Mr. Hide Inoue has been committed to create the ecosystem of social innovation in Japan and systemic change of the society since 2000. He launched the Social Venture Center (2000-) in a nonprofit organization, ETIC, in Tokyo, and started the “STYLE: Social Venture Competition” (2001-), the Japan’s first plan competition for young social entrepreneurs. This competition not only led young people to start up social ventures but also encouraged many business leaders and entrepreneurs to be involved in a new movement.

Since then, he has been engaged for 1) leadership development in the field of social entrepreneurship and social innovation, 2) creating marketplace for social innovation, and 3) designing collective impact.

For leadership development, he launched the Japan’s first university courses on social innovators in Shonan Fujisawa Campus at Keio University (2005-), at undergraduate and graduate level, composed by classes in theory and practice. Currently SFC is well known as the most active ecosystem of the birthplace of social entrepreneurs. Students are assigned to start up own “My Project” based on their own authentic motivation, and aim for systemic change aligning with themselves, projects, and system. There have been more than 1000 projects emerged, and also the program has been replicated to other universities and local areas.

He also founded Social Venture Partners Tokyo, in 2003, the Japan’s first venture philanthropy fund. It became a formal affiliate of SVP Network, a Seattle based organization, in 2007 as the first affiliate outside of North America, and currently the second largest group of partners in whole network. SVP Tokyo has invested in more than 30 social enterprises and innovative nonprofits through financing and capacity building by each partner’s individual pro bono work.

His style is creating space for everyone to get involved in dialogue and dignify himself or herself from authenticity, and find out systemic connection as a change agent in collective impact. That is why there have been emerging projects with different players such as nonprofits, corporations (Fuji Xerox, NEC etc), government agencies (Cabinet Office, Bunkyo city of Tokyo etc), and mass media; including advisory board member of Prime Minister Hatoyama on social innovation.
Currently he lives in United States as an International Fellow of Nippon Foundation for 2 years. In 2012-13 as a visiting practitioner of Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at Stanford University, and in 2013-14 as a Visiting Scholar at P Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University, he focused on mindfulness and application of personal transformation to organizational, industrial, and social change.

He plans to go back to Japan this fall, and build projects including new leadership development program, mindfulness application to corporations, collective impact designing at Tsunami affected area in Japan (especially fishery industry related), and educational program reviewing happiness and current system by bridging Bhutan and Japan. Awarded as Young Global Leader 2009 by World Economic Forum.

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