1980年長崎県佐世保市に生まれる。青雲学園中学校・高等学校を経て中央大学法学部

 法律学科に進学。弁護士を目指していた在学中、緑内障により中心視野を失い視覚障

 害となる。失意の底にあったが、高校時代に打ち込んだ柔道を再開することで、障害

を受容するきっかけと出会う。2008年、柔道再開からの目標であった北京パラリンピ

 ック出場を果たす。大学卒業後、大手人材派遣会社の特例子会社に入社、さまざまな

障害のある社員の指導・トレーニング・マネジメントに従事する。

 障害者雇用に広く貢献するため、2011年、株式会社ユニバーサルスタイルを設立。代

 表取締役就任。障害者雇用に、障害のある当事者としての切り口から、アプローチす

 る。2018年スタイル・エッジMEDICAL代表取締役就任。障害者雇用促進で培った経験

から企業の健康経営をサポートする。パラリンピアンとしてパラリンピックの魅力を

伝える講演活動も精力的に行う。

2012年ロンドンパラリンピックではＮＨＫにて視覚障害者柔道選手として初めて解説

を担当した。2013年東洋経済にて次世代リーダー50人に選ばれる。また、2018年より

NHKブレイクスルーにて「障害者雇用もっと両想いを増やそうプロジェクト」のプロ

 ジェクトリーダーとして出演している。

Yusuke Hatsuse

Mr. Yusuke Hatsuse was born in Sasebo City, Nagasaki Prefecture in 1980. After graduating from Seiun Gakuen Junior and Senior High School, he entered the Department of Law in the Faculty of Law, Chuo University. While he was studying to become a lawyer, he lost central vision due to glaucoma, resulting in visual impairment. Although he was at the bottom of disappointment, restarting Judo practice to which he had devoted to high school days served as an opportunity to accept his disability. In 2008, he took part in the Beijing Paralympics, the goal ever since he started Judo again. After graduating from university, he joined a special subsidiary company of a major temporary manpower agency and engaged in guidance, training and management of employees with various disabilities.

To contribute widely to employment of persons with disabilities, he established Universal Style Co., Ltd. in 2011, and assumed as representative director. He approached the issue of employment for persons with disabilities from the perspective of a person with disabilities. In 2018, he assumed the post of president of Style Edge MEDICAL Co., Ltd. With experiences he cultivated through employment promotion services for persons with disabilities, he supports the health management of the company. Also,as a Paralympian, he is energetically engaged in giving lectures to convey how attractive the Paralympic Games are.

On the occasion of the 2012 London Paralympics, he was the first judoka with visual impairment to be in charge of commentary on NHK. In 2013. He was selected as one of the 50 Next Generation Leaders on Toyo Keizai weekly magazine. From 2018, he has been on NHK’s TV program, “Breakthrough,” as a project leader of “Project: Employment of persons with disabilities – Let’s increase the relationship of liking each other (verbatim translation of the title in Japanese).