The 4th SNU-UTokyo Forum

“COVID-19, Public Policy and Corporate Law”
&
“The Past, Present, and Future of Strategic Partnership between UTokyo and SNU”

Friday 19 February 2021, 09:30-14:00 (Tokyo/Seoul)
Zoom

Sponsored by the Strategic Partnership between Seoul National University and the University of Tokyo
Hosted by: The University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics
Overview

The world has dramatically changed its social system, economic landscape, and communication style due to the profound shock of the COVID-19 crisis. Indeed, the impact range is diverse, and it has put new and unique demands on public policy and law. However, the methods and timing of government and legal responses to COVID-19 differ by country. What kind of policy and legal responses were taken for COVID-19, and what was their effectiveness? Which factors can explain the differences in policy and legal responses to COVID-19 across countries? What implications do these policy and legal responses to COVID-19 have for our future social system? There remains a need to adopt a more interdisciplinary approach in addressing complex COVID-19 issues and exploring the roles of public and private stakeholders.

In this context, under the theme “COVID-19, Public Policy and Corporate Law,” this symposium will engage legal and public policy experts from the University of Tokyo and Seoul National University to assess the current state of the challenges of COVID-19 in Japan and South Korea and discuss ways to move beyond the COVID-19 situation from an interdisciplinary perspective.

This international symposium is organized under the Strategic Partnership Program of the University of Tokyo and Seoul National University. This project was started to establish expansive, mutually beneficial, and special relationships with a limited number of overseas partner universities that would go beyond typical academic exchange agreements. A memorandum on strategic partnership between the University of Tokyo and Seoul National University was signed in 2016; since then, an interdisciplinary event with Seoul National University is conducted annually. In order to strengthen the partnership, as the second part of this year’s symposium, under the theme “The Past, Present, and Future of Strategic Partnership between UTokyo and SNU,” we invited alumni of the University of Tokyo from South Korea and of Seoul National University from Japan to share their experiences and discuss ways to develop the relationship between both universities in the future.

Session structure

[Session 1, Session 2]
Language: English. Japanese simultaneous interpretation will be provided.
Following a short introduction by the moderator (5 min), each panelist will present their research work (20 min each), and the moderator will pose questions to panelists and engage the audience in discussion.

[Session 3]
Language: Japanese. English simultaneous interpretation will be provided.
This is a roundtable session. Following a short introduction by the moderator (3 min), each panelist will share their experience and thoughts (5 min), and the moderator will pose questions to panelists and engage the audience in discussion.
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<td>- <strong>Hideaki Shiroyama</strong>&lt;br&gt;Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo. Coordinator of Strategic Partnership with Seoul National University</td>
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| 09:35-10:50 | Session 1: COVID-19 and Corporate Law        | Moderator: **Tomotaka Fujita**<br>Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo<br><br>Panelist: **Gen Goto**<br>Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo<br>"COVID-19, CSR and Soft Law"<br><br>**Ok-Rial Song**<br>Professor, School of Law, Seoul National University<br>"The Impact of COVID-19 to the Corporate Law"
| 10:50-10:55 | Break                                        |                                                                         |
| 10:55-12:10 | Session 2: COVID-19 and Public Policy        | Moderator: **Hideaki Shiroyama**<br>Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo<br><br>Panelist: **Yong Lim**<br>Associate Professor, School of Law, Seoul National University<br><br>**Sangchul Park**<br>Assistant Professor, School of Law, Seoul National University |
Arisa Ema  
Project Lecturer, Institute for Future Initiatives, The University of Tokyo

Discussant:
- Dahee Kang  
  Professor, College of Medicine, Seoul National University
- Hideki Hashimoto  
  Professor, School of Public Health, The University of Tokyo

12:10-13:00  
Lunch Break

13:00-13:55  
Session 3: The Past, Present, and Future of Strategic Partnership between UTokyo and SNU  

Moderator:
- Naoto Sekimura  
  Vice President, Professor at the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Management, School of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

Panelist:
- Beomjoon Kim  
  Professor, Institute of Industrial Science, The University of Tokyo
- Jong-Keun Park  
  Emeritus Professor, Seoul National University, The University of Tokyo SNU Office
- Cheolhee Park  
  Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University
- Jeonghwan Seo  
  Vice president, AISE, Inc.

Discussant:
- Kentaro Maeda  
  Associate Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, The University of Tokyo
- Koshiro Nagai  
  1st Graduates of CAMPUS Asia program, The University of Tokyo, Seoul National University, Class of 2015. MD, CLASS101
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