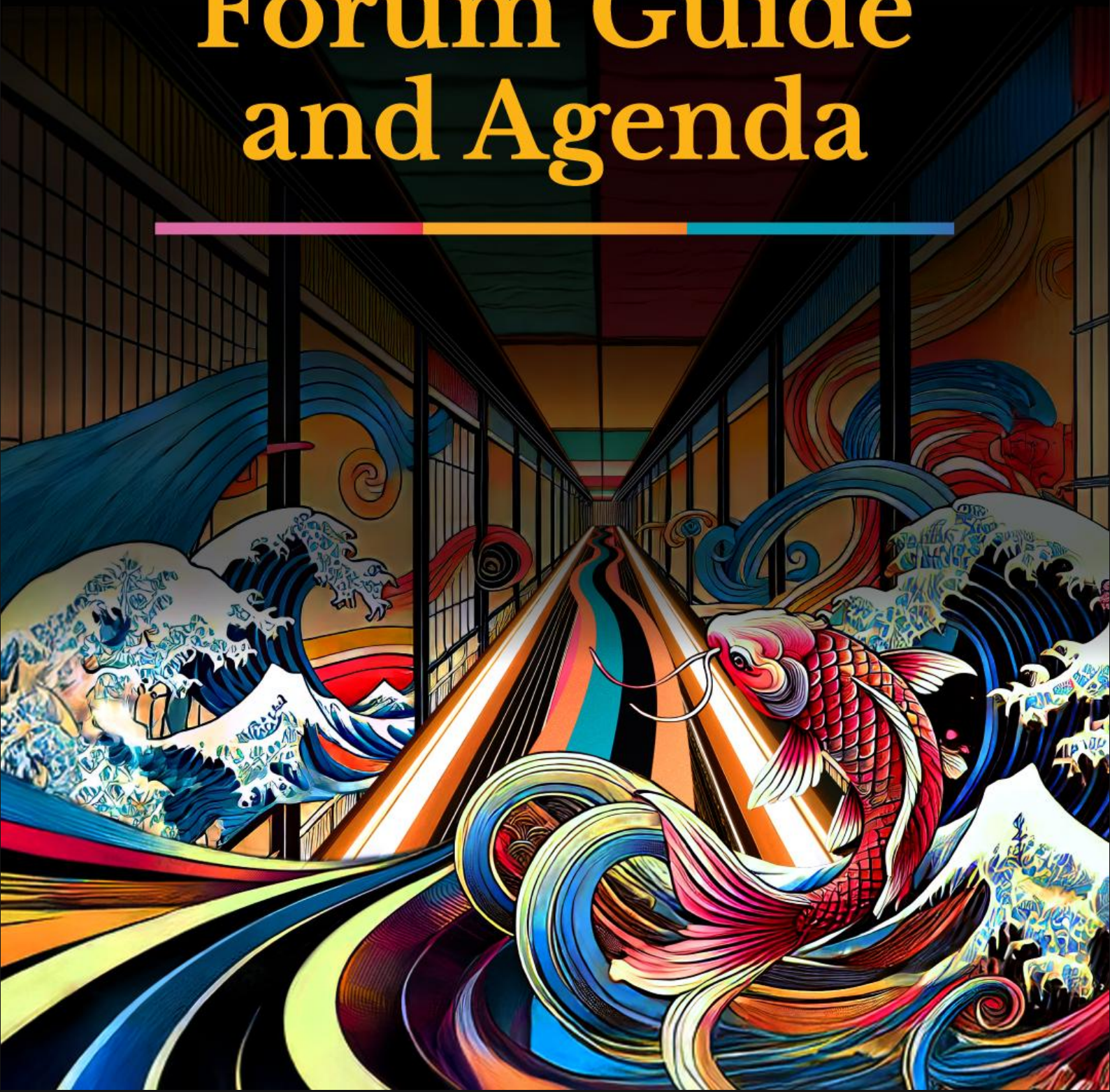




Building Financial Corridors

Forum Guide and Agenda



About GFTN Forum, Japan

The third edition of **GFTN Forum, Japan** (formerly Japan FinTech Festival) will take place from **3 – 7 March 2025** across three iconic venues in Tokyo: **Bellesalle Nihonbashi, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and the historic Kanda Myojin Shrine.**

The Forum is Japan's premier gathering of local and international **policymakers, financial services leaders, investors, and founders** to engage in **progressive dialogues on driving growth across Asia and beyond.** **This year's theme, Building Financial Corridors,** will examine their role in advancing technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, and capital flows.

Designed to **drive business development, investment, and partnership opportunities across both the public and private sectors,** this year's programme will highlight emerging technologies—**Agentic AI, Quantum Computing, Digital Assets, and Stablecoins**—set against the context of the global macroeconomic and geopolitical environment.

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5 Days of Insights and Activities

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Monday 03 March	Tuesday 04 March	Wednesday 05 March	Thursday 06 March	Friday 07 March
Bellesalle Nihonbashi & TSE Hall		Kanda Myojin Shrine		Across Tokyo
Global Leaders Dialogue*		Digital Assets Summit*	Founders Day	Delegations Day Side Events
GFTN Insights™ - Deep-dive Roundtables		FutureTech Forum	The Founders Peak™	FinoPitch Showcase @FINOLAB
	Asset Management Forum @TSE	JFSA Blockchain Roundtable	Investor Hours™	Innovation Tour
Exhibition Showcase & 1-1 Meetings		The CXO Conversations Podcast		
VIP Reception	Tokyo Rooftop Night @ SKY LAB	Bar Crawl	The Founders ROCK™	
			Hitachi Hackcelerator	
International Delegations' Receptions and Community Partner Events				Delegations to Japanese Cities
			FinoPitch Awards	



Across 3 Iconic Venues



BELLESALLE NIHONBASHI
(3 - 4 Mar)



TOKYO STOCK EXCHANGE
(4 Mar)



KANDA MYOJIN SHRINE
(5 - 6 Mar)

Location Guide



Featured Speakers

Akika Ichiki, Head of Sustainable Trade Finance, Mizuho Financial Group

Akio Isowa, Senior Managing Executive Officer & Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

Alexandre Kech, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

Alp Eroglu, Deputy Director Standards Development, IOSCO General Secretariat

Amira Karim, Head of Public Policy, Payments & Financial Services, Amazon

Dr. Amlan Roy, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LCP & LSE

Andre Leung, Chief Executive Officer, aereve.io

Angela Ang, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs

Anju Patwardhan, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future

Arjun Vir Singh, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little

Ayako Fujita, Chief Economist at J.P. Morgan Securities Japan, J.P. Morgan

Barkha Dutt, Television Journalist & Author, MoJo Story

Beju Shah, Head of Nordics, Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

BG Mahesh, Chief Executive Officer, Sahamati

Bhargav Dasgupta, Vice President, Market Solutions, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Bluefin Zhao, Tencent Cloud Managing Director for North East Asia, Tencent

Bob Takai, Chief Executive Officer, EEX Japan (European Energy Exchange)

Camilla Bullock, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia

Candace Kelly, Chief Legal & Policy Officer, Stellar Development Foundation

Carole House, Former White House Special Advisor & Senior Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University

Chan Yam Ki, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle

Chen Leiming, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International & Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International

Chikako Matsumoto, Managing Executive Officer & Chief Sustainability Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.

Chin Ching Lau, Director, Financial Development and Innovation, Bank Negara Malaysia

Chrysty Esperanza, Chief Legal Officer, Block, Inc.

Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune

Cynthia Ding, Founding Partner, Yincubator

Daniel Fujii, President & Chief Executive Officer, Trust Capital

Daniela Barbosa, General Manager, Decentralized Technologies, Linux Foundation & Executive Director, LF Decentralized Trust

Dr. David Brunner, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, ModuleQ

Dea Markova, Policy Director, Fireblocks

Dipen Mehta, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SoftServe APAC

Doug Feagin, President, Ant International

Eleanor Groves, Head of Strategy, Official Institutions Group, State Street Global Advisors

Eleanor Hughes, General Counsel, Binance

Eric Anziani, President & Chief Operating Officer, Crypto.com

Eun-mi Rhee, Chief Executive Officer, Toss Bank

Fiona Murray, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple

Frank Packard, Partner, Eight Peak Partners

Gary Liu, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Terminal 3

Genri Goto, Chief Executive Officer, Kotozna, Inc.

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Giorgi Gurgenidze, Head of Capital Market Development, Insurance Policy and Pension Reform Department, Ex-officio Member of the Governing Board of Pension Fund of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Giorgio Zinetti, Chief Technology Officer, Cardano Foundation

Hakan Eroglu, Advisor – BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

Hero Choudhary, Managing Partner, BEENEXT

Hideki Ito, Commissioner, Financial Services Agency Japan

Hirofumi Hirano, Chief Executive Officer, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Japan

Hiroshi Ozeki, President & Chief Executive Officer, Nissay Asset Management Corporation

Inderbir Singh Dhingra, Chief Investment Officer & Head, Global Infrastructure Fund and Principal, Emerging Asia Fund, International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Jane Moore, Head of Department, Payments & Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority

Jason Allegrante, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Fireblocks

Javier Pérez-Tasso, Chief Executive Officer, Swift

Jawed Ashraf, Former Ambassador of India to France and High Commissioner to Singapore, Former member of the Indian Foreign Service

Jae Hur, Head of Asia, Benzinga

Jay Surti, Division Chief of Financial Supervision and Regulation Division, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Jennifer Buckley, Founder & Managing Director, Sweef Capital

Jesper Koll, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.

Joe Breeden, Chief Executive Officer, Future Analytics

Johann (Joe) van der Lith, Regulatory Specialist, Financial Sector Conduct Authority

Jordan Fisher, Co-founder & Chairman, Zehitomo Inc.

Dr. Jorgen Ouaknine, Global Head of Innovation and Digital Assets, Euroclear

Julian Sawyer, Chief Executive Officer, Zodia Custody

Prof. Jun Murai, Distinguished Professor, Keio University

Junichi Kanda, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Cabinet Office, Japan

Keiji Matsunaga, General Manager, Digital Strategy Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)

Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Khaled Albasias, Director Financial Sector Development, Saudi Central Bank

Koh Harada, Co-founder, Aleo

Kosuke Mori, Chief Executive Officer, Saison International

Kotaro Takahashi, Chief Operating Officer, Sustainable Lab Inc.

Kristo Käärmann, Chief Executive Officer, Wise

Prof. Lam Khin Yong, Vice President (Industry), Nanyang Technological University

Laura Loh, Director, Investment (Blockchain), Temasek

Leo Lewis, Tokyo Bureau Chief, Financial Times

Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Livia Benisty, Chief External Affairs Officer, Banking Circle

Loren Bushkar, Innovation Policy, Federal Reserve Board

Prof. Louis de Koker, Professor of Law, La Trobe LawTech, La Trobe University & Senior Financial Crime Consultant, CGAP

Lu Yin, APAC Lead, Solana Foundation

Marco Bizzozero, Head of International & Member of the Executive Committee, iCapital

Marita McGinley, Head of Digital Asset Strategy, Schroders

Mark Makdad, Director, Co-Founder, Moneytree KK

Martin Moloney, Deputy Secretary General, Financial Stability Board (FSB)

Masafumi Kondo, Head of Corporate Strategy, Japan Exchange Group, Inc.

Masashi Yanase, Deputy Director, Fintech and Innovation Office, Financial Services Agency

Masashige Nakazono, Managing Director, Head of Global Commercial Banking Planning Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.

Matthew Long, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

Matthew White, Chief Executive Officer, VARA

McLaughlin Cartan, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Nihon Cyber Defence Co., Ltd.

Merion Anggerek, Director & Head (Capital Markets Policy Division), Markets Policy & Consumer Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation

Milind Sanghavi, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io

Mitsutoshi Kajikawa, Deputy Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, Japan

Moriyuki Iwanaga, Chief Executive Officer, Tokyo Stock Exchange

Naphongthawat Phothikit, Senior Director of the Payments & Fintech Policy Department, Bank of Thailand

Nat Sakimura, Chairman, OpenID Foundation

Naveen Mallela, Global Co-head of Kinexys & Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

Navin Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Crystal Intelligence

Neil Parekh, Executive Deputy Chairman, GFTN & Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Nelson Zha, Tencent Cloud International Chief Solutions Architect, Tencent

Nikhilesh Goel, Co-founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, Validus

Nivruti Rai, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Invest India

Noboru Takahashi, Co-founder, M-DAQ Global

Noritoshi Murakami, Board Director, SWIFT

Novita Bachtiar, Director, Regulatory & Development Unit, Indonesia Financial Services Authority

Oki Matsumoto, Representative Executive Chairman, Monex Group & Executive Chairman, Coincheck Group

Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, Minister for Information Technology & Digital Services, Tamil Nadu

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Paolo Ong, Assistant Director, Securities and Exchange Commission

Parag Bhise, Chief Executive Officer, Nucleus Software

Paul Chapman, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Moneytree KK

Paul Twarog, General Counsel, Square

Pedro Sousa Cardoso, Chief Digital Officer, Retail Banking & Wealth Management, Emirates NBD

Peter Goodrich, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

Dr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist & Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute

Phillip Straley, President, FNA

Ram Iyer, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Vayana

Rei Murakami, Founding Partner, Kadan Capital

Dr. Rhys Bollen, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Richard Teng, Chief Executive Officer, Binance

Ritesh Shukla, Chief Executive Officer, NPCI International

Ronit Ghose, Head of Future of Finance, Citi

Russell Cummer, Founder & Executive Chairman, Paidy

Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Salim Dhanani, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank

Sam Ahmed, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Smartpay

Sam Ghiotti, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Habitto

Sandeep Malhotra, Executive Vice President, Products & Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard

Sandeep Patil, Partner & Head of Asia Investments, QED Investors

Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council

Satoshi Ikeda, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Japan Financial Services Agency (JFSA)

Scott Lucas, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan

Sebastian Gehrmann, Head of Responsible AI, CTO Office, Bloomberg

Shinichi Takatori, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Kyash Inc.

Shiu Raj Singh, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Shrikant Patil, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, DigiAlly

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Yuki Kamimoto, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)

Yumiko Murakami, General Partner, MPower Partners Fund L.P.

Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

Yuta Takanashi, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board

Yuto Tanaka, Chief Executive Officer, Fore-co

Yuval Rooz, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Digital Asset

Impactful Dialogues Across 5 Stages and Roundtables

Global Leadership Dialogue

3 - 4 March 2025 | 8.45 AM - 4.30 PM | Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle Nihonbashi

English & Japanese Languages Available

The forum's flagship stage, the Global Leadership Dialogue features global leaders tackling the most consequential topics impacting the financial services industry—geopolitics, macroeconomics, AI, digital assets, payments, sustainability and more.

GFTN Insights Roundtables

3 - 4 March 2025 | 9.30 AM - 5.30 PM | Roundtable Rooms, 5F, BelleSalle Nihonbashi

English only

Engage in exclusive roundtable discussions where industry leaders, regulators, and market makers collaborate on real-world solutions. Held under Chatham House Rules, these sessions enable candid conversations in a confidential setting. Each roundtable is designed with a clear objective—whether drafting a whitepaper, launching a working group, or issuing a public commitment.



Asset Management Forum

4 March 2025 | 9 AM - 4.20 PM | TSE Hall, 2F, Tokyo Stock Exchange

English only

Japan is emerging as a key hub for asset management, capital markets, and sustainable finance, bridging South Asia, North Asia, and the Middle East. As financial corridors shift, this forum will explore Japan's domestic transformation, transition finance, carbon credit trading, and foreign direct investment, examining how Japan can unlock value, drive sustainable investments, and redefine its role in shaping the future of finance.

FutureTech Forum

5 March 2025 | 10 AM - 4 PM | Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

English only

The FutureTech Forum brings together industry leaders, policymakers, and technologists to explore how cutting-edge technologies are transforming financial services. This forum delves into the most critical themes at the intersection of AI, Quantum Computing, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, Web3, Climate Tech, InsurTech, and RegTech—driving actionable insights, fostering collaboration, and shaping the next era of finance and technology.



Digital Assets Summit

5 March 2025 | 9.15 AM - 3.50 PM | Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

English & Japanese Languages Available

The Digital Assets Summit explores the dynamic intersection of traditional finance and digital assets, covering the regulatory landscape, tokenization, DeFi and institutional adoption, compliance by design in digital asset infrastructure, and forward-looking analysis of blockchain scalability, interoperability, and the convergence of traditional finance and responsible crypto.

JFSA Blockchain Roundtable

5 March 2025 | 10.30 AM - 5.30 PM | BCRT, B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin

English only

Hosted by the Japan Financial Services Agency (JFSA) as part of Japan FinTech Week and GFTN Forum, Japan, discussions will focus on accelerating global crypto and stablecoin regulation, advancing a stable tokenization ecosystem, leveraging blockchain and smart contracts for regulatory oversight, and exploring Japan's Web3 growth and international business opportunities.



Investor Hours

6 March 2025 | 2 PM - 5 PM | EDOCCO Studio, B1F, Kanda Myojin

English only

Investor Hours connects founders, investors, and industry leaders to drive funding and strategic collaborations. Designed to encourage investment and enable founders to raise capital, it features 1:1 Investor Pitch Tables, where founders pitch directly to investors who pre-select meetings. [Learn more.](#)

Founders Day & The Founders Peak

6 March 2025 | 9.15 AM - 5.45 PM | Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

English & Japanese Languages Available

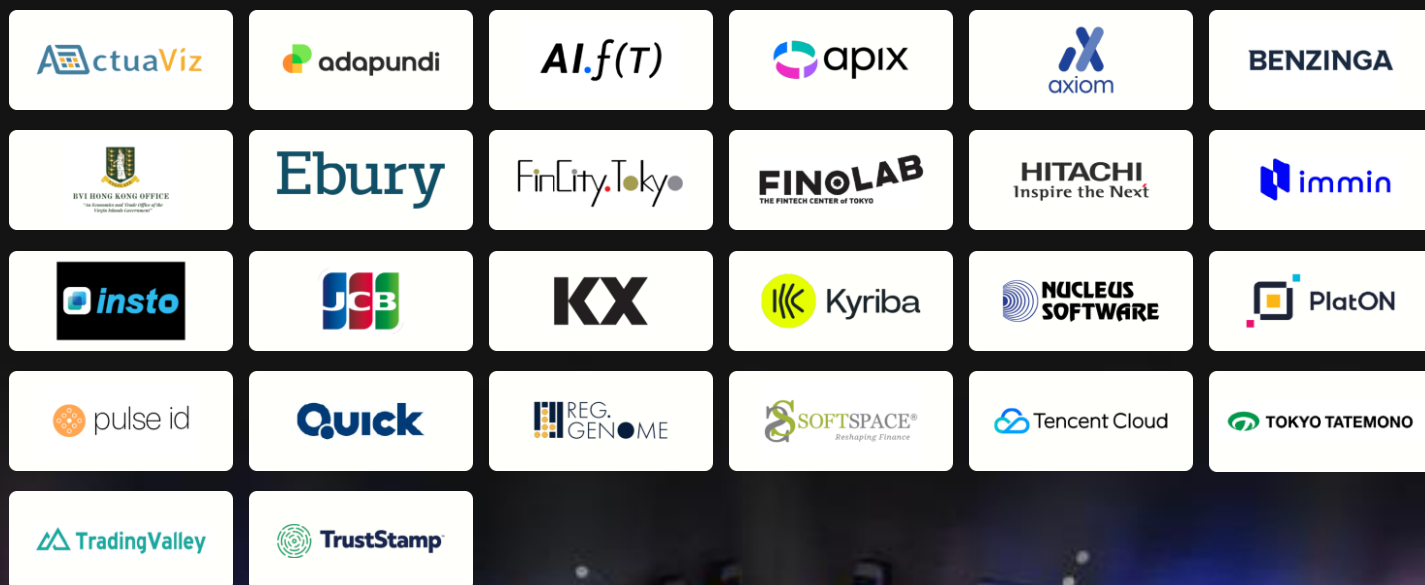
The Founders Peak, is a popular platform where exceptional founders share valuable insights on successful entrepreneurship. Now in its third edition in Tokyo, offers valuable resources, connections, and real-world experiences essential for founders to thrive.



Exhibition Showcase

3 - 4 March 2025 | 8.30 AM – 5 PM | Hall A & B, BelleSalle Nihonbashi

Designed as a hub for networking and collaborating, the Exhibition Showcase will feature cutting-edge FinTech innovations, digital finance solutions, and emerging technologies shaping the future of financial services.



Initiatives for Impactful Connections and Communities

VIP Reception (By-Invite only)

3 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM

Exclusive to speakers, sponsors, Executive Pass, and Global Summit PLUS Pass holders, this gathering offers a prime opportunity to connect with industry leaders in a relaxed setting.

Tokyo Rooftop Night @ SKY LAB

4 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM | 7F, Otemachi Building

Participants of Japan FinTech Week are invited to an exclusive rooftop reception at SKY LAB, atop the Otemachi Building. Set against a stunning blend of nature and cityscape, this evening offers a relaxed atmosphere for networking and connection with fellow attendees. [Register here.](#)

Bar Crawl

5 March 2025 | 6 PM – Late | Otemachi Area, Tokyo

Join the bar crawl, exploring local bars and restaurants along the vibrant High Corridor. Enjoy refreshing drinks while networking and soaking in the mesmerising glow of Japanese Umbrella (和傘) illuminations.



Founders ROCK

6 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM | Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

Dive into "The Founders ROCK", where entrepreneurial minds jam on stage, igniting connections and innovation!

Innovation Tour (By-Invite only)

3 March 2025 | 6 PM – 8 PM

The Innovation Tour offers an immersive experience into Japan's financial innovation ecosystem, focusing on central banking, digital payments, embedded finance, and capital markets infrastructure. Participants will explore Japan's evolving FinTech landscape, from historical monetary policy to modern-day digital payment systems, gaining insights from leading financial institutions, tech firms, and payment providers. This half-day tour will take attendees through key financial landmarks and innovation hubs, featuring insightful discussions and a dedicated networking lunch.

[Learn more](#)

This is an invite-only tour. Delegates interested in participating are encouraged to approach the help desk at the registration counter for assistance and availability.



Monday, 3 March 2025

Global Leaders Dialogue

English & Japanese Languages Available

<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:00am - 9:05am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Welcome to GFTN Forum Japan: Day 1</h3> <p>Moderator: Sharanjit Leyl, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Opening Musical Performance</h3> <p>Speaker: Mitsuyoshi Sasaki, Musician, Shamisen player</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:30am - 9:35am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Welcome Video Address: Building the Future Financial Corridors</h3> <p>Speaker: Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Government</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:35am - 9:55am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Design in a Venture Strategy</h3> <p>Speaker: Tim Kobe, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Eight Inc.</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 9:55am - 10:20am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japanese and Global Macroeconomic Outlook for 2025</h3> <p>Speakers: Ayako Fujita, Chief Economist at J.P. Morgan Securities Japan, J.P. Morgan Jesper Koll, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 10:25am - 10:40am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Keynote Remarks by MUFG</h3> <p>Speaker: Nobuya Kawasaki, Executive Officer and Managing Director, Deputy Group Head of Global Commercial Banking Business Group, Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc (MUFG)</p>

<p>Mon, Mar 3 10:40am - 11:30am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Wallets, Identity, AI and Cross-Border Payments: The (R)Evolution</h2> <p>Speakers: Doug Feagin, President, Ant International Eun-mi Rhee, Chief Executive Officer, Toss Bank Mishal Ruparel, Chief Commercial Officer, Banking Circle Ritesh Shukla, Chief Executive Officer, NPCI International Sandeep Malhotra, Executive Vice President, Products & Innovation, Asia Pacific, Mastercard</p> <p>Moderator: Pat Patel, Executive Director, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 11:30am - 1:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Lunch Break</h2>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:00pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Web3 Fireside with Richard Teng, CEO of Binance</h2> <p>Speaker: Richard Teng, Chief Executive Officer, Binance</p> <p>Moderator: Yuki Kamimoto, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:30pm - 1:45pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Inspire the Next in Finance - Hitachi's activities in emerging technologies</h2> <p>Speaker: Yasuki Imai, Vice President and Executive Officer, Head of Digital System & Services APAC Business, CEO of Financial Institutions Business Unit, Hitachi, Ltd.</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:45pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>The Roles of Academia in Driving Research and Innovation in the Digital Age</h2> <p>Speaker: Prof. Lam Khin Yong, Vice President (Industry), Nanyang Technological University</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 2:00pm - 2:45pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Future Shapers: Rationalising Sustainable Finance – Asia's Perspective amidst Rising Global Polarisation</h2> <p>Speakers: Chikako Matsumoto, Managing Executive Officer & Chief Sustainability Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc. Dr. Junkyu Lee, Director, Finance, ADB Parag Bhise, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer, Nucleus Software Exports Limited Satoshi Ikeda, Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, Japan Financial Services Agency (JFSA)</p> <p>Moderator: Akari Serena Yamashita, Japan and Korea Business Development Manager, BNEF</p>

<p>Mon, Mar 3 2:45pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Coffee Break</h2>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 3:10pm - 3:35pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Global Regulators Dialogue: Digital Assets, AI, and the Future of Fintech</h2> <p>Speakers: Toshiyuki Miyoshi, Vice Commissioner for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA) Jay Surti, Division Chief of Financial Supervision and Regulation Division, International Monetary Fund (IMF)</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Bob Wardrop, Professor, University of Cambridge & Spin-out Founder, RegGenome</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 3:35pm - 4:15pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Stablecoins, Web3, and the Next Wave of Financial Transactions</h2> <p>Speakers: Chan Yam Ki, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle Genki Oda, Managing Executive Officer, SBI Holdings Pradyumna Agrawal, Managing Director, Investment, Temasek Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan</p> <p>Moderator: Jessica Renier, Managing Director & Head of Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance (IIF)</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 4:15pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Keynote by SMBC: By Akio Isowa San</h2> <p>Speaker: Akio Isowa, Senior Managing Executive Officer & Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC)</p>

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<p>Mon, Mar 3 12:30pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Navigating the Nexus of Financial Crime Prevention and Financial Inclusion in the Age of Technology and FinTech</h2> <p>Speakers: Beju Shah, Head of Nordics, Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Jessica Chuah, VP, Growth, Crystal Intelligence Prof. Louis de Koker, Professor of Law, La Trobe LawTech, La Trobe University & Senior Financial Crime Consultant, CGAP Mitsutoshi Kajikawa, Deputy Vice Minister, Ministry of Finance, Japan Dr. Rachita Gulati, Research Fellow & Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute Vincent Li, Senior Director, Group Compliance and AML, Ant International Soumyadeep Mandal, Assistant General Manager, Reserve Bank of India</p> <p>Moderators: Prof. Andreas Chai, Director, Financial Crime Investigation and Compliance Academy, Griffith Business School Shawn Hunter, Industry Fellow (APEC) & Director, Inclusive Growth Programs, Griffith Asia Institute</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>AI Technology to Mitigate Correspondent Bank Derisking</h2> <p>Speakers: Prof. Bob Wardrop, Professor, University of Cambridge & Spin-out Founder, RegGenome Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore Lotte Schou Zibell, Chief Executive Officer, Impact Financial Advisory Dr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist & Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute Siddharth Shetty, Co-Creator, Finternet & Co-Founder, Sahamati Lisette Cipriano, Principal Digital Finance Specialist, Asian Development Bank Arvind Sankaran, Senior Fintech Consultant, Asian Development Bank Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Giovanni Bandi, Executive Director - Regulatory Genome Project, Cambridge Judge Business School</p>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 2:00pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>More than 5 Eyes to See, You Need Vision</h2> <p>Speakers: Cartan McLaughlin, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Nihon Cyber Defence Co., Ltd. Daniel Riedel, Managing Partner & Chief Executive Officer, GenLab Venture Studio Dea Markova, Director of Policy, Fireblocks Dirk Engeler, Regional CISO, Blackwired Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation Peter Deans, Board Member, The RegTech Association Vishal Sacheendran, Head of Regional Markets, Binance Yuto Tanaka, Chief Executive Officer, Fore-co Ph.D. Keitaro Ohno, Member, House of Representatives</p> <p>Moderator: Carole House, Former White House Special Advisor & Senior Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University</p>

Mon, Mar 3
2:30pm - 4:00pm

Roundtable Room 2, 5F,
BelleSalle

Future Opportunities and Challenges for the Development and Adoption of Open Banking and Open Finance

Speakers:

Camilla Bullock, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia
Matthew Long, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
Shrikant Patil, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, DigiAlly
Hasan Fawzi, Commissioner of Financial Sector Technology Innovation, Digital Financial Asset and Crypto Asset Supervision, Otoritas Jasa Keuangan Indonesia
Angelina Kwan, Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific
Hakan Eroglu, Advisor – BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore
Paolo Ong, Assistant Director, Securities and Exchange Commission
Chihiro Ban, Section Chief, Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA)
Johann (Joe) van der Lith, Regulatory Specialist, Financial Sector Conduct Authority
Naphongthawat Phothikit, Senior Director of the Payments & Fintech Policy Department, Bank of Thailand

Moderators:

Dr. Peter Morgan, Senior Consulting Economist & Advisor to the Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute
Pavle Avramovic, Head of Market and Infrastructure Observatory, Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance

Mon, Mar 3
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Roundtable Room 3, 5F,
BelleSalle

Coining the Right Strategy for Stability - Stablecoin Innovation that Works

Speakers:

Angela Ang, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs
Dea Markova, Director of Policy, Fireblocks
Deborah Algeo, Head of Enterprise, Global, Zodia Custody
Jane Moore, Head of Department, Payments & Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority
Kiran Mistry, RVP, Head of Financial Services, APAC, SAP
Lu Yin, APAC Lead, Solana Foundation
Peter Goodrich, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board
David Katz, Vice President for Strategy & Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Circle

Moderator:

Elise Soucie Watts, Executive Director, Global Digital Finance

Mon, Mar 3
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Roundtable Room 1, 5F,
BelleSalle

Finding the Impact in Capitalism

Speakers:

Dr. Amlan Roy, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LCP & LSE
Arjun Vir Singh, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little
Candace Kelly, Chief Legal & Policy Officer, Stellar Development Foundation
Hiroshi Ozeki, President & Chief Executive Officer, Nissay Asset Management Corporation
Jennifer Buckley, Founder & Managing Director, Sweef Capital
Kiyotaka Fujii, Former President, Konica Minolta Global Healthcare
Taejun Shin, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Gojo & Company
Tram Anh Nguyen, Board Advisor, GFTN Japan & Co-founder, CFTE
Yumiko Murakami, General Partner, MPower Partners Fund L.P.

Moderator:

Hiro Mizuno, Founder & CEO, Good Steward Partners, LLC; Special Advisor to CEO, MSCI, Inc. & Senior Adviser, TNFD,

Monday, 3 March 2025

Workshops

<p>Mon, Mar 3 1:30pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japan Entry Desk Supported by FSA, JETRO & Cabinet Secretariat</h3>
<p>Mon, Mar 3 4:00pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Building Sustainable and Scalable Financial Corridors: Connecting Fintech Ecosystems and Beyond</h3> <p>Speakers: Andre Leung, Chief Executive Officer, aereve.com Asih Karnengsih, Executive Director, Asosiasi Blockchain Indonesia Byambasuren Myagmartseren, Chief Executive Officer, Mongolian Fintech Association Jaclyn Tsai, Chairperson & Honorary Chairwoman, Asia FinTech Alliance & Taiwan FinTech Association Karen Puah, Past President, Fintech Association of Malaysia</p> <p>Moderators: Jil Ebanoidze, Chairwoman, Board Member, Global Impact Fintech (GIFT) Takeshi Kito, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Japan, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Global Leaders Dialogue

English & Japanese Languages Available

<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:10am - 9:15am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Welcome to GFTN Forums Japan: Day 2</h3> <p>Moderator: Sharanjit Leyl, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Opening Musical Performance</h3> <p>Speakers: Bruce Huebner, Shakuhachi Flute Player, Zabu Tone Music Kaoru Arai-Colucci, Harpist, Harp & Soul</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:35am - 10:20am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japan-India Dialogue: The Geopolitical Imperative</h3> <p>Speakers: Jawed Ashraf, Former Ambassador of India to France and High Commissioner to Singapore, Former member of the Indian Foreign Service Dr. Amar Patnaik, Partner, A&N Legal Solutions LLP Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:20am - 10:50am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Japan's role in the Global FinTech Scene</h3> <p>Speaker: Kosuke Mori, Chief Executive Officer, Saison International</p> <p>Moderator: Clay Chandler, Executive Editor, Asia, Fortune</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:50am - 11:10am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h3>Road Ahead: A look into the future of FinTech</h3> <p>Speaker: Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Markets and Development, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:10am - 11:40am</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Future Proofers: Brown to Green to Gold – Opportunities in Asia’s climate transition</h2> <p>Speakers: Chen Leiming, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International & Senior Vice President, Ant Group, Ant International Olivier Kuziner, Managing Partner, Ekimetrics Tomohiro Ishikawa, Chief Regulatory Engagement Officer, MUFG Bank, Ltd.</p> <p>Moderator: Anju Patwardhan, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:40am - 1:20pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Lunch Break</h2>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:20pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Fireside chat with Kristo Käärmann, Co-founder and CEO of Wise</h2> <p>Speaker: Kristo Käärmann, Chief Executive Officer, Wise</p> <p>Moderator: Jaskaran Bhalla, Head of Content, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:40pm - 1:55pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Keynote by Martin Moloney, Deputy Secretary General, FSB</h2> <p>Speaker: Martin Moloney, Deputy Secretary General, Financial Stability Board (FSB)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:55pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Institutional On-Chain Evolution: Navigating the Commercialization of Digital Assets</h2> <p>Speakers: Fiona Murray, Managing Director, APAC, Ripple Julian Sawyer, Chief Executive Officer, Zodia Custody Dr. Jorgen Ouaknine, Global Head of Innovation and Digital Assets, Euroclear & Chair, Global Synchronizer Foundation Fernando Luis Vázquez Cao, Chief Executive Officer, SBI Digital Asset Holdings</p> <p>Moderator: Sandra Ro, Chief Executive Officer, Global Blockchain Business Council</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:30pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>JFSA Keynote</h2> <p>Speaker: Hideki Ito, Commissioner, Financial Services Agency Japan</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:40pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Digital Assets Outlook 2025</h2> <p>Speakers: Eric Anziani, President & Chief Operating Officer, Crypto.com Matthew White, Chief Executive Officer, VARA</p> <p>Moderator: Arjun Vir Singh, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:10pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Cloud Computing in the Era of AI: Empowering Financial Services with Next-gen Solutions</h2> <p>Speakers: Ashish Khanna, Chief of Staff to MD & Chief Marketing Officer, Nucleus Software Exports Limited Hanson Liu, Japan Country Manager, Tencent Cloud Ronit Ghose, Head of Future of Finance, Citi Stephen Peters, Head of Enterprise Payment Solutions, FIS Dr. Wujuan Lin, General Manager, Hitachi Asia Ltd</p> <p>Moderator: Sharanjit Leyl, Chancellor, Bath Spa University</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 4:00pm - 4:35pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Governing AI in Financial Services: Policies for a Smarter Future</h2> <p>Speakers: Chihiro Ban, Section Chief, Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA) Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore Sebastian Gehrmann, Head of Responsible AI, CTO Office, Bloomberg Loren Bushkar, Principal, AI Policy, Federal Reserve Board</p> <p>Moderator: Jaskaran Bhalla, Head of Content, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 4:35pm - 5:20pm</p> <p>Main Stage, B2F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Evolution of Payments in Japan: Status and Next Steps</h2> <p>Speakers: Keita Suzuki, General Manager, GMO Payment Gateway Sam Pemberton Ahmed, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Smartpay Ryosuke Nomura, Chief Executive Officer, Sony Payment Services Inc.</p> <p>Moderator: Camilla Bullock, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia</p>

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Asset Management Forum

English only

<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:45am - 9:50am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Welcome</h3> <p>Speaker: Pieter Franken, Co-founder & Director, Japan, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:50am - 10:00am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Opening Remarks by GFTN</h3> <p>Speaker: Neil Parekh, Executive Deputy Chairman, GFTN & Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:00am - 10:40am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Unlocking FDI: Bridging the Gap for Japan's Growth</h3> <p>Speakers: Daniel Fujii, President & Chief Executive Officer, Trust Capital Fujiko Amano, Director for Investment Collaboration, METI Hero Choudhary, Managing Partner, BEENEXT Mitsuru Myochin, Director-General for Foreign Direct Investment Promotion, Director-General for International Economic Affairs, Cabinet Office</p> <p>Moderator: Frank Packard, Partner, Eight Peak Partners</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:40am - 11:20am</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Public Markets vs Private Markets: In the Eyes of Foreign Investors (An Asset Allocation Conundrum)</h3> <p>Speakers: Fahad Bin Hamdan, Assistant Deputy of Investment, Capital Market Authority, Saudi Arabia Marco Bizzozero, Head of International & Member of the Executive Committee, iCapital Neil Parekh, Executive Deputy Chairman, GFTN & Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p> <p>Moderator: Mukund Tatipamula, COO & Head of Hybrid Markets Japan, TP ICAP</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:20am - 12:00pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h3>Bridging the Gap: Building a Corridor for Growth Between Capital Markets and Startups</h3> <p>Speakers: Allan Chou, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, 21st Fintech Logan Allin, Founder & Managing Partner, Fin Capital Jeff Hutchins, Head of Japan Equities, Jefferies Junichiro Goto, General Manager, New Listings, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.(JPX)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amlan Roy, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LCP & LSE</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Kabuto One Restaurant</p>	<h2>Networking Lunch @KabutoOne</h2>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:00pm - 1:35pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Fireside Chat with The Economist's Tokyo Bureau Chief Noah Sneider</h2> <p>Speaker: Noah Sneider, East Asia Bureau Chief, The Economist</p> <p>Moderator: Jesper Koll, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:35pm - 2:10pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>The Evolution of Asset Management: Adapting to a Changing Landscape</h2> <p>Speakers: David Richards, Managing Director, Chief Administrative Officer, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Inderbir Singh Dhingra, Chief Investment Officer, IFC AMC & Head, Global Infrastructure Fund and Principal, Emerging Asia Fund, International Finance Corporation (IFC) Kei Okazaki, Head of ETF Secondary Trading, Equities Department & ETF Business Development, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.(JPX)</p> <p>Moderator: Naomi Takegoshi, Senior Relationship Manager, FinCity.Tokyo</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:10pm - 2:45pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Carbon Credits & Transition Finance: Unlocking Japan's Net-Zero Future</h2> <p>Speakers: Bob Takai, Chief Executive Officer, EEX Japan (European Energy Exchange) Tom Fox-Hughes, Chief Executive Officer, Energy and Commodities, APAC, TP ICAP Natsuko Gunji, General Manager, Carbon Credit Market Office, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Amlan Roy, Partner LCP, Research Associate LSE (FMG & SRC), Author "Demographics Unravelling", LCP & LSE</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:45pm - 2:55pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Keynote remarks by ADB Vice President</h2> <p>Speaker: Bhargav Dasgupta, Vice President, Market Solutions, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:55pm - 3:05pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Keynote by JPX</h2> <p>Speaker: Moriyuki Iwanaga, President & CEO, Tokyo Stock Exchange, Inc.</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:05pm - 3:35pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Beyond Legacy: Modernising Japanese Asset Management for Global Success</h2> <p>Speaker: Ken Hokugo, Director, Head of Corporate Governance, Pension Fund Association</p> <p>Moderator: Yuko Oka, Board Member, Managing Partner, SDG Impact Japan Inc.</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:35pm - 4:15pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Reimagining Stock Exchanges: Innovation, Access, and Growth</h2> <p>Speakers: Masafumi Kondo, Head of Corporate Strategy, Japan Exchange Group, Inc. Takeshi Chino, General Manager, Binance Japan Ulf Carlsson, MD Head of Asia Pacific & Japan, Nasdaq</p> <p>Moderator: Oliver Matthew, Head of Institutional Equities, CLSA, CLSA</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 4:15pm - 4:20pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>Closing Remarks: Key Takeaways & The Road Ahead</h2> <p>Speaker: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 5:00pm - 7:00pm</p> <p>TSE Hall, JPX</p>	<h2>GFTN GP/LP Mixer with CARTA (invite only)</h2>

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<p>Tue, Mar 4 9:30am - 11:00am</p> <p>Roundtable Room 1, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>From Sandboxes to Regulatory Reform: Charting a Path for Tokenized Asset Regulation</h2> <p>Speakers: Atiqah Zaki, Manager, Financial Development and Innovation, Bank Negara Malaysia Carrie Suen, Vice President and Head of Global Affairs & Strategic Development, Ant International Hasan Fawzi, Commissioner of Financial Sector Technology Innovation, Digital Financial Asset and Crypto Asset Supervision, Otoritas Jasa Keuangan Indonesia Johann (Joe) van der Lith, Regulatory Specialist, Financial Sector Conduct Authority Masashi Yanase, Deputy Director, Fintech and Innovation Office, Financial Services Agency Merion Anggerek, Director & Head (Capital Markets Policy Division), Markets Policy & Consumer Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore Paolo Ong, Assistant Director, Securities and Exchange Commission Rahul Advani, Head of Public Policy, APAC, Ripple Dr. Rhys Bollen, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission Tim Way, Head of Business Solutions and Advisory, APAC, Fireblocks</p> <p>Moderators: Hugo Coelho, Head of Digital Policy and Regulation, Financial Innovation for Impact (FII) & Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, Cambridge Judge Business School Nick Clark, Head, Cambridge Regulatory Innovation Hub, Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 10:00am - 11:30am</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Implications of AI from Financial Stability and Market Integrity Perspectives – Challenges and Solutions</h2> <p>Speakers: Dr. Joseph Breeden, Chief Executive Officer, Deep Future Analytics Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore Loren Bushkar, Principal, AI Policy, Federal Reserve Board Massimo Buonomo, Global Expert in AI, European Commission Dr. Mark Shmulevich, Managing Partner, Aloniq Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan Valerie Szczepanik, Director, US SEC's Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology (FinHub), US Securities and Exchange Commission Yuta Takanashi, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board Carole House, Former White House Special Advisor & Senior Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University Elisabeth Wallace, Head of Innovation and Conduct Policy, Dubai Financial Services Authority</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chris Brummer, Founder, Georgetown Law and The Fintech Foundation</p>

<p>Tue, Mar 4 11:00am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 3, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>[Invitation Only] Ensuring Innovation in Insurance</h2> <p>Speakers: Giorgi Gurgenidze, Head of Capital Market Development, Insurance Policy and Pension Reform Department, Ex-officio Member of the Governing Board of Pension Fund of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Kiran Mistry, RVP, Head of Financial Services, APAC, SAP Shwetank Verma, Co-founder & General Partner, Leo Capital Stephen Barnham, Group Chief Digital Officer and Chief Information Officer, Dai-ichi Life Group Miyuki Ebata, Country Manager, Guidewire Software Japan Makoto Okubo, General Manager, International Affairs, Nippon Life Insurance Company Dipen Mehta, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SoftServe APAC</p> <p>Moderators: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN) Prof. Chia Tek Yew, Advisor, NUS - Asian Institute of Digital Finance</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 12:30pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>Protecting People: Technology to Safeguard Consumers and the Financial System</h2> <p>Speakers: Angela Ang, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs Beju Shah, Head of Nordics, Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Dirk Engeler, Regional CISO, Blackwired Giorgi Gurgenidze, Head of Capital Market Development, Insurance Policy and Pension Reform Department, Ex-officio Member of the Governing Board of Pension Fund of Georgia, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia Kenneth Gay, Chief FinTech Officer, Monetary Authority of Singapore Navin Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Crystal Intelligence Niki Ariyasinghe, Head of Business Development, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Chainlink Phillip Straley, President, FNA Tomoyuki Sugawara, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Public Security Division, Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Moderator: Deborah Algeo, Head of Enterprise, Global, Zodia Custody</p> <p>Chair: Junichi Kanda, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Justice, Japan</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:30pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Roundtable Room 2, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<h2>The New World of Data: Challenges and Opportunities for the Payments Ecosystem and Fintechs</h2> <p>Speakers: Hakan Eroglu, Advisor – BIS Innovation Hub, Bank for International Settlements (BIS) Amira Karim, Head of Public Policy, Payments & Financial Services, Amazon Zhang Yinfan, Director for International Public Policy & Government Affairs, Ant International Dipen Mehta, Executive Vice President & General Manager, SoftServe APAC Gary Liu, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Terminal 3 Pawan Bhat, Vice President Business Development - Japan, Nucleus Software Exports Limited Naphongthawat Phothikit, Senior Director of the Payments & Fintech Policy Department, Bank of Thailand Young Jin (YJ) Kim, Head of International Business, Korea Financial Telecommunications & Clearings Institute Michi Kakebayashi, Deputy Director, Financial Services Agency Siddharth Shetty, Co-Creator, Finternet & Co-Founder, Sahamati</p> <p>Moderators: Camilla Bullock, Chief Executive Officer, Emerging Payments Association Asia Rahul Bhargava, Founder & Director, Avivate Consulting</p>

Tue, Mar 4
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Roundtable Room 3, 5F,
BelleSalle

Bridging the Digital Divide: Building a Connected Future for Global Prosperity

Speakers:

Alexandre Kech, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)
Alvinder Singh, Head, Innovation Acceleration Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore
Candace Kelly, Chief Legal & Policy Officer, Stellar Development Foundation
David Katz, Vice President for Strategy & Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Circle
Noritoshi Murakami, Head of Transaction Banking, MUFG Bank, & Board Director, SWIFT
Shun Kobayashi, Head of FinTech Center, Bank of Japan
Siddharth Shetty, Co-Creator, Finternet & Co-Founder, Sahamati
Tom Shinya, Senior Expert, Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance
Yusuke Takezawa, Chief Strategy Officer, Progmatic Inc
Arvind Sankaran, Senior Fintech Consultant, Asian Development Bank

Moderator:

Louise Taylor-Digby, MD Industry Engagement, ESG. Vice Chair, ICC Banking Commission, Swift

Tue, Mar 4
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Roundtable Room 1, 5F,
BelleSalle

Navigating the Future: Global Digital Asset Infrastructure - Insights from GLI and Project Guardian

Speakers:

Kohei Ueda, Head of Digital Transformation, Global Transaction Banking, Mizuho Bank
Dr. Jorgen Ouaknine, Global Head of Innovation and Digital Assets, Euroclear & Chair, Global Synchronizer Foundation
Marita McGinley, Head of Digital Asset Strategy, Schroders
Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Digital Strategy Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd.
Matthias Obrecht, Head Market Analysis, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)
Mayumi Ojima, Director, Bank of Japan
Naveen Mallela, Global Co-head of Kinexys & Managing Director, J.P. Morgan
Russell Cummer, Founder, Paidy & AltX Research
Yuta Takanashi, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board
Morten Bech, Centre Head - Switzerland, BIS Innovation Hub
Nicholas Tabor, Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Treasury

Moderators:

Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore
Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Tuesday, 4 March 2025

Workshops

<p>Tue, Mar 4 1:00pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p>Japan Entry Desk Supported by FSA, JETRO & Cabinet Secretariat</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 2:00pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>Workshop 2 - Room 10, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p>"Disrupting Barriers: Georgia's FinTech Roadmap and the Middle Corridor's Future" - Powered by National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Speakers: Vasil Shengelia, Head of Open Finance Ecosystem and Financial Innovation Development Division, National Bank of Georgia David Bochorishvili, Head of R&D division , National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Moderator: Varlam Ebanoidze, Head of FinTech Development & Innovation Office, National Bank of Georgia</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p>"Navigating the U.S. fintech and digital assets landscape" - Powered by A&O Shearman</p> <p>Speakers: Dario de Martino, Partner, A&O Shearman Helen Christakos, Partner, A&O Shearman</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 3:00pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Workshop 2 - Room 10, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p>"USDC and the future of digital finance in Japan: a fireside chat" - Powered by Circle</p> <p>Speakers: Kenta Sakakibara, Country Manager, Japan, Circle Yuki Kamimoto, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)</p>
<p>Tue, Mar 4 4:30pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Workshop 1 - Room 7, 5F, BelleSalle</p>	<p>"MUFG's Disruptive Challenges with Startups at Silicon Valley" - Powered by MUFG</p> <p>Speakers: Jun Onishi, Head for Americas, Global Innovation Team, MUFG Bank Shunsuke Maeda, Head of Business Development, MUFG Global Innovation Team Ichika Sakon, Vice President, MUFG Bank Hamish Brox, CEO, BROX.AI Hikari Senju, Chief Executive Officer, Omneky Brian Sathianathan, Co-Founder & Chief Technology/Digital Officer, Iterate.ai</p>

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Digital Assets Summit

English & Japanese Languages Available

<p>Wed, Mar 5 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Opening Musical Performance</h3> <p>Speaker: Tsugumi Yamamoto, Koto player,</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 9:30am - 10:10am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Scaling Tokenized Markets: Driving Market Acceptance and Building Liquidity</h3> <p>Speakers: Naveen Mallela, Global Co-head of Kinexys & Managing Director, J.P. Morgan Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore Kirit Bhatia, VP, Business Development, Ripple Ram Iyer, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Vayana</p> <p>Moderator: Elise Soucie Watts, Executive Director, Global Digital Finance</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:10am - 10:50am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Transforming the Capital Markets Lifecycle</h3> <p>Speakers: Humphrey Valenbreder, Chief Executive Officer, Partior Kelvin Li, Head of Platform Tech, Ant International Lee Kai Yang, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, DMZ Finance Lu Yin, APAC Lead, Solana Foundation Scott Lucas, Head of Markets Digital Assets, Managing Director, J.P. Morgan</p> <p>Moderator: Ananya Kumar, Deputy Director for Future of Money at the GeoEconomics Center, Atlantic Council</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:50am - 11:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>The Next Stage of Institutional Digital Money</h3> <p>Speakers: Chan Yam Ki, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle Daniel Lee, Head of Web3, Banking Circle Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Digital Strategy Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd. Milind Sanghavi, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, XWeave.io</p> <p>Moderator: Laura Loh, Director, Investment (Blockchain), Temasek</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Lunch Break</h3>

<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:00pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Fireside Chat with Oki Matsumoto</h2> <p>Speaker: Oki Matsumoto, Representative Executive Chairman, Monex Group & Executive Chairman, Coincheck Group</p> <p>Moderator: Yuki Kamimoto, Chief Executive Officer, N.Avenue Inc (CoinDesk JAPAN)</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:20pm - 2:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Bridging Blockchains, Building Businesses</h2> <p>Speakers: Daniela Barbosa, General Manager, Decentralized Technologies, Linux Foundation & Executive Director, LF Decentralized Trust Giorgio Zinetti, Chief Technology Officer, Cardano Foundation Niki Ariyasinghe, Head of Business Development, Asia-Pacific and Middle East, Chainlink Russell Cummer, Founder, Paidy & AltX Research</p> <p>Moderator: Qin En Looi, Partner, Saison Capital</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:00pm - 2:35pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Navigating Global Headwinds in Digital Assets</h2> <p>Speakers: Eleanor Hughes, General Counsel, Binance Katie Mitchell, International Policy, Coinbase Dr. Lisa Cameron, Former Member of UK Parliament, Global Legislators Forum in Digital Assets Salim Dhanani, Chief Executive Officer, Pave Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Dea Markova, Director of Policy, Fireblocks</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:35pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Privacy and Security in the Future of Digital Assets Infrastructure</h2> <p>Speakers: Angela Ang, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs Gary Liu, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Terminal 3 Dr. Jorgen Ouaknine, Global Head of Innovation and Digital Assets, Euroclear & Chair, Global Synchronizer Foundation Sophia Lopez, Founder & President, Kaleido</p> <p>Moderator: Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 3:10pm - 3:50pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>IOSCO Fintech Task Force Panel – Keeping Pace with Evolving Trends in Crypto-asset Markets, AI and Financial Asset Tokenization</h2> <p>Speakers: Lim Tuang Lee, Assistant Managing Director (Capital Markets Group), Monetary Authority of Singapore Matthew Long, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Valerie Szczepanik, Director, US SEC's Strategic Hub for Innovation and Financial Technology (FinHub), US Securities and Exchange Commission</p> <p>Moderator: Alp Eroglu, Deputy Director Standards Development, IOSCO General Secretariat</p>

<p>Wed, Mar 5 3:50pm - 4:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Web3 and Decentralisation: Building the Next Financial Paradigm</h2> <p>Speakers: Russell Cummer, Founder, Paidy & AltX Research Sota Watanabe, Chief Executive Officer, Startale Group Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Michi Kakebayashi, Deputy Director, Financial Services Agency</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 4:20pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>The Evolution of Crypto Exchanges and Shifting Consumer Expectations</h2> <p>Speakers: Jae Hur, Head of Asia, Benzinga Jason Allegrante, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Fireblocks Joey Garcia, Executive Director, Chief Digital Asset & Legal Officer, Xapo Bank Vishal Sacheendran, Head of Regional Markets, Binance</p> <p>Moderator: Delane Foo, APAC Regional Managing Director, Nethermind</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 5:00pm - 5:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Fireside chat with Hirofumi Hirano, CEO of KKR Japan</h2> <p>Speaker: Hirofumi Hirano, Chief Executive Officer, KKR Japan Limited</p> <p>Moderator: Frank Packard, Partner, Eight Peak Partners</p>

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

FutureTech Forum

English only

<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:00am - 10:05am</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Welcome to FutureTech Forum</h3> <p>Speaker: Tram Anh Nguyen, Board Advisor, GFTN Japan & Co-founder, CFTE</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:05am - 10:30am</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Keynote by Father of Internet in Japan: Corridors for Digital Civilization</h3> <p>Speaker: Prof. Jun Murai, Distinguished Professor, Keio University</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:30am - 10:50am</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>State of AI: The Japan Perspective</h3> <p>Speaker: Akira Shibata, Country Manager Japan & Korea, Weights and Biases</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:50am - 11:30am</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>The Role of Incumbents in Shaping AI's Future</h3> <p>Speakers: Daisuke Aranami, Managing Executive Officer, Microsoft Japan Dr. David Brunner, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, ModuleQ Ronit Ghose, Head of Future of Finance, Citi Yang Jiang-Ming, Chief Innovation Officer, Ant International</p> <p>Moderator: Akira Shibata, Country Manager Japan & Korea, Weights and Biases</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 11:30am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Digital Identity & Financial Corridors: How Custodians are Shaping the Future of Financial Services</h3> <p>Speakers: Alexandre Kech, Chief Executive Officer, Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) Bruno Batavia, Principal & Director of Emerging Tech, Valor Capital Group Sandeep Patil, Partner & Head of Asia Investments, QED Investors</p> <p>Moderator: Arjun Vir Singh, Partner & Global Head of FinTech, Arthur D. Little</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 12:00pm - 12:45pm</p> <p>B1F, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Lunch Break</h3>

<p>Wed, Mar 5 12:45pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Keynote by Professor Urbasi Sinha Winner of Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025</h2> <p>Speaker: Prof. Urbasi Sinha, Professor, Raman Research Institute, India and University of Calgary, Canada</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:00pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Quantum Computing: Redefining the Future of Finance</h2> <p>Speakers: Prof. Urbasi Sinha, Professor, Raman Research Institute, India and University of Calgary, Canada Shuya Kekke, Representative Director, Chief Executive Officer (Japan), Quantinuum K.K. Jean-Charles Cabelguen, Head of Quantum Adoption & Impact, Pasqal Japan James Sanders, Investment Manager and Program Director, QAI Ventures</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chia Tek Yew, Advisor, NUS - Asian Institute of Digital Finance</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:40pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Rising Startups: Transforming the Financial Industry with AI</h2> <p>Speakers: Keiji Matsunaga, General Manager, Digital Strategy Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG) Dr. Joseph Breeden, Chief Executive Officer, Deep Future Analytics Jan Szilagyi, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Reflexivity</p> <p>Moderator: Takuto Takizawa, Industry Specialist in Generative AI and Business Innovation, Senior AI Advisor at INCITE Advisory Group</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 2:20pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Cybersecurity and Financial Crime in the Age of AI and Quantum</h2> <p>Speakers: Carole House, Former White House Special Advisor & Senior Visiting Scholar, Georgetown University Cartan McLaughlin, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Nihon Cyber Defence Co., Ltd. Chrysty Esperanza, Chief Legal Officer, Block, Inc. Daniel Riedel, Managing Partner & Chief Executive Officer, GenLab Venture Studio</p> <p>Moderator: Jason Allegrante, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Fireblocks</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 3:00pm - 3:40pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Accelerating Digital Transformation with API-Driven FinTech Solutions</h2> <p>Speakers: Paul Chapman, Founder & Chief Executive, Moneytree KK Umang Moondra, Chief Executive Officer, APIX Platform Georgia Westbrook, Legal Counsel and Director, Square Australia, Block Taiki Sakata, General Manager, Head of Strategy Planning, Head Global Operations for FI Business, Hitachi Ltd. Varlam Ebanoidze, Head of FinTech Development & Innovation Office, National Bank of Georgia</p> <p>Moderator: Pieter Franken, Co-founder & Director, Japan, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>

<p>Wed, Mar 5 3:40pm - 3:55pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Cloud and AI: Driving Secure, Resilient Growth for the Future of Finance Services</h2> <p>Speaker: Bluefin Zhao, Vice President of Tencent Cloud, Managing Director of APAC, Tencent</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 4:30pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>Studio, B1F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Unlocking the Global Economy Through Fungible Stablecoins</h2> <p>Speakers: Elise Soucie Watts, Executive Director, Global Digital Finance Peter Goodrich, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board</p> <p>Moderator: Rahul Advani, Head of Public Policy, APAC, Ripple</p>

Wednesday, 5 March 2025

FSA Blockchain Roundtable

English only

<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:30am - 10:40am</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Introductory Remark to FSA Blockchain Roundtable</h3> <p>Speaker: Yu Ozaki, Deputy Director-General of the Supervisory Bureau, Financial Services Agency</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 10:40am - 12:00pm</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Accelerating Global Harmonization of Crypto and Stablecoin Regulation</h3> <p>Speakers: Matthew Long, Director, Payments and Digital Assets, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Nobuyasu Sugimoto, Deputy Division Chief, Financial Supervision and Regulation Division, International Monetary Fund Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan Matthew White, Chief Executive Officer, VARA Matthias Obrecht, Head Market Analysis, Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) Elisabeth Wallace, Head of Innovation and Conduct Policy, Dubai Financial Services Authority Dr. Rhys Bollen, Senior Executive Leader, Digital Assets, Australian Securities and Investments Commission Ian Lee, Head (AML/CFT Supervision), Monetary Authority of Singapore</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Chris Brummer, Founder, Georgetown Law and The Fintech Foundation</p>
<p>Wed, Mar 5 1:00pm - 2:20pm</p> <p>BCRT - B2, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Building Blocks of the Stable and Reliable Tokenization Ecosystem</h3> <p>Speakers: Alan Lim, Director & Head, Financial Infrastructure and Artificial Intelligence Office, Monetary Authority of Singapore Daniel Lee, Head of Web3, Banking Circle Jason Allegrante, Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, Fireblocks Jessica Renier, Managing Director & Head of Digital Finance, Institute of International Finance (IIF) Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, Deputy Head of Digital Strategy Division, MUFG Bank, Ltd. Morten Bech, Centre Head - Switzerland, BIS Innovation Hub Naoto Shimoda, Deputy Director-General, Payment and Settlement Systems Department, Bank of Japan Patrick Cheng, Lead Financial Officer, Treasury Financial Technology, The World Bank Treasury Yuta Takanashi, Member of Secretariat, Financial Stability Board</p> <p>Moderators: Prof. Austin Campbell, Adjunct Professor, NYU Stern Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan</p>

Wed, Mar 5
2:40pm - 4:00pm

BCRT - B2, Kaikan,
Kanda Myojin

Safeguarding the Crypto Ecosystem: Lessons from the ByBit Hack and the Imperative for Stronger Cybersecurity & AML/CFT Measures

Speakers:

Daniel Lee, Head of Web3, Banking Circle
Rex Zhang, COO, OneInfinity
David Katz, Vice President for Strategy & Public Policy, Asia Pacific, Circle
Dea Markova, Director of Policy, Fireblocks
Angela Ang, Head of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, APAC, TRM Labs
Chengyi Ong, Head of Policy, APAC, Chainalysis
Adam Zarazinski, Chief Executive Officer, Inca Digital
Angelina Kwan, Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific
Jon Isaksen, Head of Policy, EMEA, Uniswap Labs

Moderators:

Prof. Bob Wardrop, Professor, University of Cambridge & Spin-out Founder, RegGenome
Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Wed, Mar 5
4:10pm - 5:30pm

BCRT - B2, Kaikan,
Kanda Myojin

Web3 Development in Japan and Business Opportunities for International Players

Speakers:

Haruo Narimoto, Partner, TMI Associates
Yusuke Takezawa, Chief Strategy Officer, Progmatic Inc
Kaya Kanamori, Head of Business Planning Dept., Sony Bank
Yusuke Jindo, CFO & Head of Validator Business, Animoca Brands Japan
Nao Kitazawa, Venture Partner, Eight Roads Ventures Japan
Mark Medum Bundgaard, Chief Product Officer, Partisia
Matthew Van Niekerk, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, SettleMint
Shuhei Ochiai, General Manager, Toyota Financial Services Corporation & Toyota Blockchain Lab
Chiharu Kuroda, Regulatory Expert, KDDI
Roi Hirata, Head of Japan, Ava Labs

Moderators:

Shota Matsuzawa, Co-founder, Managing Director, Decima Fund
Ryosuke Ushida, Chief Fintech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Thursday, 6 March 2025

Founders Day

English & Japanese Languages Available

<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:15am - 9:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Musical Welcome to Founders Day</h3> <p>Speakers: Sharanjit Leyl, Chancellor, Bath Spa University Tamaki Hikari, Shinobue and Nohkan Player, Chizuru Segawa, Guitarist,</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:30am - 9:40am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Japan's Startup Renaissance: Policies, Capital, and Global Ambitions</h3> <p>Speaker: Ryo Kawashima, Deputy Director, Innovation and Startup Promotion Division, Innovation and Environment Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:40am - 9:50am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>The Next Era of Venture Capital</h3> <p>Speaker: Charlie Pennington, Head of GTM, APAC & Middle East, Corporations, Carta</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 9:50am - 10:30am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Panel - Unlocking Liquidity: Charting the Course for Startup Exits in Japan</h3> <p>Speakers: Jordan Fisher, Co-founder & Chairman, Zehitomo Inc. and Venture Partner, Antler Japan Rei Murakami, Founding Partner, Kadan Capital Russell Cummer, Founder, Paidy & AltX Research Sam Ghiotti, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Habitto</p> <p>Moderator: Jesper Koll, Global Ambassador, Monex Group, Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:00am - 11:00am</p> <p>4F, EDOCCO, Reiwa No Ma, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h3>Hackcelerator Powered by Hitachi</h3> <p>Speakers: Neeraj Nandlal Magnani, Founder, Fountlab Solutions Pvt. Ltd. Aliaa Younis, CEO and Founder , GreenMe App Limited Zhu Naisong, CTO, Nova Data Pte Ltd Benjamin Soh, Managing Director, ESGpedia Yang Wu, Project Director , Nova Data Pte Ltd Vishal Shah, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT - AESC, FOUNTLAB SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED Chie Ito, Executive Officer, Head of Business Development, DENTSU SOKEN INC. Masahiro Naito, President of Financial Information Systems Sales Management Division, Hitachi Toshiya Cho, Senior Evangelist, Hitachi, Ltd. Joanna Yeo, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Arukah Capital Dr. Wujuan Lin, General Manager, Hitachi Asia Ltd Anju Patwardhan, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future Huey Lin, Senior Advisor, Fin Capital</p>

<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:30am - 10:35am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Welcome to The Founders Peak™</h2> <p>Speaker: Sagari White, Startup Success Lead, Global Finance & Technology Network</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:35am - 10:45am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Lost in Translation: Bridging the Business-Tech Divide</h2> <p>Speaker: Noboru Takahashi, Co-founder, M-DAQ Global</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:45am - 10:55am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Building Your Category of One</h2> <p>Speaker: Utkarsh Amitabh, Chief Executive Officer, Network Capital</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 10:55am - 11:05am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>No Pain, No Gain: Why the Hard Path is Worth It</h2> <p>Speaker: Howard Wu, Founder of Aleo, Aleo</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 11:05am - 11:15am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>The Value Creation Engine</h2> <p>Speaker: Tim Kobe, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Eight Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 11:20am - 11:25am</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Japan-India Dialogue: An Ambassador's Address</h2> <p>Speaker: H.E. Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan,</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 11:25am - 12:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Japan-India Dialogue: Technology, Innovation & Investment</h2> <p>Speakers: Masahiko Homma, General Partner, Incubate Fund Sumnesh Joshi, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Communications, Government of India Sunil Kulkarni, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Fidel Technologies KK</p> <p>Moderator: Naotaka Nishiyama, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Tech Japan Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p> <p>B1F, Kaikan, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Networking Lunch</h2>

<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:10pm - 1:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Imagining Women's Internet</h2> <p>Speaker: Sairee Chahal, Founder, Chairperson, Mahila Money & Founding Partner, Appreciate Capital</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:20pm - 1:30pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>The Team Sport of Business</h2> <p>Speaker: Russell Cummer, Founder, Paidy & AltX Research</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:30pm - 1:40pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Find your resilience when it gets hard to swim</h2> <p>Speaker: Nikhilesh Goel, Co-founder & Group Chief Executive Officer, Validus</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 1:40pm - 1:50pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Building for global financial inclusion without even a Passport</h2> <p>Speaker: Taejun Shin, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Gojo & Company</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 2:00pm - 2:40pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Panel - Accelerating Ambition: The Road to 100 Unicorns by 2027</h2> <p>Speakers: Chrysty Esperanza, Chief Legal Officer, Block, Inc. Genri Goto, Chief Executive Officer, Kotozna, Inc. Shinichi Takatori, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Kyash Inc. Dr. Shin Sakane, Co-CEO, TRADOM Inc.</p> <p>Moderator: Sopnendu Mohanty, Group Chief Executive Officer, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 2:40pm - 2:50pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>The Entrepreneur's Blind Spot: Why Outsiders Can Create The Best Solutions</h2> <p>Speaker: Takahiko Kawasaki, Co-founder, Authlete, Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 2:50pm - 3:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Rollercoaster</h2> <p>Speaker: Antoni Zolciak, Co-Founder, Aleph Zero</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 3:00pm - 3:10pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Rebound</h2> <p>Speaker: Mark Makdad, Director, Co-Founder, Moneytree KK</p>

<p>Thu, Mar 6 3:20pm - 4:00pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Panel - The Road to 100 Unicorns by 2027: Assessing the Role of Board Advisors</h2> <p>Speakers: Anju Patwardhan, Independent Board Director, Gulf International Bank, Xapo Bank, Upgrade, AWARE, Deep Future Paul Chapman, Founder & Chief Executive, Moneytree KK Angelina Kwan, Senior Advisor, IMC Asia Pacific Kyoko Altman, Chair of the Board of Directors, InfluenceMap</p> <p>Moderator: Doug Howland, Special Director, NOT A HOTEL, Inc.</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 4:00pm - 4:10pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Keynote by Financial Services Agency</h2> <p>Speaker: Shigeru Ariizumi, Vice Minister for International Affairs, Financial Services Agency Japan</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 4:10pm - 4:20pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Y Combinator grad - yet rejected, and what that has taught me.</h2> <p>Speaker: Yoshi Yokokawa, Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, Alpaca</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 4:20pm - 4:30pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>How to make Investors and customers see what's next.</h2> <p>Speaker: Sam Pemberton Ahmed, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Smartpay</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 4:35pm - 5:15pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Tokyo's Financial Corridor: Nurturing Next-Generation Leaders</h2> <p>Speakers: Cynthia Ding, Founding Partner, Yincubator Logan Allin, Founder & Managing Partner, Fin Capital Shiki Osawa, Assistant Manager, Tokyo Tatemono Prof. Huang Ke-Wei, Executive Director, Asian Institute of Digital Finance, AIDF</p> <p>Moderator: Jil Ebanoidze, Chairwoman, Board Member, Global Impact Fintech (GIFT)</p>
<p>Thu, Mar 6 5:15pm - 5:30pm</p> <p>Festival Stage, 2F, EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin</p>	<h2>Hitachi Hackcelerator Awards Ceremony</h2> <p>Speaker: Yasuki Imai, Vice President and Executive Officer, Head of Digital System & Services APAC Business, CEO of Financial Institutions Business Unit, Hitachi, Ltd.</p>

Thu, Mar 6
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Festival Stage, 2F,
EDOCCO, Kanda Myojin

The Founders ROCK™ & Networking Drinks

Speakers:

Shawn Hunter, Industry Fellow (APEC) & Director, Inclusive Growth Programs, Griffith Asia Institute

Pieter Franken, Co-founder & Director, Japan, Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN)

Antoni Zolciak, Co-Founder, Aleph Zero

Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting

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