Hello, my name is Hiroshi Oura. It’s pleasure to be here. I’m from Asset Management One, Tokyo, Japan. I would like to tell you a little about myself and my company.

After I worked at Mizuho Bank for four years, I worked at Mizuho Financial Technology which is the consulting company for three years as a quants-based asset management consultant. After that, I worked at Mizuho Alternative Investments which is the hedge fund located in NY for about a year as a quants researcher. This year, I transferred to the current company.

Asset Management One is the largest asset management company in Asia by AUM, about 500 billion USD. The company is the subsidiary company of Mizuho Financial Group, one of the largest banking group in Japan.

Most of our clients are Japanese institutional investors now and we would like to expand more globally. We think that one of the most important things, in order to compete globally, is introducing new technologies such as machine learning and big data to our investment strategies. To research that kind of technologies in our company, the Financial Innovation Department which I belong to was established in last October.

We have been trying to find how to apply these technologies to our investment strategies last a year. However, we think that we need external resources to be able to handle these technologies in a short-term, specifically, in the machine learning field. Therefore, we are searching for companies which we can collaborate with us.

I am glad to know about your company and have a discussion today.