

# US-JAPAN COVID-19 ONLINE WEBINAR

## WHAT WE LEARNED & WHAT'S NEXT

### Panelist Bios



**Dr. Daiichi Morii** is an Infectious Disease Physician at Osaka University Hospital and also serves as Technical Advisor at the COVID-19 Headquarters of The Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare. In his role with Osaka University Hospital, he offers consultation service to infectious disease wards and ICUs, nosocomial infection control, and vaccination service to hospital employees and patients. As special advisor to The Japanese Ministry, he has managed a variety of international affairs activities including work with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Tripartite Health Ministers Meeting between Japan, China, and South Korea. More recently he has been in part of The Ministry's Health Policy Bureau where he coordinates infection control and patient safety. His areas of interest include health economics, infection control, infectious diseases, hand hygiene, health policy, antimicrobial resistance, epidemiology of fungal infection, hydrogen sulfide gas poisoning, and intensive care medicine. Dr. Morii has conducted study and research throughout the world including Singapore, San Francisco, and Emory University in Atlanta.

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**Dr. David Ku** is the Lawrence P. Huang Chair Professor of Engineering Entrepreneurship, Regents' Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship's Program for Engineering Entrepreneurship. He has an active research interest in cardiovascular disease pathophysiology and treatment. He has additional interest in commercialization of novel medical devices through start-up companies, and efficient methods of product development. He has been involved with four start-ups and successfully raised over \$20 million in financing. Dr. Ku's work is supported by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the American Heart Association, the Mason Foundation, and the Whitaker Foundation. His collaborative work is performed with Emory University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Texas A&M, Nagano University, and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, Switzerland.