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Shuta Shibuya is a global affiliate visiting scholar at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (Shorenstein APARC) for 2026-27. Shibuya is the founder of Fuller, Inc., a leading mobile app development company for Japan's national brands, established in 2011 with friends from his student days. In 2025, Fuller became the first company from his home prefecture of Niigata—a snowy region famous for rice and sake—to list on the Growth Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Shibuya has dedicated himself to revitalizing regional innovation ecosystems as chairman of the Niigata Venture Association, which has nurtured more than 100 entrepreneurs, and as founder of the Kosenjin Foundation, connecting over 500,000 graduates of Japan's National Institute of Technology (Kosen). He is also a board director of Socialups, Inc., supporting entrepreneurs in collaboration with local governments, and gives back to the next generation as a visiting professor at his alma mater, the National Institute of Technology, Nagaoka College, and an associate professor at Kaishi Professional University. He holds a bachelor's degree in social engineering from the University of Tsukuba and is the author of Tomodachi Keiei (Entrepreneurial Friendship) (Tokuma Shoten, 2022). His honors include Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia (2016) and EY Entrepreneur of the Year Japan (2021). While at APARC, he will research Asian startup ecosystems in Silicon Valley, exploring how their insights can inform the globalization of Japanese entrepreneurs and the revitalization of regional economies in Japan.