

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.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS*

- Martijn van Gruijthuisen, vice-governor of the province of North Brabant
- Eelko Brinkhoff, CEO of PhotonDelta
- Brigit van Dijk – van de Reijt, CEO of Brabant Development Agency
- Ton van Mol, Managing Director of TNO Holst Centre
- Helen Kardan, Director of Science & Technology High Tech Industry at TNO
- Henk Akkermans, Director of World Class Maintenance and Professor at Tilburg University
- Eras Draaijers, Counsellor for Innovation and Science & Technology

*Further programme details and additional speakers to follow.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS



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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

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

(11.30 – 12.15)

Registration & networking (including lunch)

Block A (12.35-14:00)

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 (14.45-16.15)

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 (16.30-17.15)

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