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# Program Agenda

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## Ministers, Policymakers & Multilateral Agency Leaders

- Taro Kono, Minister for Digital Transformation, Japan
- Junichi Kanda, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Cabinet Office, Japan
- Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
- Ken Hasebe, Mayor of Shibuya
- Ravi Menon, Former Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Anikó Szombati, Executive Director & Chief Digital Officer, The Central Bank of Hungary
- Ayaki Ito, Japan Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Brenda Hu, Director-General of the Department of Planning and Executive Secretary of the Fintech Center, Financial Supervisory Commission (Taiwan)
- Carole House, Executive in Residence, Terranet Ventures & Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
- Dr Daranee Saeju, Assistant Governor, Bank of Thailand
- Dr Kiyotaka Tanaka, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
- Dr Nicola Jentzsch, Head of Innovation, Deutsche Bundesbank
- H.E. Dr. Serey Chea, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia
- Leong Sing Chiong, Deputy Managing Director, Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Mamoru Yanase, Deputy Director-General, Strategy Development and Management Bureau, Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA)
- Masaki Bessho, Head of FinTech Center, Bank of Japan
- Ryosuke Ushida, Chief FinTech Officer, Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA)
- Tanya Hotchkiss, CTO & EVP, Cantilan Bank
- Vaida Česnulevičiūtė – Markevičienė, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Finance, Republic of Lithuania
- Varlam Ebanoidze, Head of FinTech and SupTech Development & Innovations Office, National Bank of Georgia
- Vivek Pathak, Regional Chief Risk Officer, International Finance Corporation
- Chizuru Suga, Director for Digital Economy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan
- Mansour A Alsaleh, Head of SAMA Innovation Hub, Saudi Central Bank – SAMA
- Vidya Krishnan, Deputy Managing Director, State Bank of India

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## Founders, Investors & Technology Leaders

- Akio Isowa, Group Chief Digital Innovation Officer, SMBC Group
- Amanda Anderson, Head of Global Policy, Block, Inc.
- Angela Ang, Senior Policy Advisor, TRM Labs
- Ankur Mehrotra, Group President, Julio
- Atsuhiko Sakamoto, Senior Managing Director, The Blackstone Group Japan
- Brent Wagener, Principal Security Specialist, GitHub Japan
- Carrie Suen, Senior Advisor of Global Affairs & Sustainability Strategies, Ant International
- Cynthia Ding, Founding Partner, Yincubator & SEGA Ventures
- Daisuke Aranami, Managing Executive Officer, Microsoft Japan
- David Inderias, CEO, FSCO Fresh Supply Co
- Devendra Kumar (DK) Sharma, President & Chief Operating Officer, Kore.ai
- Dr David Brunner, Founder & CEO, ModuleQ
- Dr Felix Schneider, Head FinTech Investments, DEG
- Fernando Vazquez, CEO, SBI Digital Asset Holdings
- Ganesh Rengaswamy, Co-founder & Managing Partner, Quona Capital
- Henry Zhang, Founder & CEO, DigiFT
- Huey Lin, Special Projects, Terraformation
- John Ho, Head, Legal, Financial Markets, Standard Chartered Bank
- Jordan Fisher, Co-founder & Chairman, Zehitomo Inc.
- Joyce Phillips, Founder & CEO, EqualFuture Corp
- Kathy Matsui, General Partner, MPower Partners Fund L.P.
- Keiko Sydenham, Co-founder & CEO, LUCA Japan
- Kelvin Lee, Co-founder & CEO, Alta Alternative Investments
- Koichiro Shioyama, Managing Director, NTT Digital
- Koji Yamamoto, Founder & CEO, Atlas Technologies Corp

- Laura Loh, Director, Investment (Blockchain), Temasek International
- Leiming Chen, Chief Sustainability Officer, Ant International & Senior Vice President, Ant Group
- Marco Bizzozero, Head of International & Member of the Executive Committee, iCapital
- Masahiko Homma, General Partner, Incubate Fund
- Nikos Andrikogiannopoulos, Founder & CEO, Metrika
- Ozzeir Khan, Director, Digital for Development Operations Division, Asian Development Bank
- Paul Chapman, Founder & CEO, Moneytree
- Yang Peng, CEO, Ant International
- Qin En Looi, Partner, Saison Capital
- Raagulan Pathy, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Circle
- Rahul Advani, Policy Director, APAC, Ripple
- Rei Murakami, Venture Partner, Kazea Capital
- Sam Pemberton-Ahmed, Founder & CEO, SmartPay
- Samar Sen, Head of APAC, Talos
- Sigal Mandelker, Ribbit Capital
- Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Founder & CEO, Paytm
- Anju Patwardhan, Managing Director, CE Innovation Capital
- Dr Saleh AlFuraih, Chief Executive Officer, Saudi National Bank - Digital Ventures
- Rob Nicholls, General Manager of Programs and Projects, Musim Mas
- Yam Ki Chan, Vice President, Strategy & Policy, Circle

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## Finance Leaders

- Alexis Rocamora, Sustainability Lead, Sustainable Finance & Investment, APAC, LSEG (London Stock Exchange Group)
- Amanda Wick, Principal, Incite Consulting
- Bing Yi Lee, Partner, Sustainability & Climate Change, PwC Singapore
- Dr David Hardoon, CEO, Aboitiz Data Innovation
- Dr JC Parrenas, Senior Advisor, Daiwa Institute of Research
- Dr Marek Dubovec, Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute
- Dr Masahiro Fukuhara, Founder & CEO, Institution for a Global Society
- Gen Utsumi, CEO, Silk Road Corporation
- Grace Chong, Head of Financial Regulatory, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Hideyuki Kitabatake, Managing Director, Financial Services, Accenture
- James Gordon, Partner, Oliver Wyman
- Jesper Koll, Global Ambassador, Monex Group
- Masashi Watanabe, Managing Director, MUFG Bank
- Mukund Tatipamula, COO & Head of Hybrid Markets Japan, TP ICAP
- Naveen Mallela, Global Head of Onyx Coin Systems, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank
- Oki Matsumoto, Executive Chairman, Monex Group
- Peter Walker, Head of Insights, Carta
- Ronit Ghose, Head of Future of Finance, Citi
- Satoru Miyashiro, Deputy General Manager, Digital Strategy, SMBC Group
- Shameek Kundu, Head of Financial Services, TruEra
- Tim Romero, Partner JERA Ventures, and Host, Disrupting Japan Podcast
- Yuichi Murao, CIO for Japanese equities, Nomura Asset Management
- Anand Ramachandran, Global Head of Banking Solutions, Global Banking Solutions Practice, Oracle Financial Services

## Non-profits, Foundations & Academics

- Joichi Ito, President, Chiba Institute of Technology
- Michael Low, Deputy Director, Curriculum Development & Digitalisation and Head, Finance & Technology Programmes, Singapore Management University
- Sandra Ro, CEO, Global Blockchain Business Council
- Shadab Taiyabi, President, Singapore Fintech Association
- Shawn Hunter, Industry Fellow (APEC) & Director, Inclusive Growth Programs, Griffith Asia Institute
- Tram Anh Nguyen, Co-founder, Centre for Finance, Technology and Entrepreneurship
- Robert Wardrop, Director & Co-founder, Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance, University of Cambridge

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## Core Themes

Navigating the AI  
revolution

Re-architecting the global  
financial infrastructure

Re-imagining Japan's  
future in finance

Re-igniting the  
entrepreneurial spirit in Japan

Harnessing the promise  
of digital assets

Sustainable growth

## Festival Overview

04 MARCH  
Monday

05 MARCH  
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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

**Global Leaders Dialogue**

Venue: Kanda Myojin Shrine, Tokyo

**Strategic Industry Roundtables**

Venue: Kanda Myojin Shrine, Tokyo

**VIP Dinner**

Venue: Kanda Myojin  
Shrine, Tokyo

**JFF x FINOLAB  
Roof Party**

Venue: SKY LAB  
(Otemachi Building), Tokyo

**Founders Day**

Founders ROCK, Panels &  
The Founders Talk  
Venue: Kanda Myojin  
Shrine, Tokyo

**Founders Day  
Power Roundtables**

Venue: Kanda Myojin  
Shrine, Tokyo

**RISING FinTech**

**International  
Satellite Events**

**International Delegations' Receptions and Community Partner Events**



## 4 March 2024, Monday

### Global Leaders Dialogue

Time	Session Title
9:40am	Plenary address: State of global finance & technology
10:00am	Keynote address: AI and the future of financial regulation - The Japan perspective
10:20am	Keynote address: What matters most in 2024 in Japan/ASEAN?
10:40am	Are FIs prepared for the AI revolution in finance?
11:20am	Japan's leadership in the future of finance
11:50pm	Networking lunch
12:45pm	Roles and challenges faced by regulators, as well as successful case studies in promoting innovation with other forward-thinking regulatory authorities
1:30pm	Leadership on net zero: Can Japan's GX strategy path find innovative use cases for tech and finance in Asia's transition?
2:00pm	Global climate data dialogue: Should there be a global commons for climate data? Would having one make a difference?
2:40pm	Mobilising SMEs for net zero: Generative AI as a game changer?
3:20pm	The AI hour: AI & Web 3 leadership
3:50pm	The AI hour: Applications of AI in financial services
4:35pm	Japan: the destination for the next decade

### Strategic Industry Roundtables

Time	Session Title
1:30pm	Digital assets: Foundational infrastructure to unlock the internet of value
	Re-architecting the financial system
	Unleashing boundless data: Shaping international data policies through cross-border fintech collaborations
Time	Session Title
3:15pm	Connecting to global scalability in payments: How we can benefit from and contribute to the nexus
	Inclusion & diversity: Trapped in the shadows - Addressing financial exclusion in the age of enhanced compliance
	The challenges in digitising trade finance across jurisdictions

## Global Leaders Dialogue

Time	Session Title
9:45am	Opening keynote: Digital dawn - Reimagining Japan: A roadmap for progress
10:05am	Keynote address: Sustainability and fintech opportunities- European trends and layout
10:15am	Southeast Asia's leap to digital mastery - Reshaping the global landscape
10:35am	Shaping the future of fintech: A policy dialogue on AI
11:05am	3 MEGA trends in digital assets in 30 minutes
11:35am	Building & sustaining unicorns: Challenges, rewards and lessons
12:15pm	Networking lunch
1:15pm	Asset management 2.0: The role of asset managers in Japan's new form of capitalism
1:55pm	Global fintech stocktake: Lessons from 2023, forward perspectives for 2024
2:35pm	Rising tides: Unveiling the burgeoning fintech ecosystems of East Asia
3:15pm	Pension innovation for a changing Japan: Building a more equitable future through longevity and demographic shifts
3:55pm	Beyond borders, beyond barriers: The importance of a harmonised new global financial infrastructure (GFIF) for stable financial markets
4:35pm	The power of alternative investments

## Strategic Industry Roundtables

Time	Session Title
1:30pm	Transitioning Asia's supply chain: Perspectives on how tech, data and finance are empowering supply chain leaders and SME participants
	Forging strategic alliances: Advancing fintech innovation and narrowing the AI talent gap through industry-academia collaboration
	Digital assets: The path to commercialisation & institutional adoption
Time	Session Title
3:15pm	Computational supervision: The end of regulatory reporting as we know it
	How to revive Japan as a prominent financial & fintech hub on the global stage?
	Beyond swipe and tap: Rewriting the rules - Can account-to-account payments revolutionise Japan's financial ecosystem?



# 6 March 2024, Wednesday

## The Founders Day

Time	Session Title
9:10am	Opening keynote: Critical role of start-ups for a prosperous Japan
9:30am	Global & Japan fund-raising trends, capital structures & what matters in 2024
10:15am	<b>The Founders Peak:</b> Exceptional start-up founders share untold stories from their journeys
11:15am	Building a FinTech startup in Japan as a foreigner
12:00am	Rebuilding lives, restoring hope: How the UN Refugee Agency empowers the displaced
12:15pm	Networking lunch
1:15pm	How to best prepare and provide for founders' mental health and well-being
1:55pm	<b>The Founders Peak:</b> Exceptional start-up founders share untold stories from their journeys
3:00pm	The untapped potential of women entrepreneurs in Japan
3:45pm	<b>The Founders Peak:</b> Exceptional start-up founders share untold stories from their journeys
4.35pm	Buckle up! Investing amidst uncertainty: The global VC outlook 2024
5:15pm	Investing in tomorrow: Why Japan's FinTech ecosystem will likely be on every VC's radar in 2024
5:40pm	SE Asia rebound with strengthening ties to Japan
6:15pm	The Founders ROCK

## Power Roundtables

Time	Session Title
1:30pm	Developing talent & building capacity to fill talent gap
3:15pm	Motivation, Momentum, Market: 3 must-haves that will make Japan unmissable this decade

## Digital Assets Summit

Time	Session Title
9:10am	Opening keynote
9:30am	Digital assets: Connecting markets, global liquidity
10:15am	Tokenisation of real-world assets: From concept to commercialisation
11:00am	Fireside chat between central bankers on digital money
11:15am	Digital money in action
12:00pm	Investing in digital assets
1:15pm	Networking lunch



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