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JOHN KAO

Who is the most interesting man in the world? Maybe John Kao!

- Designer of Hillary Clinton's innovation plan
- MD
- Artist in residence for Yamaha Jazz musician
- A big deal in ed tech
- Advisor to the Navy
- Advisor to Angela Merkel
- Founder of several companies

The common thread is creativity — he can see things across industries that are all over the place and because of that he's got the ability to add value and bring fresh (smart) eyes to all kinds of problems.

Dubbed "Mr. Creativity" and "a serial innovator" by The Economist, John Kao is a leading authority on innovation, business creativity, organizational transformation and emerging technologies. John has been a trusted advisor to senior leaders of both public and private sector organizations. He has advised the governments of Finland and Singapore on their innovation strategies as well as leading firms such as Nike, Intel, and BASF.

Kao's thought leadership is expressed in his books: *Jamming: The Art and Discipline of Business Creativity*, a BusinessWeek best-seller that has been published in a dozen languages; and *Innovation Nation*, which sounds the alarm about America's growing innovation challenge. He has published three e-books: *The Future is Yours to Invent*, *Are You a Producer?*, and *Clearing the Mind for Creativity*.

John's work has been profiled in major publications, including The Economist, Harvard Business Review and The New York Times. He has served in many prestigious membership and advisory roles.

John is a serial entrepreneur, angel investor in emerging technology, and a Tony-nominated producer of film and stage. He was producer of the Broadway play, *Golden Child*, production executive on *Sex, Lies and Videotape*, and executive producer of *Mr. Baseball*. A jazz pianist at heart, he spent the summer of 1969 playing keyboards for rock legend Frank Zappa.

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