



Kickoff Symposium of the EU-Japan Network for Digital Foundations: Digital Foundations and AI x Domains

Program

Day 1 (Thursday, May 22, 2025)

Moderator: IKEDA Jun (Special Advisor to the President, UT)

Time (Venue)	Program
10:30-10:45	Opening Remarks Theme: Purpose of establishing EU-Japan Network for Digital Foundations 1035- NAGATA Kyosuke (President, UT) 1040- Yassine LAKHNECH (President, UGA)
10:45-10:50	Special Message SATO Kuniaki (Counselor for International Affairs, MEXT)
10:50-11:00	Keynotes 1 Theme: Science and Technology Policy and Science Diplomacy of Digital Foundations H.E. Philippe SETTON (Ambassador, Ambassade de France au Japon)
11:00-11:50	Keynotes 2 Theme: National (or Regional) Strategies for Research and Talent Development in Digital Foundations and their Utilization 1100- Peter FATELNIG (Minister-Counsellor, Delegation of the EU to Japan) 1110- ARAKAWA Atsushi (Director, Office of ASPIRE, JST) 1120- Benoît LEPINE (CEA) 1130- Cécile VIGOUROUX (Director of Int'l Relations, Inria) 1140- Franck BALESTRO (QuantAlps Deputy Director, UGA/CNRS)
11:50-13:00	Networking Lunch
13:00-13:10	Keynotes 3 Theme: Science and Technology Policy and Science Diplomacy of Digital Foundations H.E. Jean-Eric PAQUET (Ambassador, Delegation of the EU to Japan)
13:10-14:50	Leaders' Talks 1 Topic: Institutional Strategies for Research and Talent Development in Digital Foundations and their Application 1310- Ken HAENEN (Vice-Rector Research, Valorisation, and Internationalisation, Hasselt U.) 1320- Cécile NOUVEL (VP Int'l strategy, U. of Lorraine) 1330- UCHIDA Ken (UTokyo/ INPACE) 1340- HANAGATA Nobutaka (Executive Vice President, NIMS) 1350- HAYASHI Nobuhiro (VP Int'l Strategy and Engagement, Institute of Science Tokyo) 1400- Rachid BENNACER (Deputy VP Research Sci/Eng, UP Saclay) 1410- Laurent COUNILLON (VP Research-Innovation, U. Cote d'Azur) 1420- MATSUOKA Satoshi (Director RIKEN, R-CCS) 1430- Xavier ROTTENBERG (Fellow, imec, ULB, KU Leuven) 1440- Pierre DUYSINX (Vice-Rector, ULiège)
14:50-15:10	Coffee Break

15:10-16:00	Expert Panel Discussion 1: AI x application x data Moderator: SAKURAI Tetsuya (C-AIR, UT) Panelists: 1. Demian WASSERMANN Deputy Director, DATA IA., Inria, UP Saclay) 2. Emmanuel VINCENT (Director of the ENACT AI Cluster, U. of Lorraine/ Inria) 3. Philippe LALANDA (MIAI Cluster, UGA) 4. Akka ZEMMARI (LaBRI, U. of Bordeaux) 5. MATSUOKA Satoshi (Director RIKEN R-CCS)
16:00-16:50	Expert Panel Discussion 2: Microelectronics x quantum Moderator: Etienne GHEERAERT (VP of Grenoble INP-UGA) Panelists: 1. Franck BALESTRO (QuantAlps Deputy Director, UGA /CNRS) 2. Stéphane MANGIN (Scientific Director TUBE-Daum, U. of Lorraine) 3. Thierry BARON (Director of Electronic LabEx, UGA/CNRS) 4. WAKABAYASHI Hitoshi (Integrated Green-niX+ Research Unit, Institute of Innovative Research, Institute of Science Tokyo)
18:30-20:30	Reception at the residence of the French Ambassador to Japan

Day 2 (Friday, May 23, 2025)

Time (Venue)	Program
9:00-10:20	Leaders' Talks 2 <i>Topic: Institutional Strategies for Research and Talent Development in Digital Foundations and their Application</i> 1.0900- ISHIHARA Ryoichi (TU Delft, ICOS partner and Task leader) 2.0910- Timothée LEVI (Director of the GEII Department (IUT Bordeaux) 3.0920- MASU Kazuya (Director of G-QuAT, AIST) 4.0930- ASAI Shoji (Director General, KEK) 5.0940- Yassine LAKHNECH (President, UGA) 6.0950- FUJII Teruo (President, UTokyo) 7.1000- OHNO Hideo (Special Senior Advisor to the President, Tohoku U.) 8.1010- NAGATA Kyosuke (President, UT)
10:20-10:25	Photo Session (All the Participants)
10:25-10:50	Coffee Break
10:50-11:40	Expert Panel Discussion 3: Sustainability Transformation Moderator: Xavier ROTTENBERG (Scientific Director at imec, Fellow, ULB, KU Leuven) Panelists: 1. KOBAYASHI Hiroaki (Tohoku U.) 2. KIMURA Masao (Leader of Materials Science Section, KEK) 3. Gülgün ALPAN (VP for Int'l affaires, Grenoble INP-UGA) 4. MORI Takao (Deputy Director, MANA, NIMS) 5. Pascal DESBARATS (Deputy Director of LaBRI, U. of Bordeaux) 6. Evelyne ETCHEBEHERE (Head of CEA Office in Japan / Technology Research Division, CEA)
11:40-12:40	Networking Lunch: Discussion on Actions toward Next Steps Video Message from VIB (Lieve ONGENA and Stein AERTS) Chairs: SAKURAI Takeaki (Executive Officer for Research Management, UT) Etienne GHEERAERT (VP of Grenoble INP-UGA)
12:40-12:50	Closing Remarks Speaker: NAGATA Kyosuke (President, UT)

ACRONYMS

AIST: National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (Japan)

CNRS : Centre national de la recherche scientifique (France)

C-AIR: Center for Artificial Intelligence Research, University of Tsukuba (Japan)

CEA: Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives (France)

G-QuAT: Global Research and Development Center for Business by Quantum-AI technology at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) (Japan)

ICOS project: Integrated Carbon Observation System (EU)

imec: Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre (Belgium)

Inria: Institut national de recherche en sciences et technologies du numérique (France)

IUT Bordeaux: Institut Universitaire de Technologie de Bordeaux -University of Bordeaux (France)

JST: Japan Science and Technology Agency (Japan)

KEK: High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (Japan)

KUL/KU Leuven: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium)

MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Japan)

NIMS: National Institute for Materials Science (Japan)

RIKEN: Institute of Physical and Chemical Research (Japan)

TU Delft: Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands)

UBx: Université de Bordeaux (France)

UCA : Université Côte d'Azur / Côte d'Azur University (France)

UGA: Université Grenoble Alpes (France)

ULB: Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)

ULiège: University of Liège (Belgium)

UP Saclay Université Paris-Saclay (France)

UT: University of Tsukuba (Japan)

VIB: Vlaams Instituut voor Biotechnologie (Belgium)