Guest Speaker: Shuzo John Shiota President and CEO of Polygon Pictures Inc.

"Animation as Art and Business in the Global Age"

Dialogue at UTokyo GlobE

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Shuzo John Shiota is President and CEO of Polygon Pictures, one of the world's oldest and most successful digital animation studios committed "to do what no other has done, in unparalleled quality, for all the world to see and enjoy." Having been raised in the United States and Japan and studied at Sophia University, Shiota worked for the Nippon Steel Corporation before taking part in the launch of Dream Pictures Studios in 1997. Since moving to Polygon two years later, he has spearheaded efforts to cultivate Polygon's overseas presence, helping the studio to become a leading developer of TV series and content targeted at the foreign market. He was a recipient of the 25th Japan Media Arts Festival in 2022 and a Hall of Fame Award from Animation Magazine in the U.S. in 2023. He is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Dialogue with Dr. Mari Yoshihara (Professor, Center for Global Education) Moderated by Dr. Kharel Dipesh (Lecturer, Center for Global Education)

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