

Post Event Report



**Global Offshore
Wind Summit - Japan
2025**

October 15-17, 2025

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Foreword

The Global Offshore Wind Summit-Japan (GOWS-J) 2025 took place in Akita City, Akita Prefecture, from October 15th to 17th, 2025. The event was co-organized by the Japan Wind Power Association (JWPA) and the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC). At the opening ceremony, the Governor of Akita Prefecture and the Mayor of Akita City joined the organizers and representatives of the national government (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; and Ministry of the Environment) for a ribbon-cutting to officially launch the summit. Supported by 30 corporate sponsors, the event welcomed over 700 conference delegates from Japan, Europe, and across Asia, along with more than 200 visitors from the general public and student community.

As the host region, Akita Prefecture is gaining recognition as one of Japan's leading areas for offshore wind power, with several offshore zones designated by the national government as promotion areas. Commercial-scale offshore wind projects are already in operation at Akita Port and Noshiro Port, and the region was drawing strong interest from inside and outside Japan as a growth hub for the offshore wind industry. Against this backdrop, Akita was chosen as the venue for GOWS-J for the second time, symbolizing the close collaboration between industrial development and the local community.

GOWS-J 2025 surpassed the previous year in scale across conferences, exhibitions, and side events, and further strengthened its international dimension. The main venue hosted 37 sessions, including presentations by the organizers, keynote speeches, technical presentations by companies, and panel discussions. These sessions addressed a wide range of topics, such as policy, technology, regional collaboration, and the commercialization of floating offshore wind. In addition, the Side Event Tour held at Akita Port and Oga attracted many participants from Japan and overseas. The Seminars for Citizens and Students and the Industry-Academia Collaboration Program were also very well received. Sessions featuring students and young engineers provided a lively forum for exchanging ideas on how best to nurture the next generation of talent.

The exhibition area brought together 23 exhibitors, including companies, embassies, local governments, and organizations from Japan and abroad, who presented their latest technologies, products, and research achievements. At the exhibition stands, visitors encountered a multifaceted lineup that included models of offshore wind turbines, overviews of the supply chain, and panel displays on port facilities and workforce development. These exhibitions also created an active environment for business matching and information exchange. A Community Consensus Building Corner, open free of charge to the public, showcased numerous offshore wind-related exhibits such as turbine models, work vessels, and subsea cables, alongside CTV (Crew Transfer Vessel) simulations and safety harness demonstrations. This corner drew many visitors from the local community.

The annual dinner party once again served as a key networking occasion where offshore wind stakeholders from Japan and around the world could meet face to face. Attendance continued to grow, with more than 500 guests taking part this year, making it a particularly impressive gathering. Opportunities for informal exchange such as this remain one of the main reasons many participants attend GOWS-J.

GOWS-J 2026 will be held in Nagasaki. Preparations are now under way for our return to Kyushu, which will host the summit again for the first time in three years. Kyushu is attracting increasing attention as a new growth hub for offshore wind power, particularly along the coasts of Nagasaki, Saga, Kagoshima, and Fukuoka, where floating wind projects and port infrastructure development are progressing. We look forward to welcoming you to GOWS-J 2026 in Kyushu.

The statistics of GOWS-J 2025

Participant Breakdown -Visit and Online participants

■ Number of Participants (Conference Participants)

1) In-Person Attendees: 760 (including speakers and sponsor pass holders)

<Breakdown by Region> Japan: 638; Asia & Oceania: 51; Europe, the Americas & Other: 71

*In addition to the attendees listed above, the Community Consensus Building Corner, which was open to the public and students free of charge, received approximately 200 visitors over the course of the event.

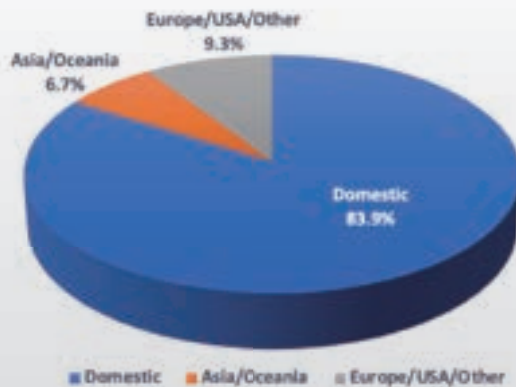
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2) Online Attendees: 50

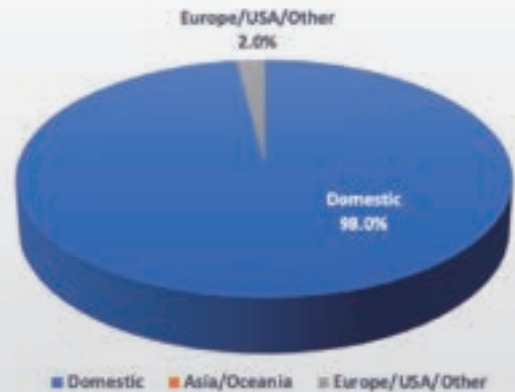
<Breakdown by Region> Japan: 49; Europe, the Americas & Other: 1

*Based on nationality, regardless of current place of residence.

●In-Person Attendees



●Online Attendees



Participants where come from ?

Domestic

Japan

Asia/Oceania

Australia	China	Jordan	Korea	Philippines
Singapore	Taiwan			

Europe/USA/Other

Belgium	Canada	Denmark	France	Germany
Greece	India	Ireland	Italy	Netherlands
Norway	Poland	Spain	USA	United Kingdom



GOWS-J 2025 Overview

The concept of GOWS-J 2025 is

- 1) Exchanging views to resolve the challenges facing Japan's offshore wind power generation
- 2) Building networks between domestic and international industries in the offshore wind sector
- 3) Promoting regional understanding and workforce development in areas hosting offshore wind development

Conference Information

The main conference featured organizer addresses and keynote speeches, as well as 15 panel discussions addressing key challenges in offshore wind and 16 specialized presentations. Outlines and the program for each session are available on the following pages. Ticket holders will be granted access to on-demand streaming of all sessions at a later date.



Business Opportunities and interaction with local communities

The exhibition featured industrial booths from 23 organizations, including companies, embassies, and local governments. These booths facilitated numerous new business exchanges on both international and regional levels. Furthermore, seminars designed for citizens and students, alongside student-participation events, provided a venue for the local community and young talent to deepen their understanding of the offshore wind industry.



GOWS-J Speaker Program

DAY 1 (October 15th)

The GOWS-J 2025 conference was anchored by the concept "The Current State of Offshore Wind in Japan," accompanied by the subtitle, "Is Japan's Offshore Wind on the Right Track?"

Reflecting on the state of domestic offshore wind power generation since the establishment of the Public-Private Council, The conference addressed four critical issues drawn from the current landscape — project formulation, supply chain, construction management, and project profitability.

Furthermore, the program fostered practical discussions through sessions on international policy comparisons (inter-governmental panels), international cooperation and human resource development, and the future of floating offshore wind. The subtitle, "Is Japan's Offshore Wind on the Right Track?", is not meant to cast a pessimistic light on the industry. Instead, it aims to spark discussion on ambitious and advanced solutions to challenges, ensuring that development proceeds steadily.

Frame-S: Government Policy Session (Japan-Europe Comparison)

Frame-A: Project Formulation Session (Local Governments / Fisheries)

Frame-B: Schedule Assurance Session

(Supply Chain / Construction Management, Vessel Availability / Port Management)

Frame-C: Project Profitability Session (Offtakers / Developers / Finance)

Frame-D: International Cooperation Session (Europe / East Asia)

Frame-E: Human Resource Development Session

Frame-F: Floating Offshore Wind Session

Main Hall

	Title	Speakers
1:30pm ▼ 2:00pm	Opening Ceremony	Kenta Suzuki Governor of Akita Prefecture
		Jun Numaya Mayor of Akita City
2:00pm ▼ 4:00pm	Organizer Speech Keynote Speech	Masaru Akiyoshi President of JWPA
		Rebecca Williams Deputy CEO, GWEC
		Noriyoshi Fukuoka Director, Wind Energy Project Promotion Office, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry JAPAN (METI)
		Akira Takano Director of Ocean Development Office, Ocean and Environmental Policy Division, Ports and Harbors Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
4:10pm ▼ 5:10pm	Panel Discussion [S-1] International Comparison of Japan's Ocean Wind Policy	Moderator > Rebecca Williams Deputy CEO, GWEC
		Panelist > Noriyoshi Fukuoka Director, Wind Energy Project Promotion Office, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry JAPAN (METI)
		Panelist > Anna Wallbrecht Head of Offshore Wind, Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE), Germany
		Panelist > Nagore Bonilla Vice President, Basque Trade & Investment, Ministry of Industry, Energy Transition and Sustainability, Basque Government
		Panelist > William Lim Japan Programme Leader & Chief Advisor for Offshore Wind Danish Energy Agency, Global Cooperation

GOWS-J Speaker Program

DAY 2 (October 16th)

Main Hall		
	Title	Speakers
9:00am ▼ 10:00am	Panel Discussion [A-1] (Local Government Panel) Local government initiatives for Offshore Wind Power project development	Moderator > Kimiko Hirata Executive Director, Climate Integrate
		Panelist > Hitoshi Miura Senior Director of Clean Energy Policies, Department of Industry and Labor, Akita Prefecture
		Panelist > Masaya Tajima Director for Wind Energy Promotion Green Transformation Promotion Division, Bureau of Green Transformation Promotion, Department of Economic Affairs, Hokkaido Government
		Panelist > Eisuke Usami Assistant Director, New Energy promotion Office, Industry & labour Department, Nagasaki Prefectural Government
		Panelist > Yasuhiro Yoshikawa Deputy Executive Director, Commerce, Industry and Labor Department (Assistant Executive Director, Policy and Planning Department and Assistant Executive Director, Environmental and Community Affairs Department), Chiba Prefectural Government
10:15am ▼ 11:45am	Presentation [A-2] Regional consensus building initiative	Presentation No.1 > Shigeo Ishihara Senior Business Development and Consent Manager, EDF power solutions Japan
		Presentation No.2 > Chikako Nakayama Country Manager, Iberdrola Renewables Japan K.K.
	(10:45am-11:45am) Panel Discussion (Fisheries Panel) Coexistence of Offshore Wind and Fisheries / The future of statutory councils	Moderator > Ayano Takeuchi Associate Professor, Faculty of Science, Toho University
		Panelist > Shinji Kirihara Professor, Marine, Fisheries and Blue Carbon Laboratory, Regional Industry Research Institute, Hachinohe Institute of Technology
		Panelist > Tomohide Kikuchi Executive Director, Fisheries Cooperative Association of Akita
1:00pm ▼ 2:30pm	Presentation [C-1] Efforts to ensure the business viability of Offshore Wind Power development	Presentation No.1 > Anders Brohm Vice President for Asia Pacific Offshore Sales, Vestas Wind System A/S
		Presentation No.2 > Taiken Sasaki General Manager, Oga-Katagami-Akita project, JERA Nex bp Japan GK, and Project Director, Oga-Katagami-Akita Offshore Green Energy LLC.
	(1:30pm -2:30pm) Panel Discussion (CPPA Panel) Issues and solutions for stabilizing Offshore Wind business -From the Consumer's perspective-	Moderator > Shigeru Ogawa Senior Analyst (Low-carbon transition in Japan) BloombergNEF
		Panelist > Masaya Ishida Director, Renewable Energy Institute
		Panelist > Adam Smith Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, London Office
Panelist > Izumi Kotani Senior policy officer at RE100, Climate Group		
Panelist > Naotaka Yanagawa President, Flower Communications Inc.		

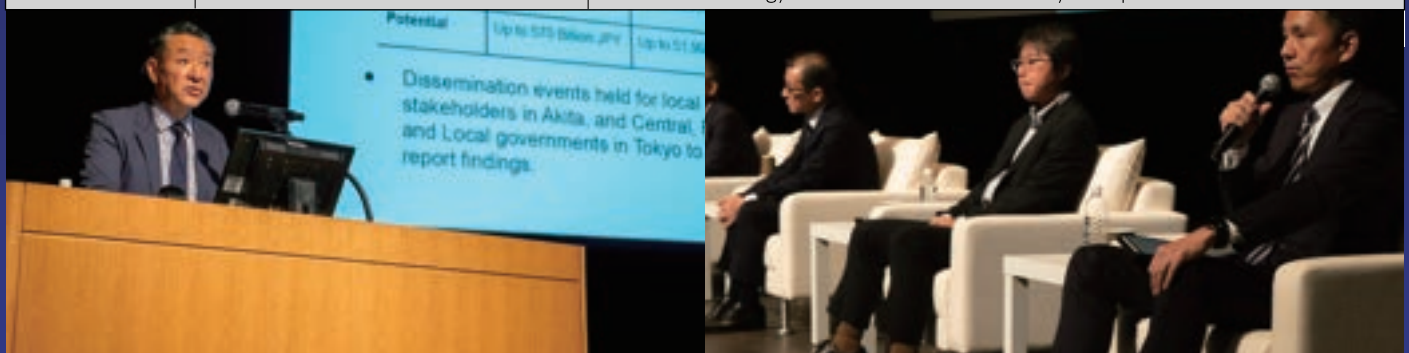
2:50pm ↓ 3:50pm	Panel Discussion [C-2] (Developer Panel) Issues and solutions for stabilizing Offshore Wind business -From the Developer's perspective-	Moderator > Sayuri Watanabe Co-Head Asia Pacific & Japan Representative, World Forum Offshore Wind
		Panelist > Kiyoshi Doi Managing Executive Officer, Head of Development & Division Director, Offshore Wind Project Division, ENEOS Renewable Energy Corporation
		Panelist > Masato Yamada CEO, JERA Nex bp Japan G.K.
		Panelist > Jens Orfelt EVP and President – Asia-Pacific (Offshore Wind), RWE
		Panelist > Hisafumi Manabe President & CEO, Marubeni Offshore Wind Development Corporation
4:00pm ↓ 5:00pm	Panel Discussion [C-3] (Finance Panel) Issues and solutions for stabilizing Offshore Wind business -From the Financial perspective-	Moderator > Fumiyo Harada Managing Executive Officer, Development Bank of Japan Inc.
		Panelist > Tetsuo Kagaya Head of Project Finance, ECA & Trade Finance, MUFG Bank, Ltd.
		Panelist > Chikara Miura Director/Senior Managing Executive Officer, The Akita Bank, Ltd.
		Panelist > Gordon White White, Partner, APAC Flagship Funds, Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners
		Panelist > Paul-Antoine Thiebot Head of Sustainability and Impact Advisory Asia Pacific Societe Generale



Theater Hall

	Title	Speakers
9:00am ↓ 9:30am	Special Session Presentation [S-2] GWEC and OEP Initiatives	Presentation No.1 > Takeshi Matsuki Japan Country Manager, Global Wind Energy Council
		Presentation No.2 > Akihiko Kurashina Japan Country Head, Ocean Energy Pathway
9:40am ↓ 10:40am	Panel Discussion [B-1] (Supply Chain Panel) Solutions for Improving Domestic Procurement of Offshore Wind Components.	Moderator > Mika Ohbayashi Director, Renewable Energy Institute
		Panelist > Katsushige Goto Chief Executive Officer, MHI Vestas Japan Co., Ltd.
		Panelist > Niels Steenberg Chairman & Managing Director, Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Offshore Wind Ltd
		Panelist > Takeshi Yamanoi General manager /Engineering Department – Offshore Wind, Eurus Energy Holdings Corporation
		Panelist > Taro Sekiguchi Executive officer, Head of Marine Engineering & Construction Division, Nippon Steel Engineering Co., Ltd.

11:00am ▼ 12:30pm	Presentation [B-2] The Latest technology in Offshore Wind Power.	Presentation No.1 > Kohki Uemura President & CEO DWNZAI K.K.
		Presentation No.2 > Tsutomu Yokoyama Executive Officer, NYK Line
		Moderator > Masato Yamada Senior Vice President, JWPA
		Panelist > Tetsuji Siroeda Deputy Director, Director, Offshore Wind Power Project Office, Engineering Headquarters, Shimizu Corporation
		Panelist > Tetsuya Sato Executive General Manager, Deputy Head of Offshore Wind Construction Business Divisions Group, Penta-Ocean Construction CO.,LTD.x
		Panelist > Shigeru Fujii Manager, Power Cable project Department, Furukawa Electric Co., Ltd.
		Panelist > Takeyasu Moriguchi General Manager, Wind Power Unit Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, Ltd.
2:00pm ▼ 3:00pm	Panel Discussion [B-3] (Port infrastructure panel) Future of Base Ports	Moderator > Koji Sakai Director, JWPA(ENEOS Renewable Energy Corporation)
		Panelist > Hiroyuki Kikuchi Deputy Director-General, Department of Public Works, Akita Prefecture
		Panelist > Yuji Mitsutake Co-CEO, Port&Harbor Bureau of Kitakyushu City
		Panelist > Tetsushi Noguchi Chairman of Floating Offshore Wind Construction System Technology Research Association (FLOWCON), (Director, Executive Managing Officer, Civil Engineering Division Manager, Goyo Construction Co., Ltd.)
3:15pm ▼ 5:00pm	Presentation [D-1] Offshore Wind Power initiatives in Europe	Presentation No.1 > Arthur Calvat Counsellor for Energy, Transport, Critical materials and Environment Regional Economic Service (SER), Embassy of France in Tokyo
		Presentation No.2 > John Charalampidis Director of Renewable Energy Sources and Storage Department, Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water (RAAEY), Greece
		Presentation No.3 > Dirk Houweling The Trade Officer at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tokyo
		Presentation No.3 > Queeny Inaldo The Trade Officer at the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tokyo
	(4:00pm-5:00pm) Panel Discussion (European Government and Embassy in Japan Panel) Offshore Wind Power initiatives in Europe and expectations for Japan.	Moderator > Isabelle De Stobbeleir Counsellor, Trade Section, Delegation of the European Union to Japan
		Panelist > Per Christer Lund Energy and Technology Consellor, Norwegian Embassy in Japan
		Panelist > Jacob Navarro Rasmussen Minister-Counsellor for Economic Diplomacy – Energy, Embassy of Denmark in Japan
		Panelist > Els Verhulst Science and Technology Counselor for Flanders Investment and Trade, Belgian Embassy in Japan
		Panelist > Nagore Bonilla Vice President, Basque Trade & Investment, Ministry of Industry, Energy Transition and Sustainability, Basque Government



GOWS-J Speaker Program

■ DAY 3 (October 17th)

Main Hall		
	Title	Speakers
9:00am ▼ 10:30am	Presentation [D-2] International efforts in Offshore Wind Power	Presentation No.1 > Minako Wakabayashi Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP Tokyo Office
		Presentation No.1 > Michael Tardif Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP Singapore Office
		Presentation No.2 > Chih Chen (CC) Lin Chief Regulatory Officer, Synera Renewable Energy Group
	(9:30am - 10:30am) Panel Discussion Industry Association Panel Possibility of Offshore Wind industry collaboration with in East Asia	Moderator > Izumi Tanaka Senior Researcher, Renewable Energy Institute
		Panelist > Masaru Akiyoshi President of JWPA
		Panelist > Choe Deok Hwan Head of the Communication department, Korea Wind Energy Industry Association (KWEIA)
		Panelist > Viola Lin Chairman of Taiwan Offshore Wind Industry Association (TOWIA)
10:45am ▼ 0:30pm	Presentation [E-1] Offshore Wind Human Resources Initiative	Presentation No.1 > Masahiro Yoshida Research Group Leader, Muroran Offshore Wind Industry promotion Association
		Presentation No.2 > Keiichi Inoue Executive Director, Hokutaku Co.,Ltd.
		Presentation No.3 > Scott Wang Commercial and marketing Manager, Maritime Technology Innovation Center
	(11:30am - 12:30pm) Panel Discussion (Human Resource Development Panel) Challenges and Solutions for Human Resource Development in the Offshore Wind Power Sector.	Moderator > Hitoshi Katayama Senior Vice President, JWPA
		Panelist > Takaaki Morita Professor (Special Appointment) Executive Adviser to the Director, Office for Research Initiatives and Development, Nagasaki University, & Deputy Project Leader, Industry-Academia Consortium for Higher Education Program on Offshore Wind (IACOW)
		Panelist > Nobuaki Aoyama Vice Chairman, Education Council for Offshore Wind (Senior Managing Director, Green power Investment Corporation)
		Panelist > Caren Hsiao APAC Representative, G+ Global Offshore Wind Health and Safety Organisation
	Panelist > Wataru Suzuki General Manager, Green Business Group, NYK Line	
0:35pm ▼ 0:45pm	Closing Remarks	

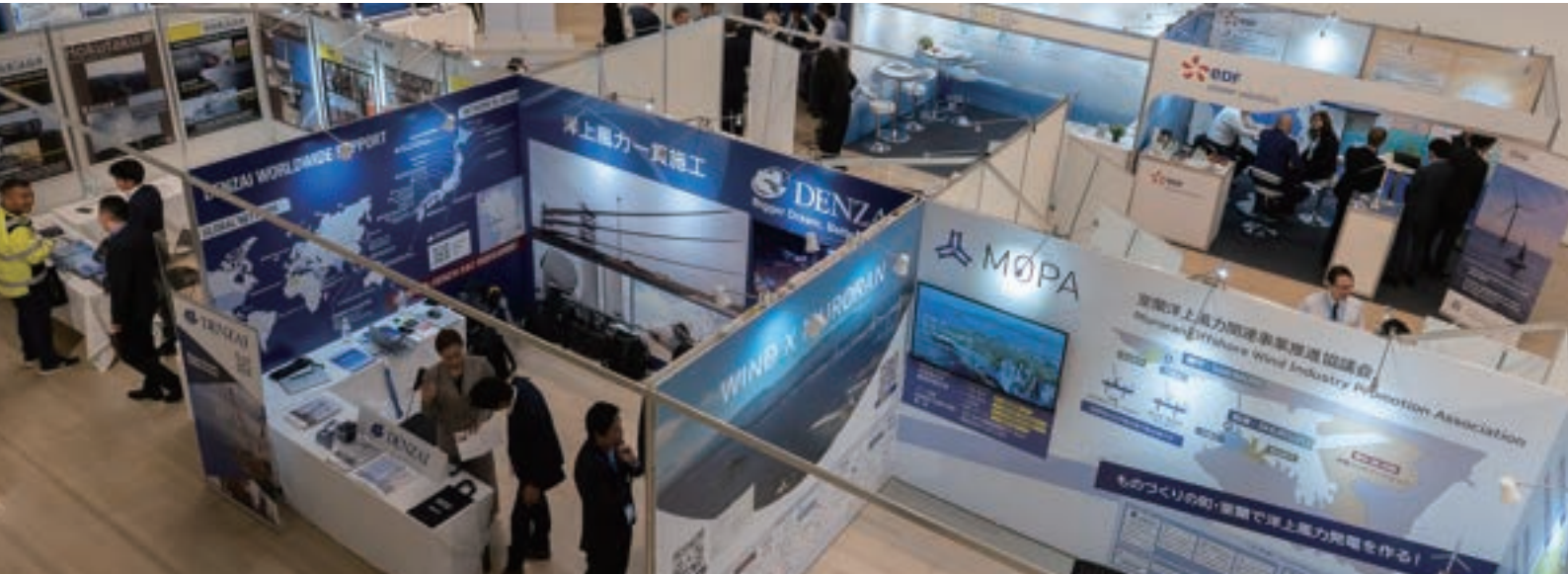


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	Title	Speakers
9:00am ▼ 10:00am	Panel Discussion [F-1] (Floating Offshore panels No.1) Use of ocean areas for Floating Offshore Wind Power development.	Moderator > Chihiro Terasawa Research Director, Mission leader, Green Transformation Group, Energy and Sustainability Division, Mitsubishi Research Institute, INC.
		Panelist > Yutaka Michida Special Presidential Envoy for UN Ocean Decade of the University of Tokyo, Specially Appointed Professor of Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute
		Panelist > Shigeto Hase Director, Tokyo Fisheries Promotion Foundation and Representative and Chairman of the Marine Fisheries Technology Council
		Panelist > Shunji Murakami CEO,UMITO Partners Inc.
10:20am ▼ 11:20am	Panel Discussion [F-2] (Floating Offshore panels No.2) Development structure for Floating Offshore Wind Power.	Moderator > Mototsugu Ikari International Alliance, Floating Offshore Wind Technology Research Association
		Panelist > Christine de Jouette President of the Provence Grand Large offshore wind project, EDF power solutions
		Panelist > Torje Saur Country Manager, Equinor Japan GK
		Panelist > Yoshikazu Ichimaru General Manager, Domestic Project Unit, Renewable, Power&EnergySolution Division, INPEX Corporation
		Panelist > Masakatsu Terazaki Chairperson of Floating Offshore Wind Technology Research Association BoD/NTT Anode Energy, Ex-Kyushu Electric
11:30am ▼ 12:30pm	Panel Discussion [F-3] (Floating Offshore panels No.3) Technical issues and solutions for Floating Offshore Wind turbine, foundations and components.	Moderator > Mototsugu Ikari International Alliance, Floating Offshore Wind Technology Research Association
		Panelist > Makoto Kasai Associate Professor, School of Creative Systems Engineering Department of Civil Engineering and Architecture, National Institute of Technology, Akita College
		Panelist > Mizuki Konagaya CEO, Rera Tech Inc.
		Panelist > Niels Steenberg Chairman & Managing Director, Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy Offshore Wind Ltd
		Panelist > Kazuki Takedomi Group Leader, Senior Project Manager, Renewable Energy Project Department, Energy Transition Division, JGC Japan Corporation



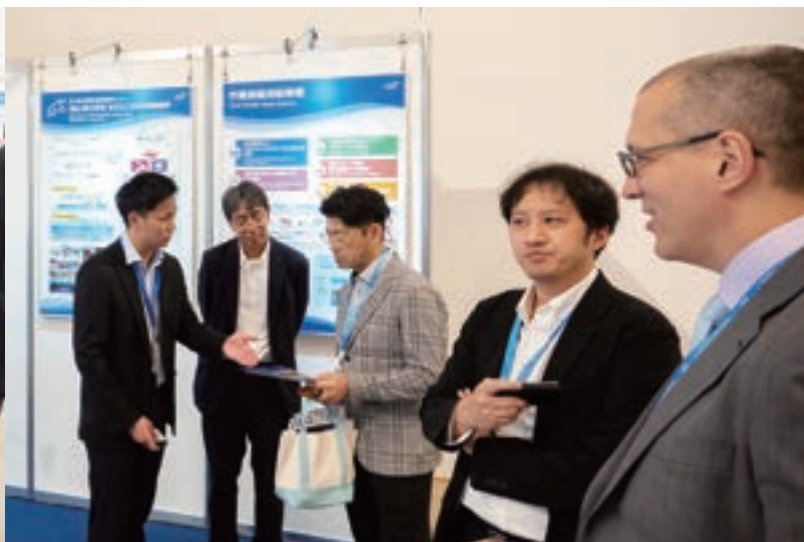
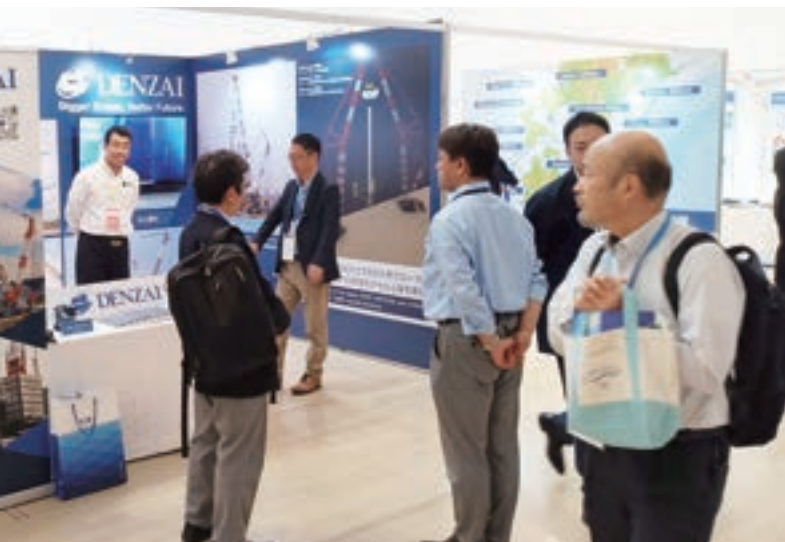
Business Opportunity



At GOWS-J 2025, active interaction took place among participants within exhibition booths and designated business meeting areas, as well as through networking events hosted by Norway, the EU, and others. Domestic and international companies, local governments, and research institutions explored possibilities for new collaborations, with numerous substantive business matching outcomes reported, including specific business negotiations and discussions on partnerships. These initiatives serve as a vital catalyst for strengthening international frameworks of cooperation and deepening ties with local industries to further the development of the offshore wind sector.

Exhibition Booth

The exhibition area featured 23 booths representing domestic and international companies, local governments, and organizations, all showcasing the latest technologies, products, and research findings related to offshore wind. The venue gathered exhibitors from a diverse range of sectors, including wind turbine manufacturers, port operators, energy companies, and financial institutions, and facilitated active information exchange with attendees. For participants, this served as an excellent opportunity to acquire high-level technical knowledge and specialized insights. These exhibition activities successfully expanded domestic and international industrial networks and broadened the potential for new business developments.



Offshore wind power community corner

1 Networking



Two networking events were held, hosted by Norway, with its 50 years of offshore energy experience, and by the Delegation of the European Union together with EU member states. These gatherings served as meaningful opportunities for exchange, allowing participants to explore possibilities for collaboration and cooperation between these nations and Japan.

2 The Community Consensus Building Corner



The Community Consensus Building Corner, designed for local industries, citizens, and students, featured exhibits on offshore wind power, renewable energy, and SDG initiatives, as well as VR simulations of offshore wind facilities. Additionally, intricate models of work vessels and subsea cables attracted significant interest. The exhibits were curated to allow visitors to experience firsthand the compatibility of industrial technology and environmental conservation.

3 Seminars for Citizens and Students



The seminars for citizens and students featured lectures and workshops focused on the fundamentals of offshore wind power, coexistence with local communities, and the future prospects of the industry. These sessions served as a valuable opportunity for young people and the general public to deepen their understanding of renewable energy.

Official Reception and Side Event Tour

GOWS-J Official Dinner Party

The Official Dinner Party took place on the evening of October 16th at the Akita Castle Hotel, welcoming over 500 attendees. Guests were entertained by a performance of "Namahage," a famous Akita tradition, which delighted the audience. The event provided an opportunity for open networking among speakers and offshore wind industry stakeholders from both Japan and abroad.



Side Event Tour

As part of the side events for GOWS-J 2025, offshore wind site tours were conducted on the afternoon of October 14th, the morning of October 15th, and the afternoon of October 17th. Visiting offshore wind power facilities around Akita Port and the offshore wind training facility in Oga City, the participants learned about the latest technologies and regional initiatives, which provided a valuable opportunity to deepen their practical understanding.



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