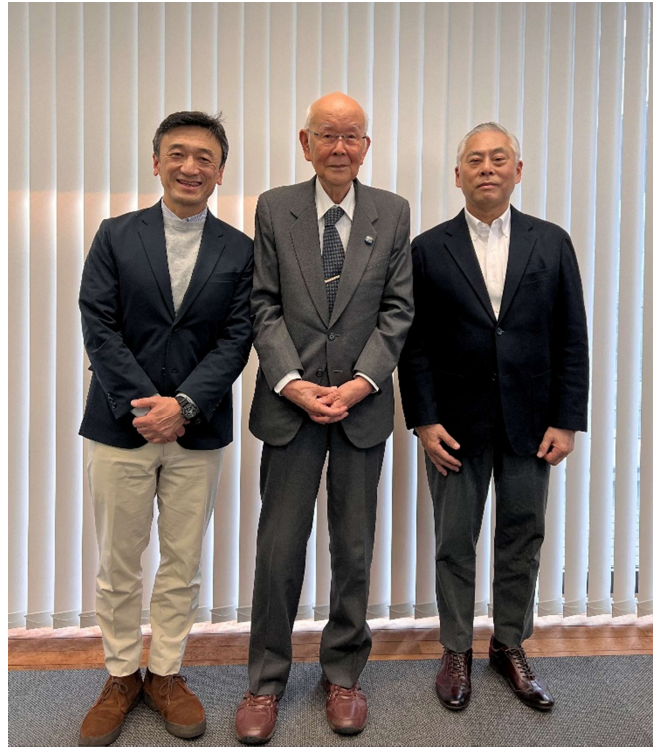


**Meeting with FAST RETAILING CO., LTD (UNIQLO)  
on  
Human Resource Development in Asia**

On April 3, 2026, Chief Senior Executive Officer Noriaki Koyama, Group Senior Executive Officer Hiroyuki Katsuta, Director of the CEO Office Tomoaki Kuroyanagi, and Director of the CEO Office Yunghee Seo of Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. visited the ABEST21 International Office.

The delegation held an in-depth discussion with Dr. Fumio Itoh, President of ABEST21 International, on the future of human resource development in Asia. The meeting highlighted a shared recognition that both institutions are moving toward the same strategic direction in nurturing talent for a rapidly changing society. We emphasized that, for management education to remain relevant, academic institutions must understand the competencies and capabilities that industry



leaders expect from future graduates. This exchange provided valuable insights into the evolving needs of the corporate sector and reaffirmed the importance of close collaboration between academia and industry. The discussion also opened new possibilities for joint initiatives. ABEST21 International expressed its expectation that this meeting will serve as a foundation for future cooperation with FAST RETAILING Co., LTD. in developing human resources equipped to thrive in a dynamic global environment.

The FAST RETAILING CO., LTD is scheduled to be invited to the ABEST21 International Symposium "Nurturing Human Resources and Developing Competitive Education Programs in the Global South" to be held on May 19, 2026, in Kyoto, Japan. Further updates on the symposium will be provided through the ABEST21 International website.

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