

Panel Discussion 2

“Forging Philanthropy-Business Partnership Towards Diverse, Equitable and Inclusive Society”



Panelist

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For more than 30 years, the Foundation has supported capacity building efforts and promoted social participation for persons with disabilities. Its efforts reach countries throughout the world, with an especially strong focus on Southeast Asia. To date, it has provided opportunities for higher education to over 3,000 leaders with disabilities. Recently, the scope of the Foundation’s activities has broadened to encompass business sector as well. This includes partnering with The Valuable 500, a global movement promoting disability inclusion in business. As its Global Impact Partner, the Foundation promotes economic participation for persons with disabilities at 500 globally active companies.

Prior to joining the international disability program, Yosuke has about 10 years of experience in various fields of philanthropy including peacebuilding, capacity building, startup incubation and foundation management.