

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Name:** Sachio Semmoto  
**Nationality :** Japan  
**Birthplace:** Osaka, Japan  
**Birthdate:** September 9, 1942

**Education:** BS from Kyoto University (1966)  
Ph.D. from University of Florida (1971)

## **Work Experience:**

Dr. Semmoto is a successful entrepreneur in telecommunication industry, with more than 30 years in senior management positions with leading Japanese telecommunication companies.

His career began when he joined Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Public Corporation (NTT, Japan) in 1966, staying until 1983. After favorably campaigning for a deregulated telecom industry in Japan, he cofounded the first private telecom startup, DDI, now KDDI Corporation in 1984, whose market cap is approximately \$ 85 billion.

After its IPO, he left the company to become a Professor of Entrepreneurship at Keio University, Tokyo, Japan in 1996 as well as a Visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon University and a Research Fellow at Stanford University.

In 1999, Dr. Semmoto founded and served as CEO of eAccess, Ltd. an Internet access startup that commercialized Japan's DSL market and went on to capture the second-largest global market share. Following the IPO of eAccess in 2004, he founded and became CEO of EMOBILE, which became Japan's fourth largest mobile network operator. EMOBILE and eAccess were sold to SoftBank in 2013.

In 2017, Dr, Semmoto established The Frances & Sachio Semmoto Foundation aims to provide financial assistance to talented students of demonstrated financial need from Asia Pacific nations, who seek to pursue postsecondary education in Japan.

In 2023, Dr. Semmoto established Walking Together Hand-in-Hand with Children Foundation to support abused children financially and mentally.

He served as Chairman Emeritus of RENOVA, Inc., a leading renewable energy power company (Japan) until 2024 March.

In 2023, he founded AI Biomdical Inc. and Quality Cloud Corporation, and serves as Chairman.

Today, he serves as Distinguished professor at Kyoto University as well.

In the past, he served several international outside board members of world class companies, including NetApp, a leading storage company in Silicon Valley (US) and Reuters Shareholding Company, a world first class communication company (UK), and Telecom New Zealand

**Marital Status:** Married

**Interests:** Calligraphy, Mountain Climbing, Classic Music Listening, Golf

**Academic/Professional Memberships and Other Professional Activities:**

- Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, IVA Member
- Canterbury University Visiting Professor
- IEEE (The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.) Fellow
- IEICE (The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers) Fellow
- JASVE (The Japan Academic Society for Ventures and Entrepreneurs) Board Director
- Reuters-board member
- TriLateral Committee member
- NetApp board member
- Asia Leaders Summit executive member
- BGV(Benhamou Global Ventures) LP member
- Kyoto University Distinguished Professor
- TAMA University Distinguished Visiting Professor

**University of Florida Awards**

- Distinguished Alumnus Entrepreneur of the Year in 2008 by Warrington College of Business.
- UF International Philanthropist Award in 2018.
- In 2024, he was inducted into the prestigious inaugural class of the University of Florida's Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering Hall of Fame.