies.



Tom Moss, COO, Skydio Inc.

Tom is COO of Skydio Inc., the world's leading autonomous drone company. Skydio's first product, the R1, is a fully-autonomous consumer drone that acts as an autonomous film crew that captures unique dynamic footage of your adventures (www.skydio.com). Prior to Skydio, Tom was co-founder and CEO of Nextbit Inc. (acquired by Razer Inc.), co-founder and CEO of 3LM (acquired by Motorola), and started the Android business development and partnership teams at Google, helping to take Android from zero to over 80% global market share (and over a billion total units) in just 5 years.



Shawn Koyama (Moderator), Startup Liaison Manager, Hitachi

Shawn is a Startup Liaison Manager at Hitachi, responsible for connecting startups and Hitachi business units to help our global customers. Previously he worked on developing the MARS seat reservation system in Japan and IEP train monitoring system in the UK as an engineer. He grew up in the US, then received a Bachelor's Degree in economics from Keio University.



Founded in 1990, Keizai Silicon Valley US-Japan Business Forum is an all-volunteer business and professional networking organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Its primary purpose is to provide opportunities for executives and professionals to develop the knowledge and human networks for successful US-Japan Business.