



SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 Pre-Event -Gathering Day-

Vice Governor Miyasaka Remarks 【Press kit】



On Monday, February 16, Vice Governor Miyasaka took the stage at the “SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 Pre-Event – Gathering Day –” and announced the latest updates on SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026. Many prospective participants of SusHi Tech gathered for the event, sharing their aspirations for the main program, the significance of their participation, and the content planned for the day. Through networking, they also deepened their interactions, leading to the creation of new connections among startups and ecosystem players

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1 SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 Main Announcement

(1) Latest announcement by Vice Governor Miyasaka

① Overview of SusHi Tech Tokyo

■ Asia's Largest Innovation Conference



- Today, I would like to introduce the highlights of SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026, which will be held in April.
- SusHi Tech Tokyo, which will be held for the fourth time, has grown into **Asia's largest innovation conference**.
- It is distinguished by its concept of “realizing a sustainable city through high technology”.



- A forum **gathering startups, major corporations, investors, and city leaders from across the globe to discuss future society** -- that is SusHi Tech.

■ Global Innovation Strategy 2.0



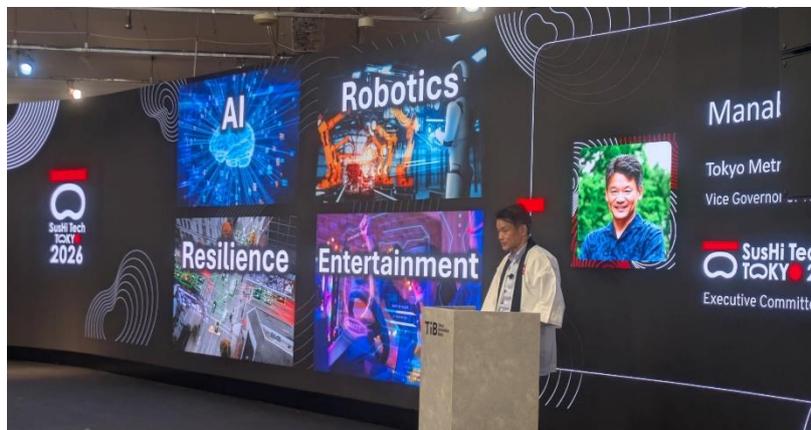
- A Last November, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government released the Global Innovation Strategy 2.0.
- It raises the policy of fully supporting startups and scaleups.



- The strategy calls for Tokyo to also partner with the national government, major corporations, and academia to provide intensive support and funds to promising growth industries.

② Focus on

■ Focus on Four Areas



- This year's SusHi Tech will focus on four areas: AI, Robotics, Resilience, and Entertainment.

■ AI & Robotics



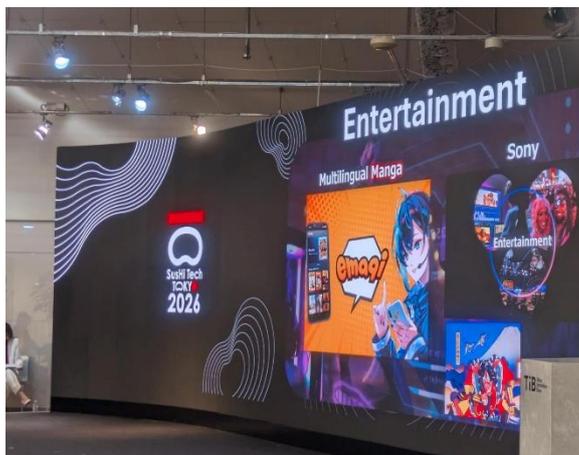
- AI is evolving at breakneck speed.
- All manner of things are being automated through AI, and their real-world adoption is already underway.
- Supporting this shift is “robotics.” At SusHi Tech Tokyo, we will deepen discussions on how technologies combining AI and robotics can change our lives.
- Experts such as Howard Wright, Vice President of NVIDIA, will be speaking at the sessions. The latest robotics technologies will also be displayed.

■ Resilience



- Safety and security are essential to the daily lives of city residents.
- But risks such as natural disasters and conflicts are threatening people all over the world. This makes it imperative to build “resilience” to overcome such threats.
- Japan’s potential, not only in new disaster response solutions but in climate tech as well, will be examined from perspectives at the global forefront.

■ Entertainment



- And then there's “entertainment,” an area indispensable for a rich and fulfilling life.
- Discussions will be held on how to work with people around the world to develop Japan's leading content industry, including anime and manga.
- Other than a startup involved in the multilingual translation of manga, a major corporation delivering numerous content to the world will be participating as well. We will also have a program featuring Kabuki, a performing art from the Edo period that continues to evolve.

③ Gathering of Leading Innovators

■ SusHi Tech Global



- We will also continue developing SusHi Tech as an event that generates business opportunities.
- In addition to seed and early-stage startups, we will also have the participation of startups in the growth stage that are ready to expand globally. SusHi Tech Global Startups is what we are calling this newly launched program, through which we will partner with the private sector to provide intensive support.

■ Open Innovation by Large Corporations



- To generate even greater innovation, **collaboration between startups and major companies** is crucial.
- Tokyo is a hub for many of the world's top level major companies. As part of SusHi Tech, we will promote open innovation initiatives. And, all of you, our partners gathered here today, are at the center of this.
- **TIB CATAPULT**, an area-specific innovation cluster project, which boasts a membership of 200 companies, will also participate.

■ Gathering of City Leaders



- People from all over the world will also come together at SusHi Tech.
- Last time, we welcomed participants from 100 countries. This time, in addition to our exhibiting **city partners**, the event will also gather leaders from major cities around the globe at **G-NETS**, an international network launched by Tokyo.
- The discussions that take place at G-NETS will contribute to greatly expanding multicity lateral cooperation efforts. **The gathering of innovation leaders and city leaders in one place will make this an event like no other.**

④ Spreading Out Across the Entire City

■ Partner Events



- Lastly, above all, I hope that everyone who comes to the event in person will feel the future as you enjoy Tokyo. During this time, we will also have new content **at locations other than Tokyo Big Sight**.
- **The KK route**, the former expressway that runs right above us here at the TIB, is undergoing a transformation into a promenade, and the area above this building will be open to give you a special preview. **Autonomous driving and the AI film festival** are also something to look forward to.
- SusHi Tech Tokyo will **spread out across the entire city**.
- SusHi Tech, a forum where various participants will discuss the future, will be held this year, **April 27th through the 29th**. I really look forward to seeing all of you there!

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(2) Pitch Presentations by Prospective Participants of SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026

① **Kayoko Sawada**, Director for Global Alliance, Innovation and Startup Promotion Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

- She spoke about the 17 strategic fields in the economic and growth strategy of the Takaichi Cabinet, and mentioned that the “Five-Year Plan for Startup Development,” formulated in November 2022, is now entering its final phase. He also encouraged participation in SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 and the Global Startup Expo.



② **Kiyoshi Seko**, President and Chief Operating Officer(COO), Representative Director, Kyoto Fusioneering Ltd.

- Aiming for the early realization of fusion energy as a source of clean energy that supports the sustainable development of humanity, and with a view to accelerating global business expansion by uniting domestic and international capabilities, the company announced its intention to participate in the 2026 edition of this event, which also served as a catalyst for its business growth.



③ **Shinpei Kato**, Representative Director and Chief Executive Officer, TIER IV, Inc.

- TIER IV to showcase Level 4 standard autonomous mobility services at SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026. Minibus 2.0 to connect locations around event site.



④ **Tomoyo Ouchi**, General Manager, Open Innovation and Collaboration Department, Business Acceleration and Collaboration Division, Sony Group Corporation

※Online presentation

- At the SusHi Tech, Sony will be introducing its technology and entertainment assets and promote to create innovation through global collaboration.



⑤ **Yasuhiro Saito**, Head of innovation and Investment / Chief of Public Policy Office, YAMATO HOLDINGS CO.,LTD.

- Shared insights into the front lines of Yamato Group's open innovation and expressed its vision for accelerating new co-creation with domestic and international start-ups through SusHi Tech Tokyo.



⑥ **Thibaut Fabre**, North East Asia Area Director, Business France / Trade and Investment Counselor, French Embassy in Japan

- SushiTech is emerging as the new leading platform for innovation and start-ups in Asia.



⑦ **Amanda Dizon**, Regional Director, Northeast Asia & Oceania, Enterprise Singapore

- This year marks the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Singapore. SusHi Tech serves as a bridge connecting the innovation and startup ecosystems of Japan and Singapore, providing a highly valuable platform for stakeholders to connect.



⑧ **Amanda Liu**, Managing Director, Startup Island Taiwan

※Video message

- Under the strong partnership between Taiwan and Tokyo, she announced the dispatch of Taiwan's top startups in AI, robotics and resilience to SusHi Tech Tokyo to tackle common urban challenges facing Japan and Taiwan.



⑨ **Saeko Seno**, Chief of Global Hub City Promotion Section, Shibuya City Government

- As part of Shibuya Ward's startup support initiatives, we announced the operation of "BLACK BOX," an English media platform introducing Japan's startup scene to the world, and the hosting of a large-scale networking event at the partner event of SusHi Tech Tokyo.



⑩ **Toshiya Watanabe**, Chairperson, NINEJP / Vice President, Science Tokyo

- NINEJP, a university-based startup support platform serving as a hub connecting over 160 universities and research institutions, announced it will host a session at SusHi Tech Tokyo on the theme of how AI impacts startups.



⑪ Yurina Yamada, Planning Team Member, The 3rd ITAMAE / Political Science and Economics, Waseda University

- Aiming to recruit more than 400 total volunteer participants, ITAMAE said it would continue to engage universities and student organizations in its activities. ITAMAE also announced two major highlights for the event: a pitch contest for aspiring global entrepreneurs and a global career event.



⑫ Mei Hayashi, St.Hilda's School

- Announcing the implementation, at the Public Day, of content led by junior high and high school students that encourages interest in and engagement with solving social issues and entrepreneurship.



⑬ **Katsuhiro Tsuchiya**, Program Director & Committee Member, AI Film Festival Japan / Content Producer

- As a partner event of SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026, it was announced that an AI Film Festival will be held on April 26, featuring Korean AI video creator Harry Hugh as a guest. The event will showcase the production process of AI films and screen numerous works.



2 Corporate Partner Meet-up Event

- 21 companies among the SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026 corporate partners gathered to present and exchange information on topics such as the overview of pavilion exhibits and sessions, as well as their expectations for SusHi Tech.
- Corporate partners shared their plans for venue layout and communication strategies, and through networking activities, deepened their understanding of SusHi Tech Tokyo as a platform “co-created” by all participants.

Corporate Partner: Companies and organizations that support SusHi Tech and participate by sharing their open innovation initiatives and related activities.



3 Ambassador & Partner Event Meeting

- A total of 71 ambassadors and partner-event organizers from Japan and abroad (including 25 online participants) convened to exchange views in group discussion format. The

objective was to share best practices in public relations for SusHi Tech, as well as insights gained from past ambassador activities.

- To further build momentum, efforts were made to activate interaction among ambassadors and partner-event organizers, thereby fostering the development of a collaborative foundation for future partnership.

Ambassador: Companies and organizations that support SusHi Tech by helping to share its appeal and latest information.

Partner Event: Events held before or after the SusHi Tech period that provide participants with diverse experiences and opportunities for interaction.



4 GLOBAL × SCALEUP TOKYO SU ecosystem : Global VC Insights & Startup Showcase

- We held the 'Global Strategy Talk,' a panel session featuring perspectives from overseas VCs and global CVCs, along with the 'Tokyo Startup Showcase,' where startups supported by the Startup Ecosystem Tokyo Consortium presented the outcomes of the 'Deep Ecosystem' program and the 'Green Startup Support Program,' and newly selected startups were introduced.
- For business entities considering global expansion or international collaboration, the session served as a catalyst for identifying their next steps and initiating concrete examinations toward future action.



5 Networking Session

- Gathering Day participants engaged in networking and freely interacted with one another throughout the event.”
- The Deep Ecosystem and Green Startup support program participants set up their own booths, and the telepresence robot display — which allowed real-time interaction with the venue through remote operation — also attracted considerable attention.
- A diverse range of ecosystem players—including startups, major corporations, municipalities, support organizations, and investors—gathered at TIB on the day of the event. The venue became a hub of active engagement, where participants connected with one another, fostering new relationships while exchanging a wide variety of insights and ideas.



The Gathering Day brought together key players—including startups, investors, major corporations, and cities serving as partners—at Tokyo Innovation Base (TIB), where they announced plans for high-profile content and initiatives. Numerous domestic and international media outlets were also in attendance, helping to amplify the excitement of the event across Japan and to audiences worldwide.

With just ten weeks remaining until the main event on April 27–29, anticipation continues to build for SusHi Tech Tokyo 2026.



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