Lombardy and Japan: Shaping Innovation Together

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 | From 9.30 a.m.
Belvedere Hall - 39th floor, Nucleo 1
Piazza Città di Lombardia, 1 - Milan, Italy

PROGRAMME

09:00	**Registration**
09:30	**Opening institutional greetings** H.E. Attilio Fontana, President of Lombardy Region H.E. Mario Vattani, Ambassador of Italy to Japan (via VTC) H.E. Hirofumi Yoshimura, Governor of Osaka Prefecture (video message)
09:45	**Implementation frameworks for bilateral cooperation between Lombardy Region and Japan** Raffaele Cattaneo, Undersecretary to the Presidency at Lombardy Region for International and European Relations Yagi Koji, Consul General of Japan in Milan
09:55	**Shaping the Future: Lombardy as a driver of European innovation and economic competitiveness** Guido Guidesi, Regional Minister for Economic Development of Lombardy Region
10:05	**From Research to Industry: The Strategic Role of University Technology Transfer Offices** Dr. Ivano Ciceri, Head of Politecnico di Milano TTO Ing. Nicola Cau, Head of the Open Innovation Office, University of Milan
10:25	**Connecting Innovation, Industry and Global Opportunities** Nicola Rodriguez, Growth Manager at Tech European Foundation *Presentations by Sinergy Flow and Genogra*
10:45	**The Life Sciences Ecosystem in Lombardy: Innovation and Growth Potential** Francesco Senatore, Business Development Director at Bio4Dreams *Presentations by ChemiCare and BrainDTech*
11:05	**Driving the Green Transition: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities** Andrea Beretta, Senior Director, Startup Operations & Investments at Cariplo Factory *Presentations by Limenet and Resilco*
11:25	**Introduction of J-bridge and Japan ecosystem** Kaoru Kurita, Director General of JETRO Milan Office
11:35	**Exploring Japan's Innovation Landscape** *Presentations by Mitsubishi Electric Europe, Murata Electronics Europe, Any-Edge*
11:45	**Closing remarks** Raffaele Cattaneo, Undersecretary to the Presidency at Lombardy Region for International and European Relations
12:00 - 13:00	**Networking session**

The program included, prior to the event, JETRO visits to the Technology Transfer Offices and accelerators involved, to explore the Lombardy innovation ecosystem

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