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The AJBCC and its Japan-based counterpart the Japan Australia Business Co-operation Committee (JABCC) come together each October for their annual Joint Business Conference (JBC) of member organisations. Typically with over 400 senior Australian and Japanese business executives, the JBC alternates between Australia and Japan. This October it will be held in Osaka.

## OVERALL CONFERENCE THEME: NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

In an increasingly global landscape marked by challenges such as the US-China trade war, Brexit and the geopolitical risks surrounding the Korean Peninsula, the business risks have never been greater.

There is an expectation on Japan and Australia, which share democratic values and embrace the free market, to show leadership through the development of new perspectives and fresh ideas.

In building a better future delivering global development and business growth, there will be a need to develop new alliances and partnerships. By their nature, these are very likely to transcend and cut across the stereotypical categories of industry sectors, regions, nations and even generations.

Hear from a number of senior Australia-Japan executives as the conference explores key issues relevant to organisations involved in the bilateral business, as well as those organisations wishing to expand their business into this segment.

## PROGRAM OUTLINE: MONDAY 7 OCTOBER – WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER

Delegates typically would arrive into Osaka either on Sunday 6 October or the morning of Monday 7 October.

All conference sessions will be held at the Hotel New Otani, Osaka.

THE LATEST PROGRAM IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE [HERE](http://www.ajbcc.asn.au/joint-conference-2019/)

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## MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2019

**From 14:30** (B1 Floor, Wisteria)  
Conference registration for AJBCC member delegates.

**16:30 – 17:30** (B1 Floor, Primrose)  
**Meeting: Australian Delegation**

AJBCC member delegates only. Australia's Ambassador to Japan, Richard Court AC, and Austrade's Senior Trade Commissioner in Tokyo, Brett Cooper, will hold a one-hour private briefing for AJBCC members (including AJBCC Future Leaders).

**Note: Monday 7 October 2019 Conference Activities Only for Designated People**

10:00 – 16:00 (B1 Floor, Cattleya)

**Future Leaders Program**

**The Future Leaders Program participants will hold a separate session which is linked to Plenary Session 4, to be held on Wednesday morning.**

15:00 – 16:00 (B1 Floor, Wisteria)

AJBCC/JABCC Executive Committee Members **only** (45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Joint Business Conference Steering Committee – AJBCC and JABCC Executive Committees)

## CONFERENCE EVE: NETWORKING AND WELCOME RECEPTION

**17:50** Departure by bus from Hotel New Otani for Taiko-en

**18:10** Registration desk opens at Taiko-en Garden Hall

**18:30 – 20:00** (Taiko-en Garden Hall)

(All Delegates and Partners)

**Welcome Statement:**

Hiroshi Ozaki, Chairman, **Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Michiteru Kashiwagi, Director General of Economic Strategy Bureau, **Osaka City Government**

AJBCC members (including Future Leaders) and their partners together with JABCC members (including Future Leaders) and their partners.

The reception provides an opportunity to meet the JABCC delegates.

## THE CONFERENCE THEMES

### TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019 – SESSION THEMES

**09:00 – 09:30** (Hotel New Otani, Level 2, Ho Ballroom)

Registration (continued)

**09:30 – 10:00** **Opening Ceremony**

**Opening Statements:**

Akio Mimura AC, Chairman JABCC and Senior Advisor, Honorary Chairman,

**Nippon Steel Corporation**

Sir Rod Eddington AO, President AJBCC and Chairman, Asia Pacific Advisory Council, **JP Morgan**

**Messages from the Prime Ministers** delivered by:

HE Reiichiro Takahashi, **Ambassador of Japan in Australia**

HE Richard Court AC, **Ambassador of Australia in Japan**

## PLENARY SESSION 1: KEYNOTE SPEECH

**10:00 – 11:00** (Level 2, Ho Ballroom)

**Keynote: “New Partnership for the Future”**

Yoshinori Kanehana, President, **Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd**

**11:00 – 11:30** (Level 2, Ho Ballroom Foyer)

Morning Tea/Coffee

## PLENARY SESSION 2: RESOURCES AND ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND FOSSIL ENERGY, SDGs AND '3E+S'

11:30 – 13:00

(Level 2, Ho Ballroom)

What are the challenges faced by both Australia and Japan in an era which is increasingly focusing on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG); Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG); and progress on reducing carbon emissions? What is the impact of tightening financial conditions on fossil fuel projects and how will this affect the bilateral cornerstone of Australia's coal business with Japan? How will the energy mix for power generation play out in both countries?

Chair: Masayoshi Kitamura, Chairman and Representative Director, **J-POWER**

### Panellists:

Yasushi Fukuizumi, Executive Officer & Senior Executive Fellow, **Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd**  
Masato Miyachi, Deputy President, **MUFG Bank Ltd**  
Peter Coleman, CEO, **Woodside**  
Paul Newman, Partner, **Ashurst**

13:00 – 14:30

(Level 2, Ho III Ballroom)

Luncheon – hosted by JABCC

## PLENARY SESSION 3 INTRODUCTION: A SPECIAL FOCUS – THE INFLUENCE OF POPULATION MOVEMENT ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT

14:30 – 15:00

(Level 2, Ho Ballroom)

Professor Aya Sakai, Department of Urban Study, **Tokyo City University**

15:00 – 15:30

(Level 2, Ho Ballroom Foyer)

Afternoon Tea/Coffee

## PLENARY SESSION 3: INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT • URBAN DEVELOPMENT • URBAN CONCENTRATION

15:30 – 17:00

(Level 2, Ho Ballroom)

Infrastructure investment is a key theme not only in Japan and Australia but also throughout the Asian region. Increasing urban development creates key challenges as to how to make cities "more liveable". How can we leverage our shared experiences in infrastructure and urban development – both in Australia and Japan and in the wider region? How can governments play a facilitating role?

Chair: Bob Seidler AM, Principal, **Kokusai Business Advisory**

### Panellists:

Jason de Sousa, Group Executive, **Lendlease**  
Kim Curtin, Interim Deputy Secretary, Trade, Tourism, Investment and Precincts, **NSW Treasury**  
Masahiko Oshima, Deputy President, **Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc**  
Koichi Yajima, Senior Advisor, **Marubeni Corporation**

**Q&A**

## OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DINNER

18:00 – 20:00

(Level 2, Ho III Ballroom, Hotel New Otani)

**Official Conference Dinner:**

(All Delegates and Partners)

The annual conference highlight is the official dinner preceded by networking drinks. This gives attendees the opportunity to: network; deepen their discussions with others concerning the conference themes; and develop their own specific business objectives.

This is for AJBCC members (including Future Leaders) and their partners, together with JABCC members (including Future Leaders) and their partners.

## WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2019 – SESSION THEMES

### PLENARY SESSION 4: “NEW PARTNERSHIP SHOWCASE”

**09:00 – 10:30** This session is devised by the Future Leaders Group of the AJBCC and the JABCC.

Chair: Kanna Mihara, Senior Vice President, **Macquarie Capital**

**Panellists:**

Ronald Tucker, Founder & President, **Australian Digital Commerce Association (ADCA)**

Takato Fukui, Director General, **JVCEA (Japan Virtual Currency Exchange Association)**

Geoff Ward, CEO & Managing Director, **Hazer Group Limited**

Stuart Harrington, General Manager, **Atlassian KK**

Christopher Brennan, Executive Director, **MCIB Partners Inc**

Osamu Ikeda, Section Leader, Hydrogen Business Planning & Development Section, Hydrogen Supply Chain Development Department, **Chiyoda Corporation**

Moderator: Natalie McDowell, Senior Associate – Australia Japan Practice, **Herbert Smith Freehills**

**Q&A**

**10:30 – 10:45** Morning Tea/Coffee

### PLENARY SESSION 5: INNOVATION AND STARTUPS

**10:45 – 11:45** **(Level 2, Ho Ballroom)**

Japan’s roadmap to the “post-industrial society” is contained in the Government’s Society 5.0 policy statement. Whilst startups and “unicorns” are often the headline, even large companies are designing strategies as to how they can incorporate innovative thinking into their business. What opportunities exist to work collaboratively, combining each other’s strengths for the development new business? Do we need to envisage new forms of partnership?

Chair: Professor Veronica Taylor, School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet), **Australian National University**

**Speakers:**

Michael Kavanagh, Chief Executive Officer/President, **Nanosonics Limited**

Yasuhiro Kakiyama, COO for Electronics SBU, Chemical & Electronics Division, **Toyota Tsusho Corporation**

Kazushige Nobutani, Vice President, **JETRO**

**Q&A**

**11:45 – 11:50** Announcement of next Joint Business Conference location in Australia

**11:50 – 12:00** Short break

### CLOSING WRAP-UP AND LUNCHEON

**12:00 – 12:10** **(Level 2, Ho Ballroom)**  
**Closing Ceremony**

Akio Mimura AC, Chairman JABCC and Senior Advisor, Honorary Chairman,

**Nippon Steel Corporation**

Sir Rod Eddington AO, President, **AJBCC** and Chairman, Asia Pacific Advisory Council, **JP Morgan**

**12:10 – 13:20** **Luncheon – hosted by AJBCC**

**13:20** **CLOSE**  
(13:45 – 14:15 Joint Media Conference)  
Joint Chairmen only

#### **SITE TOUR**

##### **Optional complimentary half-day site tour Wednesday 9 October:**

At the conclusion of the Joint Business Conference on Wednesday afternoon, the JABCC has organised a choice of two tours

TOUR 1: Keihanna Science City

TOUR 2: Iwatani Research Laboratory and Daikin Technology and Innovation Centre

[Full detail here](#)

The site tour is for conference delegates only. *Please note that both site tours now are fully booked.*

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

##### **Registration:**

**You are required to register for the October conference.** However, online registrations now are **closed**.

If you have a partner accompanying you, there is a JABCC-organised complimentary **Accompanying Person Program** for them to attend during the day on Tuesday 8 October. There is no cost for participation in this program, but you are required to register your partner using your online registration form.

##### **Hotel:**

Please note that our accommodation allocation at New Otani Hotel is now **fully booked** with the exception of some executive suites. Therefore you no longer can make accommodation reservations via the AJBCC conference web page. Any alterations to existing bookings at the New Otani need to be done directly with the hotel.

If you have not booked already, for suggestions on alternative accommodation arrangements contact the AJBCC's Event Manager, Lisa Harrison at Urban Event Management (see below).

##### **Urban Event Management:**

Should you have any queries on conference arrangements or registration, please contact the Event Manager, Lisa Harrison

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