

## **Next Chairman of I-House Appointed**

October 25, 2018

At the Board of Directors meeting of the International House of Japan, Inc. (I-House) on October 25, 2018, it was officially decided that Yasushi Akashi will retire as Chairman of the Board as of December 31, 2018, and that Masaakira James Kondō will assume the role as of January 1, 2019. It was also resolved that Akashi, after more than nine years of chairmanship, will become Honorary Advisor on January 1, 2019.

Kondō, 50, is currently a director of I-House since June of this year and was a trustee of I-House for the last two years. His academic as well as business background can be found below.

As always, I-House welcomes your support and cooperation in its mission and activities to deepen mutual understanding internationally.

## Masaakira James Kondō



### Current jobs:

#### [Academic]

Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Business Administration,  
Hitotsubashi University

#### [Nonprofits]

Co-Chair, Silicon Valley Japan Platform

Representative Director, World Economic Forum Centre for the Fourth  
Industrial Revolution Japan

Trustee, Asia Society (NY); Representative Director, Asia Society Japan  
Center

Co-Founder, TABLE FOR TWO International

#### [Business]

Senior Advisor, Geodesic Capital

### Education:

BA in Economics, Keio University

MBA, Harvard University

World Fellow, Yale University

### Previous jobs:

Consultant, McKinsey & Company

Visiting Associate Professor, University of Tokyo

Special Advisor, Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

Chairman, Twitter Japan; Vice President, Twitter Inc.

### Awards:

Young Global Leader, World Economic Forum (Davos)

Inamori Fellow, Inamori Foundation

Fellow, US-Japan Leadership Program, United States-Japan Foundation