

20 APRIL – 24 APRIL 2026

# 19th GERMAN-JAPANESE

## ECONOMIC FORUM

Monday, 20 April 2026

3.30 – 6:00 p.m.

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### Solution Energy & Industrial Infrastructure, Hall 12 (F56) - EXPERT STAGE

#### Innovation meets responsibility - solutions for sustainable and resource-saving production

The efficient use of resources and the introduction of sustainable production methods are among the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to which both Japan and Germany have committed themselves. How are German and Japanese industrial companies planning to transform their industries to "net zero"? How can valuable resources be saved? How can Germany and Japan learn from the respective processes? The German-Japanese Economic Forum at HANNOVER MESSE has developed into a well-known discussion and networking platform with high-profile presentations from German and Japanese industry since its launch in 2006. At the 19th edition of the forum, experts from industry and politics in both countries will discuss the challenges, innovations, and opportunities for cooperation on key topics that will shape the future of industrial production in Germany and Japan. At the end of the forum, all participants are invited to a networking reception in the Solution Lab's Lounge.

#### Moderation:

- Johanna Schilling, Managing Director, ECOS GmbH
- Anne Pomsel, Managing Director, Japanese-German Business Association (DJW)

3:30 – 3:35 p.m.

#### Welcome and Opening

- Johanna Schilling, Managing Director, ECOS GmbH
- Anne Pomsel, Managing Director, Japanese-German Business Association (DJW)

3.35 – 4:00 p.m.

#### Talk

##### Importance of resource-efficient industrial production in the current geo-political situation

- Mikiharu Shimizu, Deputy Director-General for International Cyber Economy Policy / Deputy Director-General for Commerce and Information Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan
- Satoshi Hashimoto, Deputy Director General, Metals Strategy Department, JOGMEC Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security
- N.N., Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

#### Keynote

##### Energy efficient production meets circular economy

- Stefan Knauf, Division Manager, FA Industrial Automation Systems, Mitsubishi Electric Europe B.V.

4:15 – 4:25 p.m.

#### Lecture

##### Lean Product Lifecycle Management for a Sustainable and Inclusive Society: Models and Frameworks

- Dr. Yasuyuki Nishioka, President, Industrial Value Chain Initiative

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4:25 – 4:35 p.m.	<b>Impulse</b> <b>The German–Japanese Blueprint for Global Data Interoperability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Michitaka Tsuda, Chief Architect of Open Data Spaces, IPA Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan</li><li>Thomas Hahn, Fellow Siemens Germany/Lead IMX Council, Plattform Industrie 4.0</li></ul>
4:35 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b>Expanding the opportunity: Collaboration between Germany's MX Port and Open Data Spaces (ODS)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kazuo Nakashima, General Manager, Robot Revolution and Industrial IoT Initiative (RRI)</li><li>Thomas Hahn, Fellow Siemens Germany/Lead IMX Council, Plattform Industrie 4.0</li><li>Michitaka Tsuda, Chief Architect of Open Data Spaces, IPA Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan</li></ul> Host: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Johanna Schilling, Managing Director, ECOS GmbH</li><li>Anne Pomsel, Managing Director, Japanese-German Business Association (DJW)</li></ul>
5:00 – 5:45 p.m.	<b>Networking</b> <b>Closing &amp; Networking of the 19th German-Japanese Economic Forum</b>

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