APLMA
Asia Pacific Loan Market Association

Japan Loan Market Conference

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13:15	**Registration & Light Networking Lunch**	
14:00	**Welcome Address**	*English*
	Ivy Lui — Chief Operating Officer, APLMA	
14:05	**Keynote Address: Overview of the Japanese Loan Market**	*Japanese*
	Satoru Sugita — JSLA Chairman Senior General Manager of Distribution Department Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	
14:25	**AI Infrastructure Financing: What We're hearing across Asia Pacific**	*English*
	Philip Kam — Chief Executive Officer, APLMA	
14:30	**Panel Discussion: AI Infrastructure & Cross-Border Financing in Asia**	*English*
	• The current stage of AI infrastructure development in Asia • How GPU Financing is bring carried out as one of the hottest trend in the loan market • The growing role of regional banks and sponsors in cross-border AI and data centre financing • Data centres as an emerging infrastructure opportunity across Asia-Pacific, including Japan • Lessons from offshore wind and other large infrastructure projects that may apply to AI and data centres	
	Moderator **Maya Ito** — Partner, Nishimura & Asahi	
	Panellists **Masato Hori** — Associate Vice President, Treasury Japan AirTrunk	
	Kong Min Lee — Director, Project Finance, Banking APAC Mizuho Bank Ltd.	
	Yu Matsumoto — Managing Director, Head of Cross Border Syndication Distribution Department, Solution Products Division MUFG Bank, Ltd.	
15:15	**The Revitalization of the Secondary Loan Market: Shaping the Future of Japan's Loan Market**	*Japanese*
	• The role of secondary trading in supporting efficient capital allocation • Expansion of the Investor Base • Potential Implications for the Japan's loan market	
	Hiroyuki Sawano — Head of Loans and Structured Credit Japan Deutsche Bank	
15:45	**Coffee Break**	

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16:30	**Panel Discussion: Japan M&A, Take-Private & LBO Market – Financing Trends & Sponsor Perspectives** *English* • Unique issues in Japanese P2Ps and evolving corporate governance reforms • Financing structures and refinancing • Deal execution and shareholder dynamics • Minority squeeze-out considerations • Rise of shareholder activism • Implications for deal certainty **Moderator** **Andrew Ashman** — APLMA Singapore Branch Co-Chair; Managing Director, Head of Loan Syndicate - Asia Pacific, Barclays Bank PLC **Panellists** **Mei Ling Lim** — Partner, Head of Apollo Capital Solutions, APAC and Head of Singapore, Apollo Global Management **Ann Chuang** — Head of IG and Leveraged Finance Syndicate, APAC, BNP Paribas **Wei Xin** — Managing Director, KKR **Yusuke Sano** — Head of Distribution Group 2, Distribution Department, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
17:15	**Panel Discussion: Aviation Financing** *English* **Moderator** **Jane Wang** — Special Counsel, Baker McKenzie **Panellists** **Ken Iwakura** — CEO, BPL Japan **Dennis Chang** — Director, Senior Lending Advisor, Citigroup **Michihiro Enomoto** — Head of Japan, Stratos **Stuart Ashworth** — Managing Director, Head of Broking and Market Engagement, Credit Risk Solutions, Willis
18:00	**Closing Remarks** *English* **Ivy Lui** — Chief Operating Officer, APLMA
18:10	**Cocktails**
19:00	**Close**



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