



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN JAPAN, THE USA, AND THE MIDDLE EAST

September 2, 2025
RIHGA Royal Hotel, Osaka
9:00AM - 2:00PM



This one-of-a-kind international business forum fosters ties between Japan, the United States, and the Middle East. Bringing together world leaders from government, business, and investment, the forum highlights key challenges and opportunities in the fields of maritime, AI, and innovation within the cyber landscape. Organized by the Port of Ashdod and Cybertech, this event showcases the maritime sector’s digital transformation through AI and smart logistics—unlocking unmatched business opportunities and cross-regional collaboration.

8:00-9:00AM	Registration and Networking
9:00-10:00AM	<p>Hosts: Amir Rapaport, Co-Founder of the International Business Forum; Founder, Cybertech and Co-Author, Cybermania</p> <p>Shaul Schneider, Co-Founder of the International Business Forum; Executive Chairman, Port of Ashdod, Israel</p> <hr/> <p>Address by a representative of the Osaka Prefecture</p> <hr/> <p>Address by Yossi Cohen, Former Director of Mossad; Head of SoftBank Investment Advisors, Israel</p> <hr/> <p>Speaker from UAE/USA - TBD</p>
10:30AM-12:30PM	<p>Fireside chat with Shaul Schneider, Co-Founder of the International Business Forum; Executive Chairman, Port of Ashdod, Israel</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion: Business Opportunities in the Ever-Changing Blue Economy <u>Among the Participants</u> Representative from a major Japanese port Representative from the Port of Ashdod, Israel Representative from Fujiki Corporation, Port of Yokohama</p> <hr/> <p>Special Address by Yasuhide Nakayama, Former Member of the House of Representatives, Japan</p> <hr/> <p>Sea of Opportunities: Business Ties Between Japan, Israel, and the Gulf - Including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and More <u>Among the Participants:</u> Yigal Unna, Former Director General, INCD, Israel Robin Arthur Joffe, Partner/Co Founder, Frost & Sullivan/ NXTHorizon, UAE Representative from a US port Representative from a logistics company</p> <hr/> <p>Gateway to Growth: Big Data and Business Potential Between the U.S., Japan, and the Middle East <u>Among the Participants:</u> Ann Dunkin, Former CIO, United States Department of Energy (DOE), USA Takayuki Doi, General Partner, Atlacle, Japan Gilad Majerowicz, Chairman, Israel-Japan Chambers of Commerce, Israel Representative from a UAE port</p> <hr/> <p>One-on-Two Discussion: The Use of AI and Big Data - Challenges and Opportunities in the New AgeAmir Rapaport, Founder, Cybertech and International Expert; Co-Author, Cybermania with Yossi Karady, Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate, Israel and a senior representative from a port authority</p> <hr/> <p>Asia Unlocked: Expanding Business Opportunities in Maritime and Innovation <u>Among the Participants:</u> Representative from the Port of Ashdod, Israel Representatives from leading shipping and logistics companies across Asian countries such as Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, and others</p> <hr/> <p>Exploring New Seas: Business Potential and Maritime Opportunities in India Participants TBD</p>
12:30-1:15PM	Lunch and Networking
1:15-2:00PM	<p>Discussion Between Investors and Entrepreneurs: Innovation Driven by Proactive Countries Across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia <u>Among the Participants:</u> Hagai Itkin, Tech and Innovation Leader, Israel Victor Zhora, Former Deputy Head of the State Special Communications Service, Ukraine Representative from El Salvador Yodfat Harel Buchris, Managing Director, Blumberg Capital, Israel Ella-Tamar Adhanan, Vice President, Emerging Markets, Silicon Valley Bank, USA More Participants TBD</p> <hr/> <p>Innovation Showcase: Selected Startups from the Maritime Sector Moderator: Anya Shpilman, Founder, CyberFused, UAE Participants: Lisa Landau, CEO, Threat Light, Japan Representative from the Port of Ashdod Selected Startups</p>
2:00PM Onwards	Networking

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