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Keio University to Confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor upon Sir Tim Berners-Lee

Keio University will confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor upon Sir Tim Berners-Lee in high recognition for his achievements in design and development of the World Wide Web (WWW) technology that has become the fundamental infrastructure of the information society, and of his contributions to the creation of the Internet-based civilization. The Conferment Ceremony and a Commemorative Lecture delivered by Sir Tim Berners-Lee will be held on Tuesday, March 14.

1. Conferment Ceremony

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 14   10:00–10:40
                   (Guests are requested to enter the hall by 9:50)
Venue: Public Speaking Hall (Mita Enzetsu-kan)
                   Mita Campus, Keio University (2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo)
                   (Access to the venue: https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/maps/mita.html)
Language: English

2. Commemorative Lecture

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 14   13:00–14:30
Venue: South Hall, 5F South School Building, Keio University
                   Mita Campus, Keio University (2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo)
Language: English

3. About Sir Tim Berners-Lee

A graduate of the University of Oxford, Sir Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web (WWW) while at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, and wrote the first Web client and server in 1990. His specifications URI, HTTP, and HTML were refined as Web technology spread, allowing Web access to "anyone, anywhere, anytime, using any device," dramatically changing the lives of people around the world.

In 1994, Sir Tim founded the W3C (World Wide Web Consortium), an international community that works together to develop Web standards, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL).

He also founded the World Wide Web Foundation in 2009, which works to ensure that everyone has access to the Web and the power it gives us. Sir Tim holds the 3Com Founders Chair at CSAIL in MIT where he also heads the Decentralized Information Group (DIG). He is also a professor and Chair of Computer Science at the University of Southampton's School of Electronics and Computer Science.

Sir Tim's role in shaping technology and society in the information age while recognizing the critical importance of technology and democracy, as well as human rights, has been recognized around the world. He has received numerous awards and titles; he was promoted to Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2004, and received the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering in 2013.

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