# **News Release**



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Drone Fund

# Drone Fund to Hold Session on "Wide-Area Disaster Response by Drones and Air-Mobility" at the World Bosai Forum, Nov. 12, 2019

At the World Bosai Forum, held in Sendai, Japan, Drone Fund (Headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo, Representatives: Kotaro Chiba, Soki Ohmae) and Leave a Nest Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Group CEO: Yukihiro Maru) will host a session on November 12, 2019 regarding "Wide-area Disaster Response by Drones/Air-Mobility".

In recent years, Japan has faced significant risks, such as declining working-age population, aging infrastructure, and climate change. Under such circumstances, the importance of responding to large-scale disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, typhoons, heavy rains, and heavy snow is increasing. In order to reduce the damage caused by large-scale disasters, it is necessary to conduct disaster prevention and mitigation activities in advance and strengthen emergency response capabilities. When drone and air mobility solutions are used, they can contribute to infrastructure inspections and the strengthening of emergency survey and transportation activities. Drone Fund has been investing and supporting startups as a specialized fund aimed at the realization of a drone-based and air mobility society. In this World Bosai Forum session, Drone Fund; Leave a Nest Co., Ltd.; Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory (ACSL); SkyDrive Inc. and Trajectory, Ltd. will discuss wide-area disaster response using drones and air mobilities.

The World Bosai Forum is an international conference based on the "the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction" formulated at the UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 2015, following the Great East Japan Earthquake. The first conference was held in 2017, and this year will be the second.

Through this session, we will discuss disaster risk reduction measures and aim to contribute to the promotion of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

#### **Session overview**

Theme	The Future of Wide-Area Disaster Response by Drones and Air- Mobilities
Language	English
Date & Time	Tuesday, November 12, 2019 15:30-17:00
Location	Sendai International Center (Conference Bldg. 2F)  7980-0856 Aobayama, Aoba-ku, Sendai. 1 min walk from Kokusai Center Sta. on the Sendai City Subway Tozai Line
Speakers	Panelists: Yukihiro Maru: Group CEO of Leave a Nest Co., Ltd. Satoshi Washiya: COO, Board Director of Autonomous Control Systems Laboratory Ltd. Tomohiro Fukuzawa: CEO of SkyDrive Inc. Kenji Koseki: CEO of Trajectory, Ltd. Moderator: Shintaro Takahashi: Partner, CPPO of Drone Fund

### How to participate in the World Bosai Forum

The World Bosai Forum will be held in Sendai City from November 9 (Sat) to 12 (Mon), 2019. Participation fee is required. Pre-registration is possible through the official website.

World Bosai Forum: Registration http://www.worldbosaiforum.com/2019/entry/

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