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## Okayama University Silicon Valley Office (OUSVO) is officially opened at Fremont, California in November, 2015

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The opening events of OUSVO were held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at San Jose Fairmont. The events consisted of the official ceremony, a reception and symposiums including cybersecurity & big data, and medical device global development.

Large crowds of nearly 200 attendees gathered at San Jose Fairmont, including many prestigious guests: Prof. Susan W. Martin, president of San Jose State University, Mr. Jun Yamada, Consul-General from the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco, Mr. Raul Peralez, Council Member of the city of San Jose, and Mr. Shuji Yamamoto, Director of the Economic Department of the city of Okayama. Prof. Kiyoshi Morita, the President, Prof. Shin-ichi Yamamoto, Executive member of the Board, Prof. Yoko Yamamoto, Director of the Center for Global Partnerships and Education and Prof. Mototaka Senda, Director of OUSVO from Okayama University also participated in the opening event as hosts.

At the opening ceremony, President Prof. Morita stated his excitement about the OUSVO carrying out part of Okayama University's global strategy. It will play the role of a crucial hub, and notably contribute to the Silicon Valley culture, as well as helping unite industry there with academia.

The opening ceremony was followed by two significant symposiums. The first symposium was focused on cybersecurity and big data, chaired by Prof. Tokumi Yokohira with four panelists from San Jose State University and Okayama University. The second



Okayama University President Morita delivers an address at the opening ceremony



Scene of the opening ceremony



Photograph taken near the entrance of the silicon valley office

focused on international medical device development collaborations between US and Japan organized by Prof. Yasutomo Nasu. The symposium, also introduced the capabilities of the team at Okayama University Hospital for carrying out sponsored clinical trials, Investigator-Initiated Trials (IITs) and Clinical Research.

OUSVO has mainly three missions: 1) developing international academia-industry relationships; 2) contributing to local society (industry, academia and government); and 3) being a part of a global contribution strategically stemming from Silicon Valley for advancing the promotion of research and education in Okayama University. OUSVO also supports international exchange student programs, as well as faculty exchange and collaboration globally.



Scene of the opening ceremony

Okayama University Silicon Valley Office (OUSVO) is located in Fremont, California. Please feel free to contact us or stop by if you are visiting Silicon Valley on business.

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