LECTURE 39

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14:30–14:40	**Opening Remarks** President Huan-Chao Keh (Moderator) Vice President for Administrative Affairs Chun-Hung Lin (Co-Moderator) Tamkang University *The Moderator and Co-Moderator will introduce speakers and facilitate Q&A sessions.*
14:40–14:55	**"From Digital Innovation to Sustainable Impact: Tamkang University's Strategic Approach to Higher Education Transformation"** Vice President for Academic Affairs Hui-Huang Hsu Tamkang University
14:55–15:00	Q&A
15:00–15:15	**"Digital Metamorphosis and Architecting a Sustainable Future of Higher Education"** Vice Chancellor and President C. Muthamizhchelvan SRM Institute of Science and Technology, India
15:15–15:20	Q&A
15:20–15:35	**"Empowering Women for Global Leadership"** President Yuko Takahashi Tsuda University, Japan
15:35–15:40	Q&A
15:40–15:55	**"Enhancing the Value of a US Education"** Chancellor Julie Chen University of Massachusetts Lowell, U.S.A.
15:55–16:00	Q&A
16:00–16:15	**"Will AI Replace Universities?"** Rector Alojzy Z. Nowak University of Warsaw, Poland
16:15–16:20	Q&A
16:20–16:25	Floor Discussion
16:25–16:30	Closing and Photo Session

INTRODUCTION

President Yuko Takahashi received her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Kansas and the University of Tsukuba. She is currently the President of Tsuda University, and also a Professor in the Department of English.

She served as President of the Japan University Accreditation Association and Council Member of the Science Council of Japan, and President of the International Federation for Research in Women's History.

Her current research interests include American Studies, American Social History, Gender History, and Higher Education for Women.

She received the Shimizu Hiroshi Award from the Japanese Association for American Studies in 2003 for "Umeko Tsuda: A Social History."

Topic ： "Empowering Women for Global Leadership"

ABSTRACT

At Tsuda University, we empower women to become leaders who think globally and act locally. Rooted in Christian principles, we provide a rich liberal arts education combined with advanced expertise, preparing students to tackle the world's most pressing challenges with confidence and vision.

Our programs focus on cultivating strong language skills—including advanced English—while also equipping students with the power of AI, mathematics, and data science. Through small-group learning and close faculty support, students gain not only knowledge but also the creativity and problem-solving skills needed to make a real impact on society. Students also benefit significantly from exchange programs with our partner universities around the world, including institutions such as Tamkang University, broadening their perspectives and building lifelong global networks.

At Tsuda University, globally connected education is essential to preparing the next generation of leaders. In particular, fostering women in STEM fields—where Japan still faces a significant gender gap—is one of our highest priorities. By combining international collaboration with advanced training in science, technology, computer science, and mathematics, we are committed to empowering women to excel in areas where their contributions are most needed.

Inspired by our founder, Umeko Tsuda, we carry forward her pioneering spirit: fostering free and independent women who can think for themselves, act with courage, and shape the future. With a proud tradition and a bold outlook, Tsuda University continues its mission to nurture innovative women ready to change the world.

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