

France–Japan Strategic Tech Forum 2026

AI, Defense & Industrial Sovereignty

Hosted by La French Tech Tokyo in partnership with Alta Ares and Scrum Ventures

Field	Detail
Organizers	La French Tech Tokyo x Alta Ares x Scrum Ventures
Date	September 24 2026
Venue	Sakura DeepTech Stage Shibuya
Format	Keynote, panel sessions & networking
Target participants	150+ (max 200) French unicorns and startups in Japan, Japanese startups interested in France/Europe, French corporations based in Japan, Japanese corporations interested in French startups, VC/CVC investors, La French Tech Tokyo community

Audience	Benefit
Partners / Sponsors	Increased visibility within the French–Japanese ecosystem, speaking and communication opportunities
VCs / CVCs	Access to promising French Tech startups, exploration of new technologies and investment opportunities
Startups	Access to Japanese and French corporations as potential partners / clients
Japanese defense primes	Direct exposure to combat-proven French C-UAS technology and potential co-development or supply chain partnerships ahead of Japan's growing counter-drone procurement needs

Audience	Benefit
Japanese AI / defense tech startups (e.g. Terra Drone)	Opportunity to connect with French deeptech players, benchmark against battlefield-validated systems, and explore joint R&D or hackathon collaboration
Japanese journalist	Exclusive access to a closed-door defense/sovereignty session and first-hand coverage of a rare France–Japan defense tech gathering
Photographers	Access to document a unique event combining a live C-UAS hackathon with high-profile defense and industry figures strong visual/editorial material

Program

Time	Content	Speakers	Status
16:00 / 30min	Registration / Networking	-	
17:00 / 30min	Opening remarks / Introduction to French Tech Tokyo The State of the Startup Ecosystem in France 5min about Tokyu Land Presentation	Co-President of La French Tech Tokyo (Sophie Meralli) x Victoire SOLLY / Hadrien CANTER CEO Alta Ares x Masami Takahashi Scrum General Partner + Tokyu Land Representative	
17:45 / 20min	Keynote	TBD	
TBD	Round Table 1: Industrial sovereignty and defense: Japan's own momentum	Defense/ Dual Use companies and Government	
TBD	Round Table 2 AI, Security & Geopolitics <i>"As AI, quantum computing, and defense increasingly converge, what does true France-Japan synergy look like in this space, and where should we be concentrating investment together to lead rather than follow?"</i>	AI, Cybersecurity, and Quantum Companies	

Time	Content	Speakers	Status
20:15 / 45min	Networking	-	
21:00	Closing	La French Tech Tokyo	

Become a Partner

The France–Japan Strategic Tech Forum 2026 will bring together 150+ leaders from the French and Japanese startup, corporate, investment, and public-sector communities. Hosted by La French Tech Tokyo in partnership with Alta Ares and Scrum Ventures, the event will explore opportunities for collaboration across AI, defense, deeptech, and industrial sovereignty. We invite a limited number of organizations to join us as partners and benefit from meaningful visibility, curated connections, and participation in the program.

	Strategic Partner	Supporting Partner
Contribution	¥500,000	¥100,000
Speaking opportunity	Keynote or panel participation*	Panel consideration*
Brand visibility	Throughout the year (incl. post-event feature)	At the event
Curated introductions	Tailored introductions and guest list disclosure	
VIP reception	5 invitations	2 invitations
General event invitations	5 invitations	2 invitations
Post-Event Feature	Dedicated recognition	Dedicated recognition

What sponsors receive

Speaking or panel participation A seat at one of the panel sessions, giving your company a voice in front of 150+ senior attendees from the French and Japanese ecosystems.



Logo visibility Your logo featured on all event communications, onsite signage, and La French Tech Tokyo's digital channels before, during, and after the event.

Curated introductions and guest list access Warm introductions to selected French Tech startups, investors, or corporate partners relevant to your business, facilitated by the La French Tech Tokyo team. Access to the post-event list of registered attendees, a curated audience of founders, investors, and corporate decision-makers.

VIP networking access Priority access to a speaker and VIP networking session.

Post-event feature A mention in La French Tech Tokyo's post-event recap, shared across our LinkedIn and newsletter reaching 300+ community members.

We are also happy to discuss in-kind contributions (venue, catering) on an equivalent basis. All support, in whatever form, is genuinely appreciated and helps make this community event a success.