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Yoshiyuki SANKAI earned a Ph.D. in Engineering from University of Tsukuba in Japan in 1987. He has progressed assistant professor, associate professor, and then professor at the Graduate School of Systems and Information Engineering, University of Tsukuba. Dr. Sankai was also a visiting professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas in the United States. Currently, he is a professor, the Executive Research Director at the Center for Cybernics Research and the Director at the F-MIRAI for the University of Tsukuba, the President and CEO of CYBERDYNE Inc., and a Program Director of SIP promoted by the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan.

He successively held the position of **Leader/PM** for the **FIRST program** and **ImpACT program**, both initiated by the **Japanese Cabinet Office**, and the Business producer of the Program for Building Regional Innovation Ecosystem by MEXT. He also served as an Executive Board Member of Advanced Robotics, a member of Global Agenda Council on Robotics & Smart Devices, a Center Partner of the Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution, a member of the Global Future Council of Production, and a member of the Global Precision Medicine Council of the WEF. Now, he is a **fellow of the Robotics Society of Japan** ("RSJ") and **fellow of the Society of Instrument and Control Engineers** ("SICE"). And he has also been appointed as an **International Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences** ("IVA") and an **Honorary Member of the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society**.

【Main awards associated with Yoshiyuki SANKAI】

The World Technology Award (the Grand Prize) (2005)

The Good Design Award (the Gold Prize) (2006)

The Japan Innovator Award (the Award of Excellence) (2006)

The Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award (2007)

The 21st Century Invention Award at the National Invention Awards, “Development of Cyborg-type Robot Technology” (2009)

The NetExplorateurs at UNESCO Headquarters (2011)

The Capek Award (2012)

The Technology Pioneer at the World Economic Forum (2013)

The DealWatch Awards 2013 (2014)

The IPO of the Year at the Thomson Reuters (2014)

The Edison Awards Gold Award (2014)

The Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award (2015)

The DealWatch Awards 2014 (2015)

The Innovative Equity Deal of the Year at the Thomson Reuters (2015)

The Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Award (2015)

The Zaikai Business Leader of the Year Award (2015)

The DIA Japan Outstanding Contribution to Health Award(2016)

The Robot Award - Ministry of Health Labour and Welfare Award (2016)

The Prime Ministers Award (the Nippon Venture Award) (2017)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award (the Technology Management and Innovation Award) (2019)

The Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon from Japanese Emperor (2019)

The Intellectual Property Achievement Awards (the Minister of Economy Trade and Industry Awards) (2020)

Honorary Member, Serbian Neurosurgical Society (2024)

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