



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

Hosts: **Amir Rapaport**, Co-Founder of the International Business Forum; Founder, Cybertech and Co-Author, Cybermania
Shaul Schneider, Co-Founder of the International Business Forum; Executive Chairman, Port of Ashdod, Israel

Address by a representative of the Osaka Prefecture

Address by **Yossi Cohen**, Former Director of Mossad; Head of SoftBank Investment Advisors, Israel

Speaker from UAE/USA - TBD

10:30AM-12:30PM

Fireside chat with **Shaul Schneider**, Co-Founder of the International Business Forum; Executive Chairman, Port of Ashdod, Israel

Discussion: Business Opportunities in the Ever-Changing Blue Economy

Among the Participants:

Representative from a major Japanese port

Representative from the Port of Ashdod, Israel

Representative from Fujiki Corporation, Port of Yokohama

Special Address by **Yasuhide Nakayama**, Former Member of the House of Representatives, Japan

Sea of Opportunities: Business Ties Between Japan, Israel, and the Gulf - Including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and More

Among the Participants:

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

Gateway to Growth: Big Data and Business Potential Between the U.S., Japan, and the Middle East

Among the Participants:

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

One-on-Two Discussion: The Use of AI and Big Data - Challenges and Opportunities in the New Age

Amir 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

Asia Unlocked: Expanding Business Opportunities in Maritime and Innovation

Among the Participants:

Representative from the Port of Ashdod, Israel

Representatives from leading shipping and logistics companies across Asian countries such as Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand, and others

Exploring New Seas: Business Potential and Maritime Opportunities in India

Participants TBD

12:30-1:15PM

Lunch and Networking

1:15-2:00PM

Discussion Between Investors and Entrepreneurs: Innovation Driven by Proactive Countries Across the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia

Among the Participants:

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

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

2:00PM Onwards

Networking

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