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1st TEDxFukuoka2013 on February 16: Meadow of Concepts

February 5, 2013 -- Fukuoka, Japan -- On Saturday, February 16, 2013, TEDxFukuoka will host its first standard TEDx event, "TEDxFukuoka 2013 - Meadow of Concepts", at Meiji-Yasuda Seimei Hall in Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka. The 13 speeches and performances from diverse fields of medical care, philanthropy, social entrepreneurship, design/architecture, and entertainment can also be followed online where the event will be broadcasted live (Ustream - please refer to the below information).

TEDxFukuoka2013 is the first standard TEDx event in the city. "It is an international event built on the hard work of volunteer staff, the kind support of partners, and the tremendous effort of speakers and performers," said Joe Okubo, TEDxFukuoka Organizer. "Working together, I am certain that our efforts will result in a highly successful event next month!"

TEDxFukuoka originally launched in May 2012 to create a space for "Ideas Worth Spreading." The experience of the organizers has consisted of a small workshop, a TEDxFukuokaSalon focused on TEDxTalks in September 2012, and TEDxFukuokaWomen, the only TEDxWomen event in Japan in 2012. TEDxFukuoka aims to contribute to strengthening Fukuoka's cultural atmosphere by creating a united environment amongst the speakers, volunteer staff members, and participants.

The event will be held on February 16, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Meiji-Yasuda Seimei Hall, Nakasu, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka. The speakers and performers are as follows in alphabetical order:

Yusuke Engeorge	Saga Prefectural Office Government Employee
GOND-TUNE	Musical Unit, Sitar: Bone-Tatsuya, Didjeridoo: Makoto Fujii
Toshiyuki Inoko	Digital Creator / CEO, teamLab Inc.
John Kluge	Philanthropunk
Michael Lindenmayer	Co-Founder, Eirene
Kenjiro Matsuo	Composer / Creative Director
Kyoko Matuoka	Architect / Principal, Spinglass Architects / Director, Fukuoka Architecture Foundation
Yusaku Mochizuki	Performer / Juggling Artist
Koichi Nakayama	M.D., Ph.D., Orthopedic Surgeon & Regenerative Medicine Researcher
Tsuneo Noda	Architect / Representative, no.d+a / Organizer, TRAVELERS PROJECT
Himi Okajima	CEO, HiMi NY Corp. / Columnist / Chairman, Kyushu SAMURAI no Kai
Junto Ohki	Co-Founder and President, ShuR Group
Yuji Sakikawa	Senior Life Advisor



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The event can be followed on Twitter: at https://twitter.com/tedx_fukuoka (in Japanese) and at https://twitter.com/tedxfukuoka_en (in English). The event Ustream channel will be announced on the TEDxFukuoka website at a later date.

About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California 26 years ago, TED has grown to support those world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. At TED, the world's leading thinkers and doers are asked to give the talk of their lives in 18 minutes. Talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Benoit Mandelbrot, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Two major TED events are held each year: The TED Conference takes place every spring in Long Beach, California (along with a parallel conference, TEDActive, in Palm Springs), and TEDGlobal is held each summer in Edinburgh, Scotland.

TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TEDTalks are posted daily; the new TED Conversations, enabling broad conversations among TED fans; and the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as the ability for any TEDTalk to be translated by volunteers worldwide.

TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world are given the opportunity to put their wishes into action; TEDx, which offers individuals or groups a way to host local, self-organized events around the world; and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to become part of the TED community and, with its help, amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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