

## **Michiko Kato Appointed as New Representative Director and CEO of Toyota Invention Partners, Toyota’s Strategic Investment Subsidiary**

Toyota Invention Partners, Inc. (hereinafter “TIP”), a strategic investment subsidiary of Toyota Motor Corporation (hereinafter “Toyota”), today announced that **Kenta Kon has stepped down as Representative Director and CEO, and that Michiko Kato has been appointed as the new Representative Director and CEO, effective April 1.**

Moving forward, Michiko will take TIP to its next phase by further strengthening its investment capabilities and expanding business collaborations.

### **1. Newly Appointed Director (Effective April 1)**

Name	Current Role
Michiko Kato	Partner and Chief Investment Officer, Woven Capital* <sup>1</sup>

\*<sup>1</sup>This role will be held concurrently after April 1.



### **Kato Michiko’s Biography**

Michiko Kato joined TRI-AD, the predecessor of Woven by Toyota, Inc., in 2020. She played a key role in the establishment of Woven Capital and led global strategic investments. Previously, she worked in investment and M&A roles at Morgan Stanley, International Finance Corporation

(World Bank Group), and Unison Capital, and also served as Chief Financial Officer of ABEJA, a Japanese-based AI startup where she led corporate strategy and financing initiatives. She holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

**Michiko Kato's Message**

Under the Toyota Group Vision of "Inventing our path forward, together", 18 Toyota Group companies are reflecting on the company's founding principles of "invention" and taking on the challenge of exploring the future of "Mobility for All." We believe that by collaborating with external partners who bring cutting-edge technologies and business models, and connecting them with Toyota's mobility platforms, we can create new value that cannot be achieved independently.

Building on partnerships formed through investments, TIP aims to promote long-term business collaborations with companies who share our aspirations while also serving as a catalyst for new forms of innovation within the Toyota Group.

In addition, TIP will further strengthen collaboration with Toyota Ventures and Woven Capital, Toyota's corporate venture capital arms. In the next phase, we aim to create greater value by diversifying both investment stages and business areas.

**2. Retiring Director (Effective April 1)**

Name	Current Role
Kenta Kon	Representative Director and CEO

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**About Toyota Invention Partners (TIP)**

Established in October 2025 as a strategic investment firm of Toyota, Toyota Invention Partners (TIP) aims to further accelerate Toyota's transformation into a mobility company. TIP builds business collaborations between Toyota, Toyota Group companies, their affiliates, and external partners by investing in early-stage startups and inventors in Japan, as well as established enterprises while taking a long-term view and building an enduring relationship.