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JAPAN WEEKS

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RESPONSIBLE CAPITAL MEETS SOCIAL INNOVATION

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About
WE ARE THE IMPACT

WE ARE THE IMPACT is a social enterprise dedicated to empowering positive social and environmental impact creation.

Through events, services and programs, we bring together people, ideas and resources to create meaningful opportunities for action.

OUR VISION

"We envision a world where capital, enterprise, philanthropy, and innovation transcend borders, empowering people and institutions to collaborate in shaping a more prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable future."

WHAT WE DO

01
Impact Events & Dialogue

Curated forums and exchanges connecting entrepreneurs, investors, businesses, and institutions.

02
Strategic Ecosystem Services

Tailored market intelligence, stakeholder mapping, partnership engagement, and ecosystem activation.

03
Impact Venture Programs

Customizable Discovery, Validation, and Development programs turning opportunities into viable ventures.

OUR FOUNDERS



Jade Wu
Founder & CEO

Jade Wu is an entrepreneur focused on social innovation and ecosystem development. She leads the organization's operation and partnership engagement.



Francis Shu
Founder & CSO

Francis Shu is an entrepreneur and financial markets practitioner. He leads the organization's strategy and long-term business development.

KEY FACTS

Global Headquarters
Headquartered in Singapore

Founding Location
Founded in Tokyo, Japan

Core Activities
Events, Services & Programs

Geographic Reach
Japan, Singapore & Beyond



About The Event

JAPAN WEEKS | Official Related Event

Impact Future Weekend 2026 Autumn was an international, cross-sector forum that brought together capital, enterprise, social innovators, policymakers, researchers, and the next generation of leaders to explore how capital and innovation can drive a more inclusive and sustainable future.

EVENT AT A GLANCE

20 Booth Positions

02 Exhibition Areas — A & B

252 On-site Attendees

TWO COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

Main Forum

Stage B

EVENT SPACE B

Keynotes, panel discussions, and cross-sector dialogues on capital, innovation, and sustainable impact.



Impact Venture Exchange

Stage A

EVENT SPACE A

Pitch sessions, venture showcases, and interactive engagement between startups, investors, and ecosystem partners.



BEYOND THE STAGE

Exhibition booths and networking opportunities created additional space for direct conversations among speakers, founders, investors, partners, and participants across sectors.



Main Forum | Stage B

From ESG Data to Investment Intelligence

How trusted sustainability data and artificial intelligence are reshaping investment research, risk assessment, and financial decision-making.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

LSEG

From ESG Data to AI-Ready Investment Intelligence

The keynote examined how sustainability disclosures can be transformed into reliable, decision-ready investment intelligence.

As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly integrated into financial analysis, data quality, comparability, transparency, and traceability remain essential. While AI can improve analytical efficiency and uncover new insights, sound investment decisions continue to depend on appropriate methodologies and human judgment.

PANEL DISCUSSION

AI, Sustainability and the Future of Investment Intelligence

The panel brought together perspectives from financial data, investment research, corporate sustainability, technology, and gender-lens investing.

The discussion explored how AI can support sustainability analysis, improve access to information, and strengthen investment decision-making, while addressing challenges related to data reliability, interpretation, and governance.

PANELISTS



Alexis R. Rocamora
Head of Sustainable Finance, APAC
LSEG Data & Analytics
Moderator



Tatjana Gerling
Ambassador to Japan
2X Global



Marco Koeder
Chief Operation Officer
Valuufy



Naho Nakakubo
Director & Chief Sustainability Officer
Cierpa & Company



Matt Helmer
Founder
Japan Finsight

KEY INSIGHTS

01 From Disclosure to Decision

Reliable, comparable, and traceable sustainability information is essential for translating corporate disclosures into meaningful investment analysis.

02 AI as an Analytical Enabler

Artificial intelligence can improve information processing, identify patterns, and support more efficient research. Its effectiveness depends on the quality of underlying data and appropriate human oversight.

03 Beyond Technology

Effective investment intelligence requires the integration of financial expertise, sustainability knowledge, technological capabilities, and responsible governance.





Main Forum | Stage B

Tokenization, Money & Market Infrastructure

How tokenization may reshape money, capital markets, and the systems that support financial transactions.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



Tokenization, Money and the Evolution of Market Infrastructure

Tomoyuki Shimoda

Specially Appointed Professor of Finance, Rikkyo University

The keynote examined how tokenization could reshape money and financial markets, highlighting the opportunities and challenges of building reliable, scalable market infrastructure for broader real-world financial adoption.

PANEL DISCUSSION

From Tokenization to Market Infrastructure

Three perspectives on the practical requirements for tokenized finance—from market frameworks to technology and cross-border collaboration.

SPEAKERS



Go Masuda
Chairman
Japan Security Token Association (JSTA)
Moderator



Tatsuya Saito
Founder & CEO
Progmat, Inc.



Yusuke Takezawa
Founder & CEO
Japan Global Bridge Initiative

DISCUSSION LENSES

01 — Market Design

Tokenized assets and digital money could reshape how value is represented and exchanged. Their development requires clear market structures and trusted institutional frameworks.

02 — Infrastructure

Interoperability between platforms and existing financial systems is essential for scalability. Strong governance, security, and risk management are equally important for reliable market operations.

03 — Adoption

Real-world applications must demonstrate practical value beyond technological feasibility. Broader adoption depends on regulatory alignment, institutional readiness, and collaboration across the financial ecosystem.



Main Forum | Stage B

Connecting Regional Innovation with Capital Allocation



Exploring how regional innovation, public policy, and responsible investment can create sustainable economic and social value in Japan.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



Rural Japan as a Frontier for Impact-Driven Innovation

Kensuke Asahi

Director, Rural Revitalization Promotion Office, Rural Development Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), Japan

The keynote highlighted how rural Japan offers opportunities for innovation and business development, enabling companies to address regional challenges while creating commercial value and positive social and environmental impact.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Impact Investing as Capital Allocation

The panel explored how impact is integrated into investment decisions, examining financial returns, impact measurement, and the role of institutional capital in sustainable business development.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

01 — Unlocking Regional Potential

Innovation in agriculture, food systems, and local industries can create business value while supporting rural revitalization.

02 — Mobilizing Capital for Impact

Impact investing aligns financial returns with measurable social and environmental outcomes through clear investment criteria.

03 — Building a Collaborative Ecosystem

Collaboration among government, businesses, investors, and communities can turn promising ideas into sustainable economic and social impact.

SPEAKERS



Eriko Suzuki
Partner
Dears Capital
Moderator



Zhen Lee
Manager, Impact Investing & Blended Finance
AVPN



Ayako Hasebe
Fund Analyst, Investment Management Department
Daiwa JPI Alternative Investments Co., Ltd.



Yuki Ikehata
Head of Sustainable Investment, Investment Division
Asset Management One Co., Ltd.



Yuko Oka
Managing Partner
SDG Impact Japan







Main Forum | Stage B

Long-Term Capital for Impact

Exploring how foundations, philanthropic capital, and long-term institutional support can strengthen social innovation, develop talent, and build more resilient ecosystems.

PANEL DISCUSSION

The discussion examined the role of philanthropic institutions in supporting initiatives that require time, experimentation, and sustained commitment. Panelists explored how funding strategies, institutional partnerships, and community building can contribute to lasting social progress.

SPEAKERS



Yu Shinagawa
Founder & CEO
An-Nahal Inc.
Moderator



Chihiro Izumi
Secretary General
Yamada Shintaro D&I Foundation



Mariko Kita
Co-Founder & Executive Director
Stellar Science Foundation



Noriko Namiki
Chief Executive Officer
JWLI | Fish Family Foundation



Haruto Okabe
Japan Representative
United States-Japan Foundation



KEY INSIGHTS

01 Supporting Innovation Before Results Are Proven

Philanthropic capital can support early experimentation and initiatives that may not yet attract commercial investment or public funding. Flexible resources allow organizations and researchers to pursue solutions with uncertain but potentially significant long-term value.

02 Measuring Progress Beyond Short-Term Outcomes

The panel distinguished immediate activities and measurable indicators from longer-term social change. While accountability remains important, overly narrow performance targets can discourage experimentation and divert attention from complex social challenges.

03 Building Institutions, Talent & Communities

Lasting impact requires more than funding individual projects. Leadership development, trusted communities, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among institutions can strengthen the conditions for organizations to grow and sustain their work.

FOUR ELEMENTS OF A STRONG SOCIAL IMPACT ECOSYSTEM

Framework presented by the United States-Japan Foundation

01 TALENT
Skilled people working for social good.

02 KNOWLEDGE
Shared expertise and cross-border learning.

03 CAPITAL
Patient, flexible funding for lasting progress.

04 POLICY
Policies that support social innovation.

Main Forum | Stage B

Closing Perspectives: Japan & the World

The Main Forum concluded with a keynote on Japan's evolving role in the global impact ecosystem, followed by a fireside conversation connecting sustainability, investment, and the future of capital markets.

CLOSING KEYNOTE



Japan and the World: Capital, Innovation and the Next Chapter

Masaki Kawai
Founder, IMPACT SHIFT
CEO, UNERI Inc.
General Partner, UNERI Capital



Masaki Kawai introduced initiatives connecting entrepreneurship, impact investment, and ecosystem development in Japan and internationally. Drawing on the work of UNERI, IMPACT SHIFT, and UNERI Capital, he highlighted the importance of connecting businesses, investors, and institutions across borders.

THREE DIRECTIONS FOR JAPAN'S NEXT CHAPTER

01 | Putting Business at the Center

Companies creating social and environmental value should take a leading role in the impact economy alongside investors and institutions.

02 | Building Cross-Border Connections

Trusted international partnerships can connect markets, capital, knowledge, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

03 | From Learning to Leading

Japan can strengthen global impact ecosystems by sharing local innovations, developing leaders, and building international partnerships.

CLOSING FIRESIDE CHAT

Connecting Sustainability, Investment & Capital Markets



Yumiko Oka
Vice President
HiJoJo Partners Inc.



Chie Mitsui
Principal Researcher
Nomura Research Institute

The discussion revisited AI's limits in sustainability reporting, the balance between financial returns and impact, and funding challenges as startups move toward public markets.

Speakers also considered how institutional investors, emerging asset managers, and family offices could strengthen Japan's investment ecosystem.





KEY TAKEAWAY

Connecting sustainability with long-term capital allocation requires credible information, commercially viable business models, and investment structures capable of supporting companies across different stages of growth.



Impact Venture Exchange | Stage A

Climate, Circularity, Healthcare & Wellbeing

Showcasing ventures developing practical solutions to environmental challenges, resource efficiency, rehabilitation, and human wellbeing.

TRACK 01 — CLIMATE, CIRCULARITY & INFRASTRUCTURE

JOYCLE

Yutaro Koyanagi - President & CEO

JOYCLE develops waste-treatment and upcycling infrastructure to enable resource recovery and reduce transportation needs.

Rightway New Material

Peter Zhu - Founder & CEO

Rightway develops carbon-negative materials using captured CO_2 and industrial byproducts, exploring applications in packaging.

e-dash

Ayano Kai - SVP of Partner Success

e-dash helps businesses measure, report, and reduce emissions, supporting supply-chain decarbonization.

Power Guard / PGK

Marcella Sarti Souza - CEO

Power Guard proposed on-site solar panel recycling to reduce costs and improve material recovery.

TRACK 02 — HEALTHCARE & WELLBEING

Digireha

Yuki Oka - Representative Director & CEO

Digireha develops digital rehabilitation tools to make therapy engaging and accessible for patients and care professionals.

Sound & Vision Technologies

Elisa Durand - Sales & Marketing

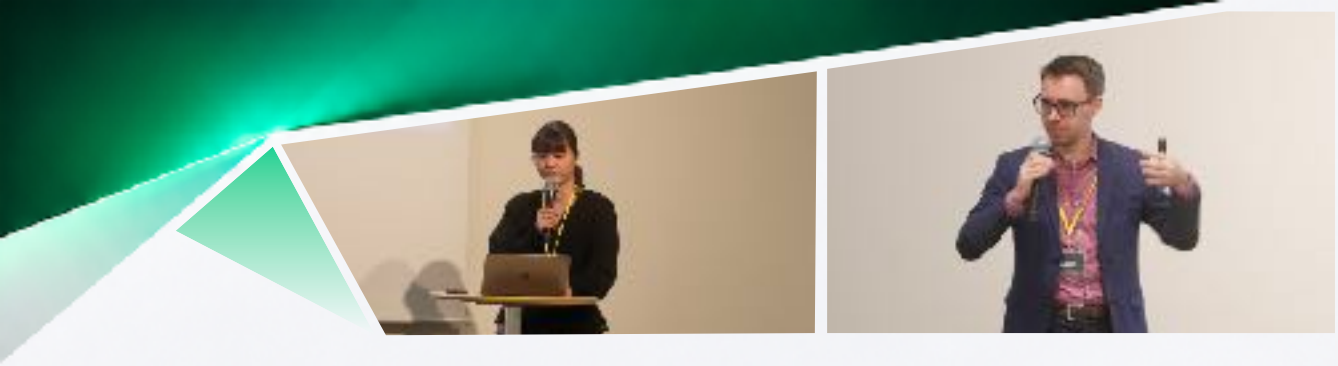
Sound & Vision Technologies introduced AI-powered stress monitoring using voice samples, detecting stress and supporting workplace wellbeing.

CONNECTING THE TRACKS

Across both tracks, ventures demonstrated how emerging technologies and innovative business models can address environmental and social challenges, from resource efficiency and decarbonization to rehabilitation and workplace wellbeing.

Their presentations highlighted the importance of practical implementation, cross-sector partnerships, and scalable solutions, creating opportunities for collaboration, investment, and broader market adoption.





TRACK 03 — EDUCATION, TALENT & OPPORTUNITY

Ms.Engineer
Chihiro Oka
Executive Officer, Head of Sales

Ms.Engineer trains women in AI and engineering skills, creating professional opportunities while supporting digital transformation and regional economic development.

HelloWorld
Ashley Marie Chrysler
Global Business Development & Operations Lead

HelloWorld promotes international understanding through cross-cultural exchanges, educational homestays, and technology-supported language learning.

TokudAw
Wanping Aw
Managing Director & Founder

TokudAw designs journeys combining Japanese culture, STEAM learning, and cross-cultural experiences to encourage discovery and growth.

OrmusJP / Play to Learn
Chris Vice
Founder

OrmusJP develops a gamified language-learning RPG that combines interactive gameplay, immersive storytelling, and collaborative learning experiences.

Ichigo Bloom
Stéfan Le Dû
Founder & Coordinator

Ichigo Bloom delivers interactive workshops on climate change, biodiversity, and social issues, encouraging collective learning and practical action.

CLACK
Kanako Takahashi
Director / Board Member

CLACK provides free digital, AI, and career education for teenagers facing social and economic barriers, supporting greater independence and opportunity.

TRACK 04 — COMMUNITY & SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Social Innovation Japan
Robin Takashi Lewis
Co-CEO / Representative Director

Social Innovation Japan develops community initiatives, including mymizu, and delivers educational programs that help individuals and organizations take meaningful action.

ChildSupport
Yusuke Sasaki
Representative Director / Lawyer

ChildSupport provides child-support agreement, mediation, and payment guarantee services to improve financial stability for children and single-parent families.



Impact Venture Exchange | Stage A

Education, Talent, Community & Social Infrastructure

Showcasing organizations expanding access to education, professional opportunities, cross-cultural learning, and essential social support.



TRACK 05 — INTERNATIONAL, INCLUSION & CROSS-BORDER COLLABORATION

Dots for
Carlos Oba
Founder & CEO | Online

Dots for connects rural African communities with commerce, digital services, and financing through locally operated distribution networks.

FYNC Consulting
Pranshu Bansal
Founder & CEO | Online

FYNC Consulting provides financial advisory, cash flow planning, and capital readiness support for businesses pursuing cross-border growth.

JEGA — Japan Entry & GTM Alliance
Kaito Suzuki · Ayuki Kamata · Ayato Tanaka · Yuto Kamada - Co-Founders

JEGA brings together complementary expertise to help international companies navigate Japan's market entry, partnerships, and go-to-market challenges.

ovgo Baker
Yurika Hama
PR, Marketing & Strategy Manager

ovgo Baker creates plant-based baked goods and lifestyle products, making sustainable choices enjoyable and accessible to consumers.

AKHA AMA COFFEE JAPAN
Haruka Kimura
Barista

AKHA AMA COFFEE connects specialty coffee consumers with producers in Northern Thailand, supporting traceable sourcing and community livelihoods.

TRACK 06 — ENTREPRENEURSHIP, CAREERS & ECOSYSTEM BUILDING

Bloom Beyond
Akiko Maeda
Founder

Bloom Beyond connects women building independent careers and businesses across Japan and international markets through community activities and collaboration.

Startup Lady
Moeko Suzuki
President

Startup Lady supports women entrepreneurs through education, mentorship, networking, and opportunities to develop businesses within an inclusive startup ecosystem.

COGNISOR
Farhan Morshed
Founder & CEO

COGNISOR connects startups with AI technology, talent, customers, and capital to support business development and growth.

TIU Impact Next
Faisal Irfan
Student Representative

TIU Impact Next connects Japanese and international students with entrepreneurship, mentorship, networking, and practical opportunities to develop ideas.

TEDxInnovationU
Han Junhong
Executive Producer

TEDxInnovationU provides a platform for innovators, researchers, and emerging voices to share ideas and encourage dialogue across communities.

Impact Venture Exchange | Stage A

Cross-Border Collaboration, Entrepreneurship & Ecosystem Building



Ten organizations presented approaches to connecting markets, expanding opportunities, supporting entrepreneurs, and strengthening international collaboration across business and innovation ecosystems.

EXHIBITION & ECOSYSTEM

Connecting Ideas Beyond the Stage



Beyond the Main Forum and Impact Venture Exchange, the exhibition provided opportunities for direct engagement among entrepreneurs, investors, organizations, and participants.

With 20 allocated booth positions across two exhibition areas, the space encouraged conversations, knowledge exchange, and potential collaboration beyond the formal program.

EXHIBITION BOOTH ALLOCATION

Booth Space A 01 - 10

1	AKHA AMA COFFEE JAPAN
2	ovgo Baker
3	JOYCLE
4	e-dash
5	Japan Finsight
6	Social Innovation Japan
7	Sound & Vision Technologies
8	ChildSupport
9	Ms.Engineer
10	HelloWorld

Booth Space B 11 - 20

11	TokudAw
12	Bloom Beyond
13	CLACK
14	OrmusJP / Play to Learn
15	Ichigo Bloom
16	TEDxInnovationU
17	JEGA — Japan Entry & GTM Alliance
18	Startup Lady Japan
19	COGNISOR + TIU Impact Next
20	Rokid

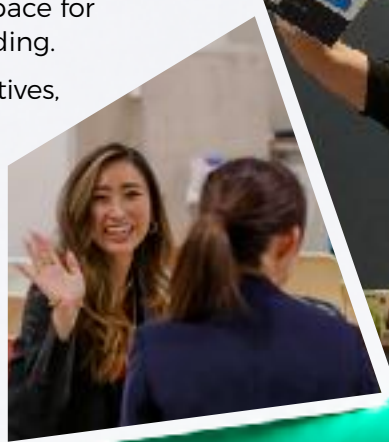
DIRECT ENGAGEMENT & NETWORKING

The exhibition complemented the stage programs by creating space for informal discussions, project introductions, and relationship building.

Participants could explore different initiatives, exchange perspectives, and identify potential areas for future cooperation.











CROSS-SECTOR INSIGHTS

From Exchange to Implementation

Across the Main Forum, Impact Venture Exchange, and exhibition, the event revealed opportunities to connect financial expertise, entrepreneurial solutions, and institutional capabilities. Three areas merit particular attention for future collaboration.

THREE PRIORITIES FOR PRACTICAL COLLABORATION

01 Connecting Innovation with Market Demand

Promising technologies and social ventures require more than initial visibility. Access to customers, implementation partners, and real-world testing environments can help determine commercial viability and practical value.

02 Aligning Capital with Measurable Outcomes

Investment readiness depends on clear business models, credible financial assumptions, and evidence of intended impact. Common expectations among ventures, investors, and institutions can support financing and decisions.

03 Strengthening Cross-Border Ecosystem Connections

International collaboration offers access to new markets, expertise, and resources. Effective partnerships require local knowledge, complementary capabilities, and a shared understanding of commercial and social objectives.

FROM OPPORTUNITY TO ACTION

Future collaboration can be assessed through three practical questions:

WHAT NEEDS TO BE SOLVED?

Identify a specific market need or social challenge with a clearly defined target group.

WHO CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN?

Bring together the organizations, expertise, financing, and capabilities required for implementation.

HOW WILL PROGRESS BE MEASURED?

Establish practical milestones and indicators of commercial, social, or environmental value.

The event provided a starting point for these discussions. Translating potential opportunities into tangible outcomes will depend on continued engagement, appropriate partnerships, and effective execution.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CLOSING

Thank You for Making It Possible

Impact Future Weekend 2026 Autumn was made possible by the people who shared their knowledge, presented their work, supported the event, and joined the conversation.

WE ARE THE IMPACT extends its sincere thanks to everyone who contributed.

WITH APPRECIATION

Speakers & Moderators
For sharing your expertise, perspectives, and insights throughout the Main Forum.

Impact Venture Exchange Presenters
For introducing your initiatives across six tracks, both in person and online.

Exhibitors & Participating Organizations
For showcasing your work and engaging with visitors throughout the event.

Tokyo Innovation Base & Event Team
For providing the venue and supporting event preparation, coordination, and operations.

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THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE EVENT

Our volunteers played an essential role throughout the day. From welcoming guests to supporting the stages and exhibition areas, their dedication helped bring the event together.

VOLUNTEER TEAM



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

Thank you for being part of Impact Future Weekend 2026 Autumn. We look forward to staying connected, sharing ideas, and exploring new opportunities for collaboration.

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