

VIRTUAL  
OSAKA, JAPAN  
2024

# GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM

COORDINATED BY THE THAMES VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM (GIF)?

A gateway to the Japanese market, the GIF links global start-ups and innovators to Osaka businesses. Showcasing Osaka as an innovation hub, the GIF enables innovative businesses, technologies and ideas to gather from all over the world.

Hosted by the **Osaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (OCCI)** and **Osaka Business & Investment Centre (O-BIC)** since 2019, the GIF is a platform where foreign start-ups and Osaka local companies can meet up and connect each other, through a series of **virtual events**.

## WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

Participants should cover at least 1 category from the following 7 business / technical fields and with at least completed prototypes.



AR - VR - MR



AGRI-TECH, FOOD-TECH



ROBOTICS



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



HEALTH TECH



NEW MATERIALS



GREEN TECH, CARBON  
NEUTRALITY, NEW ENERGY

# WHY APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN GIF?

Participation is free, and you will receive interpretation support during your virtual pitch.

Access to more than 700 GIF community members who are actively seeking collaboration opportunities.

## VIRTUAL LIVE PITCH

Chance to explain yourself and your business needs directly to Japanese potential partners.

## VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Your business is promoted on the GIF website and if your application is successful, you will receive 1-2-1 support.

## INNOVATION NETWORK

Access to a startup network with industry including 400 listed companies, Government, business support organisations, advanced universities and research institutes, developers and financial institutions

## WIDE SELECTION OF COMPANIES

OCCI has more than 30,000 member companies and more than 700 GIF community members,

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS



### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Your application must be submitted by  
**17th May 2024**

### CHOSEN START UPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Successful applicants will be notified by  
**24th May 2024**



### VIRTUALLY NETWORK WITH OSAKA COMPANIES

Take the opportunity to virtually network with a wide range of companies looking to collaborate.

### ONLINE LIVE PITCH

With interpretation support available, the date for the on-line live pitch is 10th July 2024



TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY,  
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR REQUEST AN  
APPLICATION FORM PLEASE [CLICK HERE](#) OR  
CONTACT [EXPORT@TVCHAMBER.CO.UK](mailto:EXPORT@TVCHAMBER.CO.UK)

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 17TH MAY 2024