

BRABANT INNOVATION DAY 2026

Brabant Innovation Day returns to Tokyo, bringing together leading organisations from Japan and the Netherlands to explore collaboration on next-generation compute technologies.

WHAT TO EXPECT

From promise to practice: how Japan and the Netherlands power the future of compute

Taking an ecosystem-level perspective, the programme explores how industry, research institutions and government collaborate to translate innovation into real-world application – in the field of semicon and photonics – from early-stage research to industrial deployment.

SPEAKERS

- Martijn van Gruijthuijsen, vice governor of the province of North Brabant
- Eelko Brinkhoff, CEO of PhotonDelta
- Johan Feenstra, CEO of SMART Photonics
- Brigit van Dijk – van de Reijt, CEO of Brabant Development Agency
- Ton van Mol, Managing Director of TNO Holst Centre
- Henk Akkermans, Professor at Tilburg University and Director of World Class Maintenance
- Frank Sperling, Co-founder and CTO of Nobleo Technology
- Helen Kardan, Director of Science & Technology at TNO High Tech Industry
- Takeshi Kamijo, R&D Scientist at Photonics Integration Technology Centre and TNO
- Jan Tatousek, Senior Business Development Manager at Photonic Integration Technology Centre (PITC)
- Dzmityr Pustakhod, Electrical Engineering and Photonics Integration Scientist at Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e)
- Eras Draaijers, Counsellor for Innovation and Science & Technology at the Dutch Embassy in Tokyo
- Edo de Ronde, Executive Director for Japan at NFIA Tokyo

Contributions from DNP, Hitachi High Tech and Dexerials. Opening of the networking drinks by Dutch ambassador Gilles Beschoor Plug.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, latest updates and registration, visit brabantinnovationdays.com

DATE:
9 June 2026

TIME:
11.30 - 19.45: Registration – close of networking dinner

VENUE:
The Okura Tokyo, Minato-ku, Tokyo

PROGRAMME

(11.30 – 12.15)
Registration & networking (including lunch)

Block A (12:35 – 13:45)

From Lab to Fab: Building the Future of Compute & Semiconductors Together

This block focuses on the earliest stages of innovation: how scientific discoveries evolve into prototype-ready technologies. Speakers will explain the foundations of next-generation compute, the role of integrated photonics and semiconductors, and how Japan and the Netherlands can work together from the outset of the innovation chain. The power of an ecosystem approach (open innovation) will also be shared. The aim is to build a shared understanding of the technological directions and the collaborative opportunities ahead.

Break & networking

Block B (14:20 – 15:40)

From Fab to Product: Engineering Reliability and Scale

This block moves from prototyping to industrial capability. Speakers will show how new pilot lines, advanced production methods, and data-driven manufacturing pave the way to stable, high-yield, market-ready photonic and semiconductor products. It highlights how Japan and the Netherlands can collaborate in manufacturing excellence, process optimisation, and reliability.

Break & networking

Block C (16:00 – 17:20)

Global Synergy: How Japan and the Netherlands Can Shape the Future Together

This block focuses on the strategic dimension: how Japan and the Netherlands can align national strategies, research priorities, and industry strengths to accelerate deeptech innovation. It highlights long-term collaboration models, government support, and shared opportunities in the coming years.

(17.20-19.45)
Networking drinks and walking dinner