

2026 Asian & Australasian Regional Meeting

13-15 May 2026 | Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills | Tokyo, Japan



PROGRAM OUTLINE

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY

17.30 – 18.45

SKYLINE COCKTAILS

[Andaz Hotel Rooftop Bar](#)

Gather for cocktails at the Andaz Hotel's rooftop bar on the 52nd floor, enjoying panoramic views stretching across Tokyo's skyline, Tokyo Bay, and the surrounding cityscape. This will be a casual gathering rather than a private event, and guests will be responsible for purchasing their own drinks.

19.00 – 21.00

WELCOME DINNER AT A MICHELIN-STAR RESTAURANT

[Daigo Atago](#)

2-3-1 Atago, Minato-ku

The event will begin with a tofu-based Buddhist-inspired dinner at Daigo Atago, featuring exquisite cuisine and a tranquil view of the Japanese garden.

Transportation: Please meet in the lobby (51st floor) at 18.45 if you'd like to walk to the dinner location as a group. It's approximately a 10-minute walk.

Attire: Business casual attire is appropriate. Shoes will be removed for dinner. Please make sure to wear appropriate socks or stockings.



THURSDAY, 14 MAY

6.00 – 8.30

BREAKFAST AT LEISURE

Andaz Hotel

Breakfast at your leisure is included in your hotel room rate.

SESSIONS AND LUNCH

9.00 – 16.15

ATSUMI & SAKAI OFFICE BUILDING COMPLEX

Hibiya Kokusai Bldg.

2-2-3 Uchisaiwaicho

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011

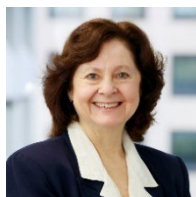
8th floor, Elevator Bank C

***Transportation:** The Hibiya Kokusai Bldg. is approximately a 15-minute walk from the Andaz Hotel. If you'd like to walk over with the group, please meet in the lobby (51st floor) at 8.30.*

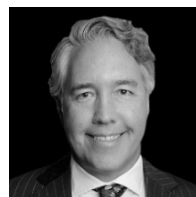
***Attire:** Business casual attire is appropriate.*

9.00 – 9.10

WELCOME REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



Bonnie Dixon
Partner
Host Firm
ATSUMI & SAKAI
Tokyo, Japan



Brendan Taylor
Chair, ALFAI Asia &
Australasia Regional
Group
MILLS OAKLEY
Perth, Australia



Ryuichi Nozaki
Executive Committee
Member, Partner
ATSUMI & SAKAI
Tokyo, Japan



Jessica Zaroski Bauer
Chief Executive
Officer
ALFA INTERNATIONAL
Chicago, Illinois

9.10 – 10.00

KEYNOTE SESSION: FORMER COMMISSIONER OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

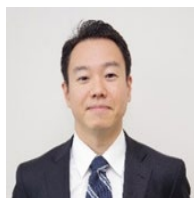


Nobuchika Mori
Former Commissioner
THE FINANCIAL SERVICES
AGENCY
Tokyo, Japan

10.00 – 11.15

INBOUND INVESTMENT IN THE REGION

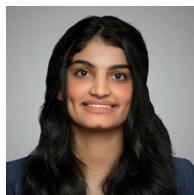
The panel will discuss recent legal developments and regulatory restrictions on inbound investment in each of their jurisdictions.



Tomotaka Tokuno
Moderator
ATSUMI & SAKAI
Tokyo, Japan



Hijoung (Kate) Oh
BARUN LAW
Seoul, South Korea



Dana Marshad
CHARLES RUSSELL
SPEECHLYS LLP
Manama, Bahrain



Andrew Crean
MILLS OAKLEY
Perth, Australia



Quang Trinh
ATIM LAW FIRM
Ho Chi Minh City,
Vietnam



Suhan Khan
ACCORD CHAMBERS
Dhaka, Bangladesh

11.15 – 11.30

BREAK

11.30 – 12.15

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: BEST PRACTICES FOR LAWYERS

This training session will cover practical and ethical best practices for using AI in legal work, along with strategies for training and mentoring new lawyers in the responsible and effective use of these tools.



Daniel Jarrett
Moderator
ATSUMI & SAKAI
Tokyo, Japan



Maurice Rabb
*Business Development
Manager*
LEXISNEXIS JAPAN
Tokyo, Japan



Tomoka Miho
*Counsel and
Compliance Officer,
Law, IP Compliance*
IBM JAPAN, LTD.
Tokyo, Japan

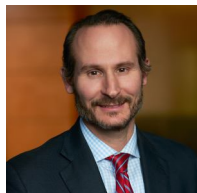


Victor Chang
LCS AND PARTNERS
Taipei, Taiwan

12.15 – 13.00

EMERGING LITIGATION AND DISCOVERY CHALLENGES IN ASIA

This panel will explore discovery issues across Asia for Asian entities involved with cross-border litigation. Structured settlements for US commercial litigation will also be discussed, as well as the growing challenges of managing cross-border e-discovery, data privacy, and regulatory compliance in complex disputes.



Jordan Stern

Moderator

BECKER, GLYNN,
MUFLY, CHASSIN &
HOSINSKI LLP
New York City, NY,
U.S.



Nyssa Gomes

Vice President

STANDARD CHARTERED
BANK
Singapore



Don Engels

Settlement

Consultant

RINGLER
ASSOCIATES
Chicago, IL, U.S.



Sham Chee Keat

RAMDAS & WONG

Singapore

13.00 – 13.45

ON-SITE LUNCH

Traditional Japanese Bento Boxes will be provided for attendees during a networking lunch.

13.45 – 14.15

TRADE DYNAMICS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ASIA IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER

An overview of evolving trade relationships between the United States and Asia, focusing on shifting economic policies, geopolitical influences, and emerging global market dynamics.



Eddy Hayes

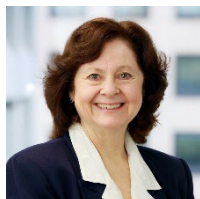
LEAKE ANDERSSON

New Orleans, LA, U.S.

14.15 – 15.00

NAVIGATING PROGRESS: WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT IN JAPAN AMID SHIFTING GLOBAL PRESSURES

Japan's historic milestone, appointing its first female prime minister, signals meaningful progress for women's leadership. At the same time, Japanese companies are facing an unexpected challenge: the ripple effects of shifting DE&I attitudes in the U.S. This panel explores how Japan can continue advancing gender equity while navigating cross-border political dynamics, and what global businesses can do to safeguard progress rather than reverse it.



Bonnie Dixon
Host Firm
ATSUMI & SAKAI
Tokyo, Japan



Naomi Fudo
Former Managing Director
VOLVO CAR JAPAN, LTD.
Tokyo, Japan



Naoko Matsuzaki
Managing Director
KPMG FORENSIC & RISK ADVISORY CO., LTD.
Tokyo, Japan



Nyssa Gomes
Vice President
STANDARD CHARTERED BANK
Singapore

15.00 – 15.15

BREAK

15.15 – 16.15

ASIA & AUSTRALASIA REGIONAL MEETING

During this meeting, ALFAI attorney attendees will engage in strategic discussions focused on shaping the future direction of the group. Participants will identify and evaluate emerging opportunities within the Asia and Australasia region, including potential clients whose needs align with the expertise of member firms. By sharing insights and perspectives, attorneys can foster stronger relationships, enhance collective business development efforts, and create pathways for mutual growth. These conversations aim to reinforce the value of regional cooperation among ALFAI firms.

18.30 – 21.30

SUMIDA RIVER BOAT CRUISE DINNER



Funasei Pier, Funasei Bldg.
1-16-8 Kita Shinagawa

Enjoy a scenic cruise along Tokyo's Sumida River aboard a traditional Yakatabune, passing under unique bridges, and savoring an elegant dinner of sashimi, sushi, and tempura while taking in the city from the water.

Transportation: The group will meet in the hotel lobby (51st floor) at 18.00 for a 20-minute coach transfer to the boat dock.

Attire: Casual attire is appropriate. Shoes will be removed when boarding. Please wear socks or stockings.

FRIDAY, 15 MAY

6.00 – 10.30 AM

BREAKFAST AT LEISURE

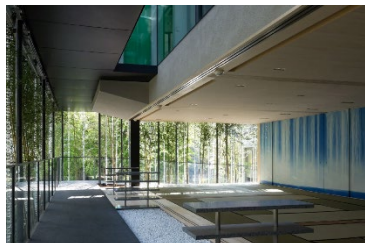
Andaz Hotel

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12.30 – 15.00

SAKE TASTING & LIGHT LUNCH AT EKO-IN TEMPLE IN RYOGOKU FOLLOWED BY A RETIRED SUMO WRESTLER DEMONSTRATION

2 Chome-8-10 Ryogoku, Sumida City



Ryogoku is a historic district in Tokyo near Asakusa, known for its traditional atmosphere, cultural landmarks, and proximity to the sumo stadium. Asakusa offers classic Japanese street experiences. It is one of Tokyo's most popular sightseeing areas. The [Eko-in Temple](#) is a historic Jōdo-shū Buddhist temple commemorating victims of the Great Meireki Fire and served as the official venue for sumo for over 70 years during the Edo period. After lunch, retired sumo wrestlers will join us for a sumo demonstration and answer questions about the art of sumo wrestling. Group participation may be possible!

***Transportation:** The group will meet in the hotel lobby (51st floor) at 12.00 for a coach transfer to Eko-in.*

***Attire:** Casual attire is appropriate. Shoes will be removed when entering the temple. Please make sure to wear appropriate socks or stockings.*

15.00 – 15.30

ON-FOOT TRANSFER TO EDO TOKYO MUSEUM

15.30 – 17.30

EDO TOKYO MUSEUM TOUR

1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida-ku

Attendees will get to explore the recently renovated [Edo Tokyo Museum](#). “Edo–Tokyo” refers to the same city across two different historical eras and tells the story of how modern Tokyo grew out of an older city called Edo. A museum highlight is a life-size reconstruction of Nihonbashi bridge that you can walk across. You can also enter full-scale recreations of the kabuki theatre and merchant homes in the Edo period. There are also incredibly detailed scale models of entire neighborhoods. Bonnie Dixon will be our special tour guide!

17:30 - 18:00

ON-FOOT TRANSFER TO HANANOMAI

18.00 – 20.00

TRADITIONAL “CHANKONABE” SUMO WRESTLER DINNER



[Hananomai](#)

1-1-15 Kamezawa, Sumida-ku

This restaurant lets you savor the same hot-pot dish eaten by sumo wrestlers. Dig into a plentiful serving of protein and veggies and soak in the sumo-centric atmosphere complete with its own sumo ring.

***Transportation:** Buses will transport attendees back to the hotel after dinner.*

***Attire:** Casual attire is appropriate. Shoes will be removed for dinner. Please make sure to wear appropriate socks or stockings.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTEL LOCATION:

Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills
1-23-4 Toranomon
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001

MEETING LOCATION:

Hibiya Kokusai Bldg.
2-2-3 Uchisaiwai-cho
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0011
8th Floor, Elevator Bank C

REGISTRATION:

You must register yourself and secure hotel reservations through our [REGISTRATION LINK](#).

ATTENDANCE IS OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS OF ALFA INTERNATIONAL AND THEIR INVITED GUESTS AND IS LIMITED TO AGES 21+.

ATTIRE:

The attire for the meeting sessions on Thursday is business casual. The attire for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday dinners is business or “smart” casual (nice jeans are appropriate). The recommended attire for the tours on Friday is casual. Jeans, comfortable shirts and walking shoes are encouraged. Socks or stockings should be worn as many meal locations will require removing shoes.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION

If you need any special accommodation, including a nursing room, special dietary meals, ADA access or other needs, please reach out to ALFA International staff in advance of the meeting. We will ensure that necessary accommodation is provided.

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COMMUNICATION ON SITE:

Please make sure to use the ALFAI Asia Group What's App Account to communicate with attendees on site.

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