

Symposium Co-Chair's Message

On behalf of the program committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Human Life Design International Symposium to be held both at Kanazawa Bunka Hall and JAIST Campus on March 27-29, 2016. The main purpose of this international symposium is to introduce Human Life Design (HLD).

HLD is a new field of study that seeks to amplify individual knowledge and apply it to improve the Quality of Life (QOL) of human beings by creating a new world in which humans and machines work together in a reinforcing way.

To achieve this, HLD focuses on:

Discovery and acquisition of basic knowledge: by creating fundamental knowledge based on human science (e.g. psychology, physiology, brain science, cognitive science)

Development of technological seeds: by deriving elemental technologies from human science based on information science and technology

Understanding of needs and improvement of QOL: by integrating innovative concepts for enterprises based on design science

Establishment of a new education and research area: by combining fundamental knowledge, elemental technologies, and innovations

HLD thus integrates the academic areas of human science, information science, and design science to cover four research themes called **Collaboration**, **Cognition**, **Creation**, and **Communication**. Four different sessions will be organized around these themes in the first two days of this symposium (March 26 and 27) and a comprehensive workshop will take place on the remaining two days (March 28 and 29). Both international scholars (from organizations with which we conduct research collaboration abroad) and faculty members of JAIST will present the latest advancement and perspectives on HLD research.

I sincerely appreciate all authors for presenting their valuable findings, and all attendees for participating in the discussions earnestly. Your attendance and contribution to this symposium will make it an exciting and fruitful event, and a memorable experience you will never forget. I expect this symposium will spark meaningful discussions helpful to set a practical direction for new HLD research.

Finally, I wish you all a pleasant stay in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture.

Sincerely,

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