

41st SAAJ Annual Conference



Co-Creation of Finance and Generative AI:

Advancing the Analyst's Role in Creating Value

Time and Date: 15:00-19:30 Friday, October 9, 2026

Seminar Style: Hybrid Venue: 4F Hall & Conference, JP Tower



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<Moderator> Ayako Kanouchi, CMA, Freelance Announcer

15:00~15:05 Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks Chie Toriumi, CMA, Chair of SAAJ

15:05~16:05 Commemorative Speech 1

“Reenergizing Japan with AI-Driven Value Creation”

Masanori Suzuki Representative Director, President and CEO, NTT DATA Japan Corporation

16:10~17:10 Commemorative Speech 2

“Envisioning a Future Worth Leaving Behind”

Kazuto Ataka Professor, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Keio University
Senior Strategist, LY Corporation

17:20~17:50 Dialogue

“Co-Creation of Finance and Generative AI: Advancing the Analyst's Role in Creating Value”

Michinori Kanokogi Head of Data, AI & Quant Research at Nissay Asset Management

Rie Nishihara Managing Director, Chief Japan Equity Strategist, J.P. Morgan

17:55~18:15 Award Winners Introduction

Presentation of the Securities Analysts Journal Prize

Presentation of the 2026 Awards for Excellence in Corporate Disclosure

18:15~18:20 Closing Remarks

Closing Remarks Mitsuhiro Iso, CMA, Chair of Conference Committee, SAAJ

18:30~19:30 Networking

Venue: Foyer, 4F Hall & Conference, JP Tower

Buffet style

Commemorative Speech



Masanori Suzuki

Representative Director, President and CEO, NTT DATA Japan Corporation

Masanori Suzuki joined Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (NTT) in 1988 and moved to NTT DATA Communications Systems Corporation (now NTT DATA Group Corporation) following its spin-off later that year. Throughout his career at NTT DATA, he has primarily worked in businesses serving the financial sector. In 2016, he was appointed Corporate Officer and subsequently served as Head of the Corporate Strategy Office. In 2020, he was appointed Director and Senior Executive Vice President. As Head of the Corporate Strategy Headquarters, he led the development and execution of company-wide strategies.

In 2023, he was appointed Representative Director and Executive Vice President of the domestic operating company established as part of the Group's three-company reorganization, with responsibility for the financial and public sectors and for driving the growth of the domestic business.

He has held his current position since June 2025.



Kazuto Ataka

Professor, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Keio University
Senior Strategist, LY Corporation

Kazuto Ataka joined Yahoo in 2008 after working at McKinsey, and served as Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) from 2012 to 2022. He specializes in structural transformations in industry and policy driven by data and AI. He has been consistently involved in the formulation and implementation of Japan's AI and data policy, including the development of the Artificial Intelligence Industrialization Roadmap that served as the foundation for the national AI strategy; the design of skill standards, model curricula, and a university accreditation system for mathematics, data science, and AI; as well as the proposal and design of the University for International Research Excellence framework.

His publications include "Shin Nihon", "Issue-Driven Thinking (Issue kara Hajimeyo)", and "Kaze no Tani to Iu Kibō (Hope Called the Valley of the Wind)".

Dialogue



Michinori Kanokogi

Head of Data, AI & Quant Research at Nissay Asset Management

Michinori Kanokogi serves as Head of Data, AI & Quant Research at Nissay Asset Management. He has been leading the research and development of AI-enabled investment solutions while driving digital transformation (DX) across the asset management business. Prior to his current role, Mitch established and led AQR Capital Management's investment operations in Japan. His professional experience also includes multi-manager investment at Russell Investments, equity portfolio management at UBS, and financial services consulting at PwC and Deloitte. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering from the University of Tokyo, a Master of Engineering from Kyoto University, and an MBA from INSEAD. He has been a CFA charterholder since 2007 and has been serving as Vice President of CFA Society Japan since 2025. He is the author of "How Generative AI is Transforming Asset Management" and has translated several books in finance and AI, including "Advances in Financial Machine Learning", and "Expected Returns".



Rie Nishihara

Managing Director, Chief Japan Equity Strategist, J.P. Morgan

Rie Nishihara joined J.P. Morgan as a senior bank analyst in 2015. She has been Chief Japan Equity Strategist since May 2022. Based on her understanding of the Japanese macroeconomic policy, extensive experience at the Bank of Japan, and J.P. Morgan's global franchise, she provides insights on market conditions, the economic and financial market impact of policies, and investment strategies through various media channels. She is the No.1 Japan Equity Strategist in the Extel Survey. Rie was educated at the University of Tokyo in Economics (BA) and at the London Business School (MSc). She was a visiting fellow at Columbia Business School's Center on Japanese Economy and Business in 2010-2011. Her experience in public policy includes Advisor to the working groups, Financial System Council, on bank regulation reform (2020) and regional banking system (2025).