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x = independently organized TED event

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



H.E. RADINCK VAN VOLLENHOVEN

Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Japan

Mr. van Vollenhoven is the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Tokyo. Mr. van Vollenhoven entered the Foreign Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1978. He holds a Masters degree in Economics, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

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THE HON. KUNIKO INOUCHI

Member of the House of Councillors

Kuniko is a current member of the House of Councillors, and by her own account she is a best friend of Caroline Kennedy, who is the US ambassador to Japan. Nihon University Professor (International Politics), Science Council of Japan member (political Science) Minister of State for the Social Affairs, and Gender Equality (2005–2006), Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Delegation of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament (Geneva, 2002–2004), Defence issue Advisory Committee (1994–1996).

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WENDY ADDISON

Development Coach & International Speaker

Wendy is a published author, development coach and international speaker who spent over 20 years as a corporate executive working within public companies both in South Africa and the UK. Wendy blew the whistle on what is known as the biggest corporate disaster in South African history and whilst it took her eleven years to secure justice, she also spent these years asking difficult questions, reaching out, re birthing.

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MELANIE BROCK

Chair, Australian & NZ Chamber of Commerce

Melanie is a Japan-based entrepreneur with extensive business experience in both Australia and Japan. She is the Founder and Managing Director of Agenda, a consulting and importing business for the Japanese food and beverage markets. Agenda consults with companies involved in importing into Japan and also provides a full range of services for importing, distribution and brand management. Women that Melanie looks up to as she established her career includes working mothers but equally so, refers to women who are committed in their working lives but remain true to themselves.

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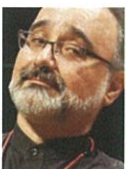


DONNA BURKE & CHRIS WELLS

Tokyo Comedy Store

Chris and Donna provide workshops in Tokyo for companies that want to teach important business behaviors in through improvisation, including how to use body language to show appropriate status in business situations, how to foster a "Yes We Can" attitude, how to build listening skills, how to be comfortable communicating in a non-fluent second language, and more. These skills are taught through games, which makes the lesson fun as well as hard to forget.

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EDUARDO GALVANI

Visual Designer

Eduardo Galvani passionately believes that design creativity, like human personality is both distinctive and enduring. Eduardo holds a degree in architecture. He is a Tokyo-based art & creative director. Through his accomplishments, he has set the graphical standard for Sony Recorded Media branding worldwide. Eduardo received the 2003 award of Internet Showcase of the year by the Japan Creators Association. He was the winner for 5 consecutive years of KDDI TV commercials competition for Japanese broadcast which was awarded from both the International Broadcasting Society (Hollywood Radio and Television Society) & the London International Advertising Awards.

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JOHN GOMEZ

Chairman, Kizuna Child-Parent Reunion

John Gomez has lived in Japan since January 1995. He graduated from Harvard University in 1983 with an A.B. in Physical Sciences. In 2008, his daughter was taken by her mother, and he has been denied access to her with few visits for five and a half years. Considering that the Japanese family law system was facilitating the blockage of access to his daughter, he decided the only way to restore the relationship with his daughter was to go to the US to build support and create pressure against the injustice.

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STUTI JALAN

Founder & Managing Director, Crosshairs Communication

An award-winning first generation woman entrepreneur, from being a transformational force in the PR and Communications industry and breaking barriers of a traditional mindset, young achiever, internationally recognized as an emerging woman leader – Stuti Jalan founded Crosshairs Communication in 2002 when she was 23 years old with no capital. The company has grown to become one of India's niche and upcoming public relations, strategic communications, brand consultancy and social media companies. Today, Crosshairs is a recognized name in strategic and effective planning.

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HOTAKA KATAHIRA

Chairman, Marunouchi Brand Forum

Hotaka is the chairman of Marunouchi Brand Forum. Hotaka is also Professor of Marketing Science, the Business Studies Department at the University of Tokyo's Graduate School of Economics. He has published several scholarly works, including Leveraging Japan, The Principles of Brand Power and Building Perpetuity in Business: Learning from "Zeami."

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SCHOLASTICA SYLVAN KIMARYO

Founder & CEO, Kilimanjaro Conscious Leadership Institute Ltd, Author

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Scholastica holds an MSc in Social Policy, Planning & Participation in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics & Political Science, a BSc in Home Economics & Nutrition as well as a post-graduate Diploma in Journalism. She describes herself as a "trail-blazer" entrepreneur. She is the InfoPreneur, Founder & CEO at Kilimanjaro Conscious Leadership Institute in South Africa where she does professional training and coaching after almost 20 years with the UN. One of Scholastica's most valuable insights is that one could be a powerful woman without losing the femininity that made one a woman. She is dedicated to helping women find a healthy work-life balance



JESSE MCFADDIN & LYRICA MCFADDIN

Musician

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Born in 1980/08/11, Singer/MC/Guitarist/Fashion Producer/Philanthropist, American nationality. A frontman of one of the established rock band, RIZE. RIZE has a 13 year music career with many accomplishments, such as; appearing on the same stages with Linkin Park, Jay-Z, Oasis, Nine Inch Nails at plenty of large scale rock festivals including Live Aid, Summer Sonic, and more. JESSE also has proven careers in fashion fields, producing his own street fashion brand "SLIP&Co". Not only as a fashion producer, but as a street fashion icon, he often graces the cover of popular street fashion magazines.



SHARRON MCPHERSON

Entrepreneur

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For the past 20 years Sharron has been driven by a deep passion for community upliftment utilising enterprise development. She began working in the area of enterprise development back in 1988 when she approached the NY State Bar Association for special permission to do her own "pro bono" projects. She began working with women from severely disadvantaged backgrounds in New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. She left her position as a Wall Street investment banker in 1995, relocated to South Africa and has essentially operated as a banker cum lawyer turned serial social entrepreneur as head of the Women's Enterprise Development Initiative since that time.



MAYUMI ODA

Zen Silk Screen Artist

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Known to many as the "Matisse of Japan," Mayumi Oda has done extensive work with female goddess imagery. In addition to her work as an artist, Mayumi has spent many years of her life as a "global activist" participating in anti-nuclear campaigns worldwide. She founded Plutonium Free Future in 1992. On behalf of her organization, Mayumi lectured and held workshops on Nuclear Patriarchy to Solar Communities at the United Nations NGO Forum and the Women of Vision Conference in Washington DC.



YUMIKO ONO

Managing Editor, Wall Street Journal Japan

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Just as Japan began experimenting with equal opportunity for women in the late 1980s, Yumiko started her career at The Wall Street Journal. She has chronicled the struggles of Japanese women to get ahead in the slow-changing society, as well as those who have managed to break through by turning adversity into opportunity. In 2003, she became the first woman at WSJ to become bureau chief in Asia, overseeing the Tokyo and Seoul bureaus.



MISAN SAGAY

Screenwriter & Producer

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Misan's credits include Attenborough, a Short Film broadcast on channel 4 as part of The ShootingGallery Series. It was written and produced by Misan Sagay. Her credits also include Secret Laughter of Women, a full-length screenplay written and produced by Misan Sagay (Elba Films) with Handmade Films, which premiered at the London Film Festival 1999 and Their Eyes were Watching God, an adaptation for Harpo Films/HBO for ABC. It was produced by Oprah Winfrey and Quincy Jones. It starred Halle Berry in an EMMY nominated role.



KUMI SATO

President & CEO, Cosmo Public Relations Corporation (COSMO)

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In 1999, Kumi Sato was the founder of womenjapan.com, one of the first websites to empower women. Womenjapan.com K.K., was sold to Softbank Investments in 2001. In 2012, the Harvard Business School Club of Japan named Kumi "Business Stateswoman of the Year". In 2011, she won the "Outstanding Individual Achievement" honor at the Asia-Pacific SABRE Awards.



KEIICHI USHIJIMA

Executive Director / Principal Fellow, Ernst & Young

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Mr. Ushijima is Principal Fellow, Business Research Division, Ernst & Young Institute Co., Ltd. and takes leadership in the sustainability field. Prior to joining EY, he developed and led the implementation of CSR/sustainability strategy at Hitachi, a global electronics company that has over 900 group companies in the world, through stakeholder engagement as global CSR leader. His key roles of CSR are to support business development linking between social issues and business solutions, to improve quality of management and strategic communication. He is a member of CSR committee of Business Policy Forum Japan, a think-tank of METI, and used to be a member of steering committee of UN Global Compact Japan Network. Since 2013, he is advising sustainable business for clients while participating in global debate on standard setting.



PATRICIA BADER-JOHNSTON

TEDxMarunouchiWomen Curator

Patricia Bader-Johnston is an active social entrepreneur and founder of Silverbirch Associates KK, and 5ive-Planets ISH (a social enterprise supporting innovation, technology and entrepreneurship). She is also Head Partner in Japan for Thurlstone Capital LLC leading their solar development team in Japan. Prior to founding her own companies she held a number of senior corporate roles over two decades in Japan, including: Director of Communications for IBM Japan, Vice President Operations Finance and Resources for Goldman Sachs Japan, Head of Corporate and Regulatory Affairs at British American Tobacco Japan, and was Head (Japan, Australia, Taiwan) of Corporate Affairs for Standard Chartered Bank. Patricia is a retained advisor to the Tokyo Business Development Center and EGG Japan; a Professor of Globalization and Business Studies (MBA) at the Kenichi Ohmae Graduate School and at Rikkyo University; chairs the Entrepreneur Mentoring Initiative and The Entrepreneur Awards Japan; is a past President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan; and an Ambassador for UnitedSucces. She holds an MBA in International Business from McGill University Canada, and has raised four children in Japan with her husband Brad.