

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 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 Dr. Roberto Tiezzi, Head of University of Milan TTO
10:25	Connecting Innovation, Industry and Global Opportunities Nicola Rodriguez, Growth Manager at Tech European Foundation <i>Presentations by Sinergy Flow and Genogra</i>
10:45	The Life Sciences Ecosystem in Lombardy: Innovation and Growth Potential Francesco Senatore, Business Development Director at Bio4Dreams <i>Presentations by ChemiCare and BrainDTech</i>
11:05	Driving the Green Transition: Trends, Challenges and Opportunities Andrea Beretta, Senior Director, Startup Operations & Investments at Cariplo Factory <i>Presentations by Limenet and Resilco</i>
11:25	Introduction of J-bridge and Japan ecosystem Kaoru Kurita, Director General of JETRO Milan Office
11:35	Exploring Japan's Innovation Landscape: Company Presentations
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