

# Japan Fintech Seminar

October 18, 2017

The Ritz-Carlton Toronto (Salon A)

181 Wellington St W, Toronto, ON M5V 3G7

Tokyo is one of the major banking and financial centres in the world. The Tokyo Stock Exchange is the third largest in the world, and largest in Asia, by market capitalization at US\$5.1 trillion. Three Japanese banks rank in the top 25 of Forbes' list of the world's major banks by revenue.

Japanese banks are increasingly focused on Fintech and are looking to invest in Fintech firms and technology as regulations in Japan are reformed to allow banks to make large investments into tech start-ups. Given the expected increased investment in ICT by banks, strong growth in Japan's Fintech market is predicted. The Tokyo Government has also announced a plan aimed at making Tokyo the financial hub of Asia through measures such as corporate tax cuts for Fintech ventures and creating a better environment for foreign nationals to live and work in Tokyo.

JETRO has invited two outstanding speakers from FINOLAB, the Fintech hub in Tokyo, and Mizuho Bank to explain about opportunities for Canadian Fintech firms and to encourage them to think about Japan as their next market.

## Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 am:

**Registration / Networking (with light breakfast)**

8:30 – 8:35 am:

**Welcome Remarks**

Mr. Takuji Sakai, Executive Director, JETRO Toronto

8:35 – 9:10 am:

**Japan's Fintech Ecosystem Transformation Today and toward 2020**

Ms. Sarara Maeda, Vice President, FINOLAB • ISI Dentsu

9:10 – 9:45 am:

**Japanese Financial Institutions and Fintech**

Mr. Ikuma Ueno, Senior Digital Strategist, Mizuho Financial Group Inc., Digital Innovation Department

9:45 – 9:50 am:

**JETRO Programmes and Services**

Mr. Tyson Garbe, JETRO Toronto

9:50 – 10:00 am:

**Closing Remarks**

Mr. Kojiro Ichikawa, Trade Commissioner (ICT), Canadian Embassy in Tokyo

10:00:

**Networking**

**This event is free but pre-registration by October 6 is required.**

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