

6th ASEF LEADERSHIP YOUNG LEADERS IN SOCIETY SUMMIT 5.0

July - October 2025 | Osaka, Japan
In conjunction with Japan World Expo 2025



Programme

PROGRAMME

29 September – 5 October 2025 | Osaka, Japan

DAY 0 – MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2025

ARRIVAL DAY

Throughout the day	Arrival of participants to Osaka Self-transfer to accommodation Check-in to the accommodation
18:00 - 19:00	Registration MyStays Conference Centre
19:00 - 21:00	Welcome Dinner & Briefing MyStays Conference Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Keiko IKEDA, Vice-Director, Institute of Innovative Global Education, Kansai University; Executive Project Lead, Japan Hub for Innovative Global Education; Professor, Division of International Affairs, Kansai University • Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: Kansai University, Senriyama Campus

7:00 - 7:30	Breakfast
7:45	Departure to Kansai University, Senriyama Campus
9:00 – 9:45	Opening Remarks Welcome by Hosts and Organisers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Beata STOCZYŃSKA, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Professor Tomoyuki TAKAHASHI, President, Kansai University • Ambassador Katsuro KITAGAWA, Director-General of the European Affairs Bureau / Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan • Ministry of Education of Japan representative Family Photo
9:45 - 10:30	Inspirational Keynote Speeches Leadership in Society 5.0 <u>Global Vision, Local Action: Building Inclusive and Sustainable innovation Ecosystems for Society 5.0</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Yuko HARAYAMA, Professor Emeritus at Tohoku University; former Executive Director at RIKEN in Charge of International Affairs, Japan

	<p><u>Virtuous Leadership for a Technomoral Age: Guiding Society 5.0 with Wisdom and Responsibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Špela STRES, European Innovation Council (EIC) Board Member; Head of Innovation Relay Center, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	<p>Dialogue Leadership in Society 5.0</p> <p>This session aims to explore how the world is transitioning into Society 5.0—a human-centered era where digital and physical spaces converge: where leadership is being redefined. Society 5.0 envisions a future in which advanced technologies like AI, IoT, and big data are harnessed not just for economic growth, but to solve complex societal challenges and enhance individual well-being. What skills do leaders need to ensure that innovation remains people-focused and that no one is left behind?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Yuko HARAYAMA, Professor Emeritus at Tohoku University; former Executive Director at RIKEN in Charge of International Affairs, Japan • Dr Špela STRES, European Innovation Council (EIC) Board Member; Head of Innovation Relay Center, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia • Mr Carsten BECK, Director & Futurist, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies (CIFS), Denmark <p>Moderated by Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth project lead, Asia-Europe Foundation</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	<p>Workshop 1 Get-to-know Each Other</p> <p>Participants are brought together in a fun, welcoming environment where they can break the ice, share stories, and start building meaningful connections. Through engaging activities and guided conversations, participants will have the opportunity to discover common interests, exchange ideas, and create a supportive peer network that can inspire collaboration and friendship beyond the session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rahmat (Mato) HM, Youth Trainer and Facilitator
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 - 17:30	<p>Workshop 2 Intercultural Teambuilding</p> <p>This session will help participants explore and celebrate cultural diversity, fostering understanding, trust, and effective collaboration across cultures. Through hands-on activities, participants will learn to appreciate different cultural perspectives, challenge stereotypes, and develop communication skills that enhance teamwork in multicultural environments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rahmat (Mato) HM, Youth Trainer and Facilitator

17:30 - 18:00	Reflections Summary of the Day and Debriefing
18:00 -	Free Evening

DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2025

Venue: Kansai University, SenraiYama Campus

7:00 – 7:30	Breakfast
7:45	Departure to Kansai University, SenraiYama Campus
9:00 – 9:15	Inspirational Keynote Leading Together: The ASEAN Way of Human-Centered Development for Society 5.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nararya S SOEPRAPTO, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN Community and Corporate Affairs, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ASEF Governor for ASEAN
9:15 - 10:30	Presentation of Case Studies Part 1 <p>Teams of participants will present the outputs of their Leadership in Action Phase - best practice case studies from Asia and Europe that showcase how technology is being used to solve societal challenges.</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Presentation of Case Studies Part 2 <p>Presentations continue.</p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	Dialogue 2 Society 5.0: Balancing competing interests (inclusivity, sustainability, ethics) <p>Society 5.0, a vision for a super-smart, human-centered society, seeks to harmonise rapid technological advancement with the pressing needs of inclusivity, sustainability, and ethical decision-making. As digital transformation accelerates, leaders and communities face complex dilemmas: How can we ensure that innovation uplifts all members of society, protects the environment, and upholds ethical standards? This panel brings together experts and changemakers to explore the practical and philosophical challenges of balancing these sometimes-competing priorities.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jonathan WONG, Chief of Innovation, Enterprise & Investment, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) • Dr Lizan E PERANTE-CALINA, President, Philippines Futures Thinking Society <p>Moderated by Mr Keith DETROS, Programme Manager, Tech for Good Institute, Singapore</p>

15:30 - 17:00	<p>Parallel Debate</p> <p>Conversations on Inclusivity, Sustainability, Ethics in Society 5.0</p> <p>In 6 parallel Debate Conversations, participants will have the opportunity to debate in small-group settings with leaders and experts. The debates will focus on the challenges of balancing economic advancement and solving societal challenges in an inclusive, sustainable, and ethical Society 5.0.</p> <p><u>Economic Advancement vs. an Inclusive Society 5.0</u> Room A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Keith DETROS, Programme Manager, Tech for Good Institute, Singapore <p><u>Economic Advancement vs. an Inclusive Society 5.0</u> Room B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Lizan E PERANTE-CALINA, President, Philippines Futures Thinking Society <p><u>Economic Advancement vs. a Sustainable Society 5.0</u> Room C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Jonathan WONG, Chief of Innovation, Enterprise & Investment, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) <p><u>Economic Advancement vs. a Sustainable Society 5.0</u> Room D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Holger BUNGSCHE, Professor, Department of International Studies, Kwansei Gakuin University <p><u>Economic Advancement vs. an Ethical Society 5.0</u> Room E</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Špela STRES, European Innovation Council (EIC) Board Member; Head of Innovation Relay Center, Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia <p><u>Economic Advancement vs. an Ethical Society 5.0</u> Room D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Carsten BECK, Director & Futurist, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies (CIFS), Denmark <p>Each dialogue moderated by an ASEFYLS6 Navigator</p>
17:30 - 20:00	<p>Cultural Evening <i>Student Centre</i></p> <p>During this evening, participants will share traditional dress, snacks and performances from their culture.</p>

DAY 3 – THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2025

Venue: World EXPO 2025, Osaka

6:30 – 8:00	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00	Transfer to EXPO 2025
9:00 - 18:00	<p>EXPO 2025</p> <p>At the EXPO 2025 participants will have the opportunity to present on the mainstage, learn about new technologies and innovations from across the world, and explore how Society 5.0 can become a reality.</p>

18:00 -	Transfer to Hotel
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DAY 4 – FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2025

Venue: Trip to Kobe & Kansai University, SenraiYama Campus

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast
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8:00 – 09:30	Transfer to Study Visit
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09:30 - 10:30	Study Visit 1 JICA Kansai Center, Kobe
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This study visit invites participants to discover the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kansai Center, a vibrant hub for global knowledge exchange and international partnership located in Kobe. Serving as JICA's general contact point for the Kansai region, the Center brings together participants from over 150 countries each year to engage in training, cultural exchange, and collaborative programs focused on disaster risk reduction, environmental management, industrial development, and more.

10:45 - 12:15	Study Visit 2 The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution, Kobe
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This study visit offers participants a unique opportunity to explore the legacy of the 1995 Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake and deepen their understanding of disaster resilience, community recovery, and disaster risk reduction. The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Memorial Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI) in Kobe serves as both a memorial to the victims and a centre for education, research, and public engagement on disaster prevention and preparedness.

12:15 - 13:15	Lunch Break
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13:15 - 14:30	Transfer back to Kansai University, SenraiYama Campus
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14:45 - 16:15	Dialogue 3 Society 5.0 in Japan
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Japan's Society 5.0 initiative represents a bold vision for a human-centered, super-smart society that seamlessly integrates cyberspace and physical space. First introduced in the Fifth Science and Technology Basic Plan in 2016, Society 5.0 aims to address social challenges—such as an aging population, rural depopulation, and sustainability—through the innovative use of advanced technologies like AI, IoT, and robotics. This panel will explore the origins, progress, and future direction of Society 5.0 in Japan, examining how government, industry, and academia are collaborating to create a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable society.

Panellists:

- **Dr KOTANI Motoko**, Executive Vice President for Research, Professor and Principal Investigator, Advanced Institute for Materials Research & Mathematics Institute, Tohoku University, Japan; Vice President, International Science Council; as a Member of the “United Nations 10-Member Group”; Science and Technology Co-Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sayana TANAKA, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Waffle.org <p>Moderated by: Mr Robin TAKESHI LEWIS, Co-Founder of MyMizu & Social Innovation Japan</p>
16:20 - 18:00	<p>Dialogue with Local Students</p> <p>From Japan to the World: Society 5.0</p> <p>These breakout sessions bring together international participants and local Japanese students for open, small-group dialogues centered on Society 5.0—Japan’s vision for a super-smart, human-centered society that leverages digital innovation to address social challenges and enhance quality of life. Through guided discussions, participants will exchange perspectives on how Society 5.0 is shaping Japanese society and explore its potential to inspire solutions to global issues.</p>
18:00 - 18:30	<p>Reflections</p> <p>Summary of the Day and Debriefing</p>
18:30 -	Free Evening

DAY 5 – SATURDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2025

Venue: Kansai University, Umeda Campus

6:30 – 7:30	Breakfast
7:30 – 8:00	Transfer to Kansai University, Umeda Campus
8:00 – 9:30	<p>Workshop 3</p> <p>Youth & Digitalisation</p> <p>This interactive workshop explores the opportunities and challenges of digitalisation for today’s youth. As digital technologies reshape communication, education, activism, and employment, young people are uniquely positioned to drive positive change—but also face new risks and responsibilities. Through hands-on activities, group discussions, and skill-building sessions, participants will examine how digital tools can be harnessed for social good, personal growth, and community impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rahmat (Mato) HM, Youth Trainer and Facilitator
9:30 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 11:30	<p>Workshop 4</p> <p>Youth & Digitalisation cont.</p>
11:30 - 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Workshop 5</p> <p>Planning & Follow-up for Multipliers</p> <p>This workshop empowers participants to become multipliers—individuals who amplify the impact of their learning by sharing knowledge, skills, and values with their communities. Through interactive activities and guided planning, participants</p>

	<p>will develop strategies to extend the benefits of the programme far beyond their own experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Rahmat (Mato) HM, Youth Trainer and Facilitator
14:00 - 15:00	<p>Final Reflections & Wrap-up</p> <p>As the programme draws to a close, this session offers a meaningful opportunity for participants to reflect on their experiences, share key takeaways, and celebrate the connections and knowledge gained. Through guided discussions and interactive activities, participants will consolidate their learning, express their personal growth, and explore how to apply insights moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Freya CHOW-PAUL, Youth Project Lead, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) • Ms Linnéa REGNELL, Project Executive, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)
15:00 -	Free Afternoon/Evening

DAY 6 – SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2025

DEPARTURE DAY

6:30 – 9:00	Breakfast
	Check-out of hotel
9:00 onwards	Departure of Participants

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