LECTURE 32



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INTRODUCTION

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Professor Kazuo Asano is currently serving as the Vice President of Heisei International University. Professor Kazuo Asano has a profound connection with Taiwan. In 1987, he joined the Japan-China Mainland Issues Research Conference held in Japan and Taiwan on an annual rotation basis. Since then, he has researched Taiwan's democratization, presidential and legislative elections, and Japan-Taiwan relations. To date, Professor Kazuo Asano has published 22 books on Taiwan-related topics. In addition to academic research and administrative work, he is also actively involved in local government administrative reforms and local autonomy affairs. He has long served as the chairman and advisor of administrative reforms and local autonomy promotion committees at various levels of government in Japan, fulfilling the university's social responsibility. At the same time, he places great importance on the impact of AI development on social science research. Professor Kazuo Asano's lecture will help our faculty and students learn how to contemplate the forefront developments in social sciences amidst the wave of AI advancements.

Topic : Impact on Social Sciences and its Future Development in the Age of AI.

ABSTRACT

Since the release of ChatGPT in December 2022, two years have passed swiftly, marking the start of a new era where artificial intelligence is accessible to all. Generative AI has transformed industries by enabling rapid responses, automating tasks, and significantly enhancing productivity. Its ability to generate natural sentences and learn from vast data has expanded its use beyond professional applications to creative endeavors like novels and poetry, supported by seamless multilingual translation.

Generative AI also excels in visual creation, producing images that rival human artistry and generating code for websites, applications, and game development. Its potential to address labor shortages is particularly notable, as AI-powered robots replace humans in various service roles, enhancing efficiency while reducing workforce demands. These advancements have driven widespread adoption and investment, further accelerating AI innovation and performance.

However, alongside these benefits come significant risks. Generative AI may propagate misinformation or inadvertently infringe on copyrights through its reliance on public data. Its misuse for criminal purposes, such as spreading fraudulent content or harmful instructions, poses a serious societal challenge. Moreover, excessive dependence on AI-generated worlds risks fostering social withdrawal and mental health issues.

While generative AI signifies remarkable technological progress, its transformative power reminds us of the irreplaceable human experience—listening, seeing, feeling, and connecting through our natural senses and emotions.

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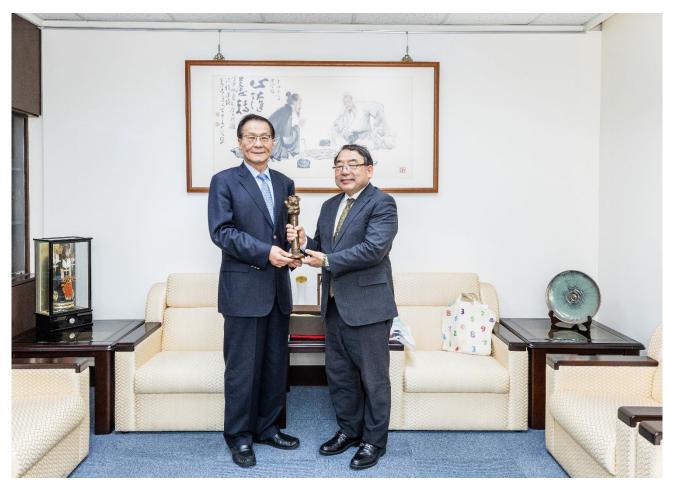


Chairperson Chang presented a gift to Dr. Kazuo Asano.

Tamkang Clement and Carrie Chair



Dr. Kazuo Asano visited Chairperson Chang.



President Keh presented the Panda trophy.



Dr. Kazuo Asano and Academic Vice President Hui-Huang Hsu posed for a photo.



Professor Kazuo Asano



Lecture



Group photo of all participants



Group photo of Professor Kazuo Asano and faculty members of the College of International Affairs