

REPORT on

GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM in OSAKA

The Global Innovation Forum (GIF) 2019, which was organized by the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) and the Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) was held at Grandfront Osaka, during October 10-11, 2019.

A total of 17 startups from 8 countries (USA, UK, Israel, Germany, China, Singapore, France, Japan), especially in the advanced sectors such as AI/IoT, VR, Digital Health, etc. were invited to this forum. On the first day, the opening ceremony was held and Consul Generals from 9 countries have attended. Demonstration was held by the startups, with more than 300 participants from Japanese companies, VCs, universities, etc. Many of the participants visited the startups' booths, and actively exchanged information, which showed their strong interest in collaborating with overseas startups with advanced technology.

On the second day, at the Forum Mr. John Byrnes, Founder / Co-CEO of Ai Collaborator has come from Silicon Valley to give the keynote address receiving more than 140 attendees. The keynote address was followed by business presentations given by the startups.

B2B meetings were also held simultaneously, and a total of 97 business talks were held. Both the startups and Japanese companies gave positive comments at the end, that it was beneficial for the business development of both sides.

Date : October 10(Thurs), 11(Fri), 2019
 Place : GrandFront Osaka
 Sponsored by : Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC)
 Co-sponsored by: Hankyu Hanshin Properties Corp.,
 Xport,
 Japan External Trade Organization Osaka
 Supported by: The Foundation for International Trade and Industrial
 Co-operation
 Osaka Startup Ecosystem Promotion Committee
 (Osaka Business Development Agency / Osaka Prefectural
 Government / Osaka City Government /
 Sakai City Government / Ministry of Economy, Trade and
 Industry, Kansai Bureau / Kansai Economic Federation /
 Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry / Kansai
 Association of Corporate Executives)
 The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan

【Program】

●DAY 1 : Demonstration (SHOWCASE)

Date: October 10 (Thurs) 10:00~17:00

Place: Grandfront Osaka North Tower 1 F Knowledge Plaza

Program: *Opening Ceremony / Tape Cut
 *Demonstration on the main stage
 *Demonstration at the booths



Opening Ceremony:

10:05-10:10 Opening Remarks

Mr. Hiroshi Ozaki

Chairman, Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

10:10-10:15 Tape Cut

【VIPs】

Mr. Hiroshi Ozaki

Chairman, Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

【Co-sponsors】

Mr. Chikara Takagishi

Senior General Manager, Urban Management Division,
Hankyu Hanshin Properties Corp.

Mr. Junzo Tateno

President, Osaka Business Development Agency (Osaka
Innovation Hub)

Mr. Hiroyuki Nemoto

Director-General, JETRO, OSAKA

【Representatives of Participating countries】

Consul-General Karen Kelley

American Consulate General Osaka-Kobe

Consul-General Li Tian Ran

Consulate General of the People's Republic of China

Consul-General Werner Köhler

Consulate-General of the Federal Republic of Germany
Osaka-Kobe

Mr. Ken Harada

Senior Commercial Officer, Managing Director,
Israel Trade Office, Western Japan

【Attendance by VIPS】

Consul-General Jules IRRMANN, Consul général de France à Kyoto

Consul-General B. Shyam, Consulate General of India, Osaka-Kobe

Consul-General Luigi Diodati, Consulate-General of Italy in Osaka

Consul-General Gerard Michels, Consulate-general of the Netherlands in Osaka

Consul-General Krit Tankanarat, Royal Thai Consulate-General in Osaka

Consul-General Vu Tuan Hai, Consulate-General of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Osaka

10:15-10:20 Introduction of participating startups

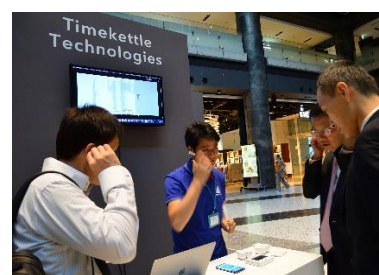
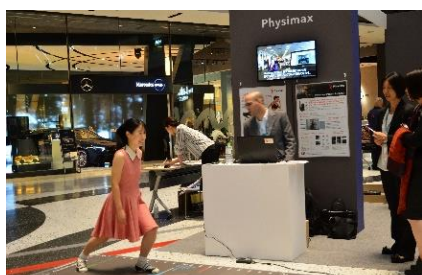
10:20-10:30 Photo session on stage



Demonstration on main stage



Demonstration at booths



● DAY 2: FORUM

Date: October 11 (Fri), 9:00~17:10

Place: Grandfront Osaka North Tower, Tower C 8F

Knowledge Capital Conference Room

Program: *Opening Address: Mr. Minoru Furukawa, Vice Chairman, OCCI

*Keynote Address: Mr. John Byrnes Founder/Co-CEO, Ai Collaborator
"Startup Innovation, Technology and Investment:
~Silicon Valley and Beyond"

*Pitches : 17 startups from 8 countries (10 minutes each)

*B 2 B meetings : Total of 97 meetings were held with 38 Japanese
Companies (average of 5 meetings per startup)

【Results】

- 1) 2 startups are considering to open an office in Osaka.
- 2) Business talks are still continuing with many of the startups (NDA agreement, introduction to purchasing dept, introduction to project team members, etc.)

