

AgriFoodTech Salon



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Welcome to the THRIVE × JETRO AgriTech Innovation Salon

An evening in Osaka bringing together Japan's most promising agrifood startups, corporates, VCs/CVCs, and global innovation partners.

A collaboration between JETRO and SVG Ventures | THRIVE, accelerating open innovation, cross-border investment, and dialogue to support the next generation of agrifood technology leaders.



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Agenda

- 19:00-19:30 Networking
- 19:30-19:35 Opening Remarks
- 19:35-19:40 JETRO Presentation
- 19:40-19:55 THRIVE Presentation
- 19:55-20:10 Fireside Chat
- 20:10-20:30 Japanese Startups' Pitches

EF Polymer Inc. (Narayan Lal Gurjar, Founder & CEO)

EF Polymer is a pioneering deep-tech startup focused on creating 100% organic super absorbent polymers (SAP) made from orange peels. Our product is designed to benefit farmers and reduce production costs, particularly in water and fertilizer usage, while boosting crop yields. Beyond agriculture, we are expanding the impact across industries to integrate our products into ice packs and cosmetics.

Kisui Co., Ltd. (Tamir Blum, Founder & CEO)

Kisui Co., Ltd. is an agri-tech startup developing, manufacturing, and marketing the autonomous AI robot "Adam." Currently, in orchards in particular, the adoption of autonomous robots has been limited due to poor GPS reception and uneven terrain. Adam addresses these challenges by reducing physically demanding farm labor, supporting daily operations, and contributing to labor-saving solutions. In doing so, Adam helps tackle two pressing issues facing Japanese agriculture: labor shortages and an aging workforce.

Ac-Planta Inc.

Koichiro Tachibana, Head of Business Development (Americas)

Ac-Planta Inc. is an agri-biotech startup developing and marketing the Skeepoon series of plant biostimulants, based on epigenetics research from RIKEN. By leveraging acetic acid to activate plants' natural stress-response systems, Skeepoon helps crops withstand drought, heat, and salinity without relying on pesticides or synthetic fertilizers. This innovation supports climate-resilient agriculture, reduces water use, and addresses global challenges of food security and environmental sustainability.

- 20:30-21:00 Networking

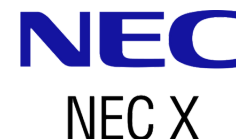
Featured Speakers



John Hartnett
Founder & CEO
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Nobu Morita
Director of Innovations
NEC X



Hiro Ueda
Executive Officer
Kagome



Nanami Suzuki
Program Lead for Agritech
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