

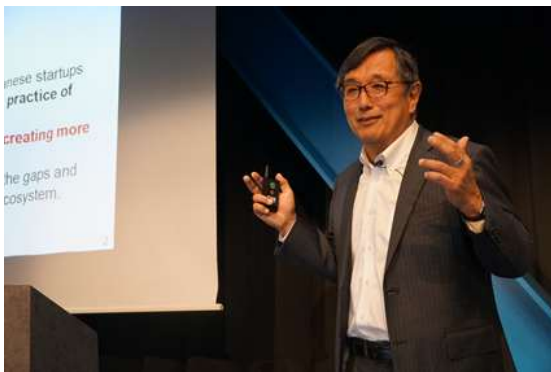


## JIC and Transpose hold event to support overseas expansion of Japanese startups “Tokyo Founders’ Day 2025”

**Tokyo, November 25, 2025** – Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) has announced that on November 14, 2025, it co-hosted the “Tokyo Founders’ Day 2025” event together with Transpose Platform Management, LLC (“Transpose”) \* and IVS, the organizer of a leading startup conference in Japan. The event also featured graduates of Y Combinator (“YC”), a world-leading accelerator based in Silicon Valley and Transpose investee. Approximately 180 participants attended the event, including entrepreneurs, students interested in entrepreneurship, and Japanese startup professionals.

### ■ About the event

Under the theme “Go Global From Day 1,” the event highlighted the importance of shifting the mindset of many domestic entrepreneurs from “you should first build a track record in the domestic market” toward the idea of “challenging the global market from the first day of your venture.” Representatives from JIC, which has designated “Go Global” as one of its key support areas and actively promotes collaboration with overseas VCs, and Transpose, a U.S.-based fund-of-funds that has supported the creation of numerous unicorns and decacorns. Both organizations emphasized that approaching ventures with a global market perspective also contributes to entrepreneurs’ personal growth.



Keynote speech by JIC CIO Toshiyuki Kumura



Discussion between JIC Executive Officer Yuka Hata (left) and YC alumni

In his opening remarks, Transpose founder Alex Bangash said: “Younger founders are winning because they don’t ask permission.” He also encouraged attendees to apply to the YC program. During his keynote speech, JIC Member of the Board and CIO Toshiyuki Kumura expressed expectations for Japanese startups while emphasizing the advantage of challenging overseas markets “from Day 1.” YC alumni later took the stage during a roundtable discussion facilitated by JIC Senior Managing Director and Head of Fund Investments, Yuka Hata; they exchanged views on addressing challenges faced by startups and about building strategic partnerships with investors. Event participants asked a variety of questions about YC’s selection process, demonstrating intense interest in the program.

## ■ About JIC's "Go Global" strategy

To foster the development of Japan's startup ecosystem, JIC is advancing the following initiatives:

- Investment in overseas VCs to strengthen collaboration between domestic VCs/startups and overseas VCs
- Promotion of collaboration between domestic and overseas VCs through investment in leading overseas VC firms
- Transfer of global knowledge and expertise back to Japan's startup ecosystem

JIC leverages the expertise of major overseas VCs in nurturing entrepreneurs and fund professionals. In collaboration with portfolio VCs, JIC is committed to providing networking events and opportunities for domestic VCs and entrepreneurs to deepen their understanding of best practices. JIC will continue to focus not only on LP investments in private funds and investments in companies by funds under its umbrella, but also on creating opportunities, like this event, for sharing advanced knowledge from overseas and networking activities.

### Event overview

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| Name          | Tokyo Founders' Day 2025                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Date / Time   | November 14, 2025 (Fri) 9:30-14:00                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Co-Organizers | Japan Investment Corporation, Transpose Platform Management, LLC, IVS                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Main Program  | Opening Remarks                                                                                                                                   | Alex Bangash (Founder, Transpose Platform)                                                                                                                                                                              |
|               | Keynote Speech                                                                                                                                    | Toshiyuki Kumura (JIC Member of the Board and CIO)                                                                                                                                                                      |
|               | Fireside Chat                                                                                                                                     | Jon Xu (General Partner, Y Combinator)<br>Alex Bangash (Founder, Transpose Platform)                                                                                                                                    |
|               | Roundtable Discussion                                                                                                                             | Moderator: Yuka Hata (JIC Senior Managing Director, Head of Fund Investments)<br>Kai Brokering (Founder, Voice OS, YC alum)<br>Davide Asnagh (CEO, Diode Computers, YC alum)<br>Dave Feldman (CEO, Greenboard, YC alum) |
|               | Fireside Chat: Behind the Scenes of the San Francisco Tech Scene                                                                                  | Moderator: James Tan (Transpose Platform)<br>Catherine Di (CEO, Dedalus Labs)<br>Abhilash Chowdhary (CEO, CrustData, YC F24)<br>Kiran (CEO, Random Labs)                                                                |
|               | Startup Demo                                                                                                                                      | Atum Works (Mateo Kimura, Lucas Pabarcus)                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Attendees     | Approx. 180 participants, including entrepreneurs, students interested in entrepreneurship, and individuals involved in Japan's startup ecosystem |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

\* Transpose is a portfolio company of JIC. For details, please refer to the following press release:  
JIC makes LP investment in Transpose Platform BOV II, L.P.  
[https://www.j-ic.co.jp/en/news/assets/E\\_JIC\\_PressRelease\\_20240625.pdf](https://www.j-ic.co.jp/en/news/assets/E_JIC_PressRelease_20240625.pdf)

### **About Japan Investment Corporation (JIC)**

Japan Investment Corporation (“JIC”) was established in September 2018 under the Industrial Competitiveness Enhancement Act. JIC’s investment focus areas are creating a virtuous cycle of domestic investment and innovation; creating and fostering startups; leveraging promising untapped management resources lying dormant in local areas, including startups from academia and medium-sized companies; and promoting business restructuring in response to changes in market and business environments. JIC provides risk capital to these areas through funds independently established by JIC and LP investment in private funds to promote open innovation in Japan, strengthen the competitiveness of Japanese industries, and contribute to expansion of Japan’s investment ecosystem.

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