# HENCA Tokyo 2026
# Event Report

**【Overview】**

**Title: HENCA Tokyo 2026** (Hydrogen Energy Conference for Action)

**Date & Time: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 1:00 p.m.–6:00p.m.**
**Thursday, October 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Format: A two-day summit accompanied by an exhibition**

**Venue: Tokyo Innovation Base (TIB)** 3-8-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

## Summit Speakers:

・October 14 (JAPAN DAY): **16**
・October 15 (GLOBAL DAY): **17**

## Exhibitors: 26

## Attendees: 484 Total for both days

*excluding speakers and exhibitors






# October 14 | JAPAN DAY

Following opening Address by Governor of Tokyo, Yuriko Koike, the Certification Ceremony for Early Adopters of Green Hydrogen was held, with five new companies certified in FY2026. The program also featured a congratulatory message from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, read on the Minister's behalf by Yoshifumi Murase, Commissioner of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, followed by three panel sessions..



<Opening Address(Governor Koike)>




<Congratulatory message(Commissioner Murase)>



<The Certification Ceremony for Early Adopters of Green Hydrogen>

**※For details on the certification ceremony and certified companies, please see below.**
https://www.green-h2-certification.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/

## Session 1　Social Implementation Starting with the Japan Hydrogen Backbone Initiative

Under the theme of the "Japan Hydrogen Backbone Initiative," representatives from the national government, local governments, businesses, and organizations shared their efforts toward a hydrogen society. Discussions focused on the importance of expanding hydrogen demand and developing supply infrastructure together.











Moderator : Carolina Kawakubo（Representative Director & President, NRW.Global Business Japan）
Yoshifumi Murase (ANRE Commissioner), Koji Sato (JH2A Chairman), Yuriko Koike (Governor of Tokyo), Hideaki Ohmura (Governor of Aichi), Nicolas Bonnardel (CCI France Japon)

***Some affiliations and titles are abbreviated.**

## Session 2　Public-Private Partnerships for Hydrogen Implementation in Cities

The session showcased regional hydrogen initiatives, including green hydrogen in Yamanashi, blue hydrogen and ammonia in Niigata, as well as district heating and urban development. Discussions focused on collaboration among local governments, businesses, and other stakeholders to integrate hydrogen into communities and cities.





Moderator: David Lawson (Trade & Investment Commissioner, Japan & Korea, Investment NSW, Premier's Department)

Yuriko Koike (Governor of Tokyo), Kotaro Nagasaki (Governor of Yamanashi), Shoichi Kaganoi (INPEX JAPAN), Nami Inoue (TBS Holdings), Yuko Koibuchi (Mitsubishi Estate)

## Session 3　Promoting the Adoption of Hydrogen Mobility

The session highlighted hydrogen mobility initiatives, including fuel cell trucks and buses, hydrogen refueling stations, and hydrogen production and use in Fukushima. Discussions focused on the challenges and future prospects for wider adoption of both vehicles and supply infrastructure.






Moderator: Melissa Inooka(Commissioner-Japan, Trade and Investment Queensland)

Hirotaka Sato (Fukushima Prefecture), Satoshi Okuyama (Isuzu Motors), Hiroshi Kimura (Iwatani Cosmo Hydrogen Stations), Mie Nakashima (Woman Bus Drivers Association)



JAPAN DAY concluded with closing address by Kotaro Nagasaki, Governor of Yamanashi. He highlighted the importance of collaboration and "co-creation" among diverse stakeholders in advancing a hydrogen society.

<Closing Address(Governor Nagasaki)>

# October 15 | GLOBAL DAY

GLOBAL DAY featured welcome speech by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike, keynote speeches by Araceli Fernandez Pales of the IEA and Dr. Sunita Satyapal, formerly of the U.S. Department of Energy, and three sessions with experts and business leaders from Japan and abroad.




<Keynote Speech 1 (Ms.Pales)>




<Keynote Speech 2 (Dr.Satyapal)>




<Welcome Speech（Governor Koike）>

Governor Koike also announced a new partnership between Tokyo Metropolitan University and the Global Institute for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells (GIHF), led by Dr. Satyapal.

**※For details on the TMU-GIHF partnership, please see the press release below.**
https://www.tmu.ac.jp/news/topics/38984.html

## Session 1 Efforts to Develop the Atlantic Hydrogen Corridor

The session highlighted hydrogen hub development and international collaboration in New South Wales, the Netherlands, and the U.S. Gulf Coast. Discussions focused on building cross-border hydrogen supply chains and promoting international trade, including cooperation between the Port of Rotterdam and the U.S. Gulf Coast.






Moderator: Daishu Hara (Senior Director, Hydrogen and Ammonia Department, NEDO)
David Lawson (Investment NSW), Linde Broeklaar (Embassy of the Netherlands),
Lijs Groenendaal (NL Hydrogen), Brett Perlman (Gulf Energy Catalyst)

## Session 2 Advanced Initiatives in the Global Market

The session explored how to build a trusted clean hydrogen market, addressing challenges such as certification and standards, costs, infrastructure, and demand. Discussions highlighted the importance of public-private collaboration in creating a reliable and commercially viable market.






Moderator: Yoshifumi Suehiro (Director General, Hydrogen Project Department, JOGMEC)
Shailesh Topiwala (Robert Bosch LLC), Alana Barlow (Sparc Hydrogen), Kei Nomura (Kawasaki Heavy Industries), Azusa Nakajima (Mitsui O.S.K. Lines)

## Session 3 Collaboration to Create a Global Market

The session highlighted hydrogen market development efforts in Europe, France, and Tokyo, covering regulations, international trade, workforce development, and demand creation. Discussions emphasized the importance of collaboration and mutual trust across countries, regions, and the public and private sectors.






Moderator: Eiji Ohira (European Representative,JH2A)
Yuriko Koike (Governor of Tokyo), Sunita Satyapal (Former U.S. DOE), Arthur Calvat (Embassy of France in Japan), Markus Exenberger (H2Global Foundation), Haitze Siemers (European Commission)



The two-day event concluded with closing address by Markus Exenberger, CEO of the H2Global Foundation. He emphasized the importance of continued dialogue and building long-term relationships with trusted partners.

<Closing Address(Mr.Exenberger)>

# October 14–15 | EXHIBITION

The exhibition brought together local governments, major manufacturers, suppliers, and other organizations advancing hydrogen deployment. The Startup Zone featured companies from Japan, the U.S., Australia, and Belgium, while company presentations and networking provided opportunities for exchange among participants from Japan and abroad.










The Tokyo Metropolitan Government booth featured a model demonstrating how the electrolyzer at the Keihinjima Green Hydrogen Plant works. The TOKYO H2 booth showcased a lip balm made with ingredients produced with green hydrogen from Tokyo, unveiled on October 14, highlighting new possibilities for bringing green hydrogen into everyday products.







**※For details on cosmetics using green hydrogen-derived ingredients, please see below.**
https://www.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/information/press/2026/10/2026101404