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Keynote Panel**Is Old Business New Business?****„Is Old Business New Business?“**

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Born in 1942. Sachio Semmoto graduated from Kyoto University and received his Master of Science and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the University of Florida.

From 1969 onwards, he held various positions in senior management within a number of companies such as Nippon Telephone & Telegraph (NTT), Kyocera and DDI Corporation, which he co-founded in 1984. At Nippon Telephone & Telegraph, Sachio Semmoto developed the first optical fiber system in Japan and led the development of the Information Network System, the world's first digital service which embodied the ISDN concept. In the period from 1974 to 1980, he served as Japan's official representative to the International Telecommunication Union on optical fiber and ISDN. Sachio Semmoto was a Visiting Professor at the Carnegie Mellon University from 1992 to 1993 and became a professor at the Graduate School of Business Administration at Keio University in 1996, teaching in the areas of entrepreneurial management and information technology. He has also pursued a number of other lecturing engagements at universities including the Universities of California Berkeley, Cambridge, Harvard and Stanford. Sachio Semmoto founded eAccess in 1999 and presently serves as its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. eAccess is Japan's first true entrepreneurial and global IP/telecom company that provides high-speed broadband telecommunication services using xDSL technology.

In addition to being a member of the boards of various high technology companies outside Japan, he serves as a Member of the Technical Advisory Board of Walden International and as an Advisory Board Member of 3i. Furthermore he acts as a Member of the Board of the Salzburg Seminar, the University of Florida Foundation Inc. and as a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. He is Co-founder and Trustee of the Japan Academic Society for Ventures and Entrepreneurs. Sachio Semmoto has published numerous papers and books on both telecommunication technologies and high technology management.

Geboren 1942. Sachio Semmoto schloss sein Studium mit einem Master of Science an der Kyoto Universität ab und promovierte im Bereich Elektrotechnik an der University of Florida.

Seit 1969 hatte er verschiedene Führungspositionen in einer Vielzahl von Unternehmen inne, unter anderem bei Nippon Telephone & Telegraph (NTT), Kyocera und DDI Corporation, welche 1984 von ihm mitgegründet wurde. Bei NTT entwickelte Sachio Semmoto das erste Glasfasernetz in Japan und leitete die Entwicklung des Information Network Systems, dem weltweit ersten Service der die ISDN-Technologie nutzte. In der Zeit von 1974 bis 1980 war er der offizielle Repräsentant Japans für die Bereiche Glasfaser und ISDN bei der Internationalen Fernmeldeunion. Sachio Semmoto war von 1992 bis 1993 Gastdozent der Carnegie Mellon Universität. Anschliessend wurde er 1996 Professor der Graduate School of Business Administration der Keio Universität und lehrte in den Bereichen Entrepreneurship und Informatik. Zusätzlich dozierte er an der University of California Berkeley, in Cambridge, Harvard und Stanford. Sachio Semmoto gründete eAccess 1999 und ist derzeit Chairman und Chief Executive Officer. eAccess ist Japans erstes selbstständiges, global agierendes Telekommunikationsunternehmen, das Breitband-Telekommunikations-service im Bereich der xDSL-Technologie anbietet.

Neben Mandaten in verschiedenen Hochtechnologie-Unternehmen ausserhalb Japans ist Sachio Semmoto Mitglied im Technical Advisory Board von Walden International und Mitglied des Beirats von 3i plc. Des Weiteren ist er einer der Direktoren des Salzburg Seminars, der University Florida Foundation Inc. und Förderer des Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Er ist Mitbegründer und Trustee der Japan Academic Society for Ventures and Entrepreneurs. Sachio Semmoto hat in den Bereichen Telekommunikationstechnologien und Hochtechnologie-Management publiziert.