

Announcing the Tokyo-London Financial Seminar 2025

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and the City of London Corporation are pleased to announce they are co-hosting the “Tokyo-London Financial Seminar 2025”.

Following the signing December 2017 of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between The City of London Corporation and Tokyo Metropolitan Government*, both cities are working together to grow as international financial centers. They are also promoting high-level discussions and co-hosting events. This seminar is part of these collaborative efforts.

The upcoming 9th seminar will focus on fintech and AI applications as well as asset management to increase financial services trade between Japanese and UK firms, highlighting new opportunities for collaboration in these sectors. The event will highlight the strengths of the Japanese market as seen by UK business owners, providing insights for UK financial firms looking to expand into Tokyo. It will also offer a networking opportunity for financial professionals and investors, promoting the growth of both cities as international financial centers through collaboration and idea exchange.

The Lord Mayor of London, Alastair King said:

“The upcoming 9th Tokyo-London Financial Seminar represents the enduring strength of the UK-Japan relationship. The UK is Japan’s second largest trading partner in Europe while Japan is the UK’s second largest non-EU investor, investing over £86bn.

More than 65 Japanese financial companies have a substantial presence in London and this seminar aims to boost UK-Japan financial services trade further in fintech, AI and asset management. By working together, the UK and Japan can use the best of its expertise and innovation in financial services to unlock the huge opportunities offered by fintech, asset management and the green transition, and support a more sustainable global economy.”

1. Date and time

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 3:30pm to 5:00pm GMT
(Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 12:30am to 2:00am JST)

2. Venue

Ironmongers' Hall ([Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, London EC2Y 8AA](#))

3. Target Audience

Financial professionals, institutional investors, VCs, relevant ministries and organizations from Japan, the UK, and other countries, etc.

4. How to Apply

You may choose between in-person participation (space allotted on a first-come, first-serve basis) or viewing the event online. Please register at the link below.

<https://www.investtokyo.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/financialsemi2025/>



*Free of charge, prior registration required (register by January 31, 2025, for in-person participation. Applications will close once the limit is reached.)

*Event to be held in English, with simultaneous English-Japanese interpretation available.

*Networking to be held after the seminar (only available to in-person participants).

*For any media wishing to cover the event, please inquire by January 31, 2025.

5. Program

Please see overleaf.

6. Supported by

Embassy of Japan in the UK, Japan Exchange Group, Inc. (JPX), Japan Security Dealers Association (JSDA), etc.

This agreement covers collaboration between TMG and the City of London, the financial hub of London, in finance-related events, green finance, and other activities.

(<https://www.startupandglobalfinancialcity.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/documents/d/startupandglobalfinancialcity/mo>



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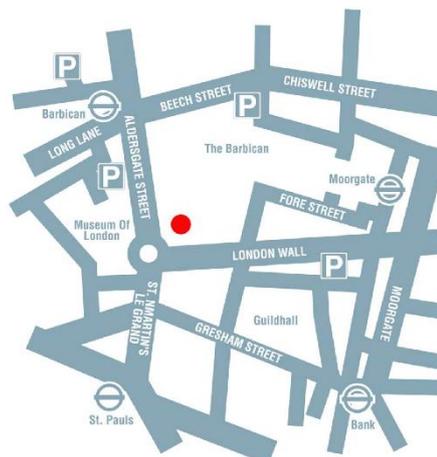
Tokyo-London Financial Seminar 2025 Program (planned)

- As Leading Global Financial Centres What's Next for Tokyo and London financial services trade?

GMT(JST)	Topic/Title	Speakers * without honorifics
3:30pm (12:30am)	Opening Remarks & Keynote Speech	Alderman Alastair KING DL, Lord Mayor of the City of London
3:37pm (12:37am)	Greetings from the Organizer (Video Message)	KOIKE Yuriko, Governor of Tokyo
3:41pm (12:41am)	Fireside Chat “The potential for new UK–Japan cooperation in financial economy and innovation – Fintech, AI” (tentative title)	[Speaker] IKEDA Satoshi, Director for Strategy Development Division and Chief Sustainable Finance Officer, JFSA (Financial Services Agency, Japan) [Interviewer] Anastasia NISHNIANIDZE, Trade and Investment Director, the City of London Corporation
4:07pm (1:07am)	Speech	YOSHIDA Masanori, Executive Officer, Japan Exchange Group Inc.
4:15pm (1:15am)	Panel Discussion “Entering the Tokyo market – trends and opportunities for UK Asset managers” (tentative title)	[Panelists] UK Asset Managers *TBD [Moderator] Jack KNIGHT, Deputy Chief Executive, The Investment Association
4:51pm (1:51am)	Speech	YOSHIMURA Keiichi, Director General, Office for Startup and Global Financial City Strategy, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
4:58pm (1:58am)	Closing Remarks	SUZUKI Hiroshi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United Kingdom
5:00pm-6:00pm (2:00am-3:00am)	Networking Reception *only in-person venue (will not be streamed online)	

* The above information is current at the time of publication and may be subject to change

Venue Guide: Ironmongers' Hall (Shaftesbury Place, Barbican, London EC2Y 8AA)



London Underground (Tube)

4 minute walk from Barbican Station
8 minute walk from St. Paul's Station
14 minute walk from Moorgate Station

Commuter Rail (National Rail)

16 minute walk
from City Thameslink Station