

Plenary Speaker 1: Professor Eiji Hayashi (Kyushu Institute of Technology, Fukuoka, Japan)

Title: AI Trends in Robotics



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Education: He received the B.E., M.E., and Ph.D. degrees in Science and Engineering from Waseda University in 1989, 1991, and 1996, respectively.

Employment: In 1994, he joined the School of Science and Engineering, Waseda University, as an Assistant Professor. From 1997 to 2013, he served as an Associate Professor at the Kyushu Institute of

Technology (Kyutech), where he has been a Professor since 2013. From 2002 to 2003, he was a Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. Since 2013, he has also served as an Adjunct Professor at the National Institute of Technology, Kurume College.

From 2019 to 2021, he served as Deputy Director of the Center for Socio-Robotic Synthesis; from 2020 to 2021, as its Director; and since 2022, as Deputy Director of the Center for Social Implementation of Future Robots. During 2019-2021, he also served as Deputy Director of the Regional University and Regional Industry Creation Project at Kyutech.

In 2025, he was honored with the Distinguished Person of the Year Award 2024 by King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok (KMUTNB), Thailand, in recognition of his distinguished contributions to higher education, research, community engagement, and national development.