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Japanese-German-French DWIH Symposium on Artificial Intelligence

BULLET POINTS:

- **AI is a key topic in several national research agendas – exchange about its potential and risks is needed on an international level**

- **The first Japanese-German-French Symposium on Artificial Intelligence (Nov, 21-22) brings together key actors from all 3 countries in Tokyo**

- **Addressing academia, policy and business/industry, the symposium provides a platform to facilitate international as well as intersectional exchange and collaboration.**

SHORT VERSION:

Trilateral Symposium on AI: Experts from France, Germany and Japan gather in Tokyo to discuss latest developments in Artificial Intelligence

On November 21–22, the German Centre for Research and Innovation Tokyo (DWIH Tokyo) will hold the first Japanese-German-French Symposium on Artificial Intelligence. At the trilateral symposium, experts from all 3 countries will discuss the latest advances in AI research and applications. Addressing key actors from academia, policy and business/industry, the symposium will provide a platform to facilitate international as well as intersectional exchange and collaboration.

Organizer: German Centre for Research and Innovation Tokyo (DWIH Tokyo) (website: www.dwih-tokyo.jp)
Co-organizer: Embassy of France in Japan
Patronage: Federal Foreign Office, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
Supported by: Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Japan, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), Japan Science & Technology Agency (JST), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)
Date & Venue: November 21-22, 2018, at Toranomon Hills (Tokyo)
Symposium Title: "Artificial Intelligence – International Research and Applications: 1st Japanese-German-French DWIH Symposium"
Further Information: www.dwih-tokyo.org/ai

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is one of the most promising and discussed research topics today. Several countries already invest heavily in AI - Japan, Germany and France are among them, promoting research on AI in their national high-tech strategies. Given the revolutionary potential AI bears in almost every industry sector and the impact it will have on our lives in the future, the global interest in AI calls for international exchange and discussion.

The Japanese-German-French DWIH Symposium on Artificial Intelligence answers this demand. Bringing together experts from all 3 countries in Tokyo, it offers a chance to discuss the latest advances in AI research and trigger transnational cooperation. Addressing experts from academia as well as from policy and business/industry, it also provides a platform to facilitate intersectional exchange and collaboration.

The symposium is organized by the German Centre for Research and Innovation Tokyo (DWIH Tokyo), which acts as an umbrella for German scientific and research interests in Japan. The Embassy of France in Japan is co-organizer, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Japan, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), the Japan Science & Technology Agency (JST), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO) have provided support.

Press Information

Journalists from all media (e.g., print, radio, TV, online) are welcome to attend the symposium. Please register by direct mail to press@daadjp.com
If you wish for interviews with certain speakers or have further questions, please feel free to contact us by email.

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Quotations (free to use for DWIH symposium media coverage)

Prof. Dr. Margret Wintermantel / President of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) (Germany):
"Countries from all around the world are heavily investing in AI research, and we think that in this heated market, collaboration – rather than competition – is the key to finding innovative approaches and to proactively creating the future we would like to live in. I am confident that this symposium gives vibrant and new dynamics to trilateral cooperation in AI science and research."

Takuya Hirai / Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy (Japan):
"In Japan, we are currently discussing the principles that are necessary to create a society ready for AI. I hope that this symposium allows a thorough exchange between Japan, Germany, and France on AI-related ethics and principles and progresses the readiness for AI on a global level."
「日本では、AI-Readyな社会を構築するために必要となる社会原則について、活発に議論しています。このシンポジウムにおいて、日本、ドイツ、フランスの関係者が AI 倫理・原則について意見交換を行うことによって、グローバルなレベルでの AI-Ready 化が進展することを期待しています。」

Heiko Maas / Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs (Germany):
"We need to discuss which standards we might need to establish in order to shape digital transformation and make it a success on a global level. This trilateral symposium provides an excellent forum to address these issues, support networking among national research activities and foster cooperation on innovative research between policymakers, scientists and the business community."

Dr. Yuichiro Anzai / Senior Advisor, Director of Center for Science Information Analysis, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS):
"Rather than fearing advances in the AI field, we have to ask ourselves how we can use AI technologies in order to build a better society and better world."
「人工知能分野の発展を恐れるよりも、より良い社会、より良い世界を築くために、私たち人間自身がいかに人工知能技術を役立たせることができるかを自問しなくてはいけない。」

Dr. Joseph Reger / Fujitsu Fellow, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Fujitsu EMEIA:
"As with all technological advances in the past, impacts on society will depend as much on the society as on the technology. What will happen is what we choose to have happen. AI will certainly enable huge changes."

Dr. Arisa Ema / Project Assistant Professor, Policy Alternatives Research Institute, The University of Tokyo, Visiting Researcher, RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project:
"AI's ethical and legal impact, its challenges and risks, are becoming more and more the subject of public discussion. AI technologies do not stand alone but function within an ecosystem consisting of organizational cultures, legal systems and human values."