

Asia PKI Consortium Participates in 15th International Cybersecurity Symposium in Tokyo



The **Asia PKI Consortium (APKIC)** was honored to participate in the **15th International Cybersecurity Symposium**, held from **28 to 31 October 2025** at **Keio University, Tokyo, Japan**, co-organized by the **Cyber Security Laboratory (CYSEC Lab)** of Keio University and the **MITRE Corporation**.

Themed “*Cybersecurity for Digitized National Security, Economic Security, and Societal Security: Global Multilateral Public-Private Partnership Actions*,” the event brought together high-level speakers, cybersecurity experts, diplomats, and trust framework stakeholders from around the world.

APKIC on the Expert Panel – Day 4

Representing the Asia PKI Consortium, **Mr. Vijayakumar Manjunatha**, Secretary General of APKIC, participated as a **panelist on Day 4 (31 October 2025)** in the session titled “**Public Trust, ISO (Trusted List)**”, moderated by **Mr. Apostolos Apladas**.

The panel also featured:

- **Ms. Viky Manaila** – President, Cloud Signature Consortium
- **Mr. Jean-Emmanuel Pérez Hernández** – eSignature & eID Expert
- **Mr. Akira Nishiyama** – Senior Researcher, Keio University
- **Mr. Satoshi Kai** – Cybersecurity Specialist

During the session, **Mr. Vijay** highlighted the critical role of **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**—emphasizing that trusted digital services must be **interoperable, standards-based, and inclusive**, while maintaining **sovereignty and governance at the national level**. He showcased APKIC’s work in enabling **cross-border trust, remote signing frameworks**, and **PKI-based digital identity** across Asia. The importance of **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)** backed by **interoperable digital trust frameworks** as a cornerstone for enabling secure e-governance, trade, finance, and citizen services.

13:00	15	D4-S3 Speech Yutaka Saito (Commissioner, IPA)
13:25	75	D4-P1 Panel Theme: Basic Act on the Advancement of Public and Private Sector Data Utilization, Trust Act, Act on Personal Information Protection Moderator: Naoto Kikuchi (Vice Chairman, Digital Policy Forum, Project Professor, Graduate School of Media Design, Keio University) Panelists: - Koichi Akashi - Noriaki Okui (President and CEO, Data Society Alliance) - Hiroshi Mano (Executive Director and Secretary General, Data Society Alliance) - Takashi Kai (Project Researcher, Keio Global Research Institute)
14:00	50	Break
14:30	15	D4-S4 Speech Hiroshi Mano
14:55	75	D4-P2 Panel Theme: Applications on Dataspace, ABC (Battery Passport), CBAM (CO2), Invoice (Finance), Medical Moderator: Hiroshi Mano Panelist: - Kenji Hiramoto (Head, IPA Digital Infrastructure) - Akira Sakano (Evangelist, NTA Communications) - Shuji Abe (Chief Technology Director, NEC Corporation) - Taka Matsubara (Senior Research Director, Fujitsu)
15:30	60	Lunch Break
16:00	5	D4-S5 Day #4 PM Opening Muhammad Salman
16:15	15	D4-S6 Speech Vicente NAVARRO (EU Commission, DG CNECT, Policy Officer, Digital Identity and Trust)
16:40	75	D4-P3 Panel Theme: Digital Identity Wallet, Electronic Attestation of Attributes Moderator: Vicente NAVARRO Panelists: - Satoru Yamadera (Specially Appointed Professor, Saitama University Graduate School of Economics and Management) - Juan Marin Santamaría (Business Development Manager, GLEIF) - Akira Ito (Project Director, Data Governance PI, Data & Security Laboratory, Fujitsu Laboratories, Fujitsu Limited) - Hiroshi Nakatake (Senior Director, Keio University & GLEIF Managing Director)
17:20		Break
17:45	15	D4-S7 Speech Apostolos APLADAS (EU Commission, DG DIGIT, Head of Sector, International Trust and Identity services)
18:10	75	D4-P4 Panel Theme: Public Trust, ISO (Trusted List) Moderator: Apostolos APLADAS Panelists: - Viky Manaila (President, Cloud Signature Consortium) - Vijayakumar Manjunatha (Asia PKI Consortium) - Jean-Emmanuel Pérez Hernández (eSignature & eID expert Expert) - Akira Nishiyama (Senior Researcher, Keio University) - Satoshi Kai (Project Associate Professor, Keio Global Research Institute)

He emphasized how **national trust systems** must be designed to **interoperate across borders**, particularly through standards-aligned mechanisms like **trusted lists**, **cross-certification**, and **mutual recognition**.

A Platform of Global Significance

The symposium featured an exceptional lineup of prominent global dignitaries, including ambassadors and senior officials from multiple nations, showcasing the deep intersection between cybersecurity and diplomacy:

- **Emil Levendoğlu** – Chargé d’Affaires, British Embassy, Tokyo
- **Justin Hayhurst** – Ambassador, Australian Embassy Tokyo
- **Philippe Setton** – Ambassador of France in Japan
- **Gilles Beschoor Plug** – Ambassador, The Netherlands to Japan
- **Gilberto Jerónimo** – Ambassador, Portugal to Japan
- **Aurelijus Zykas** – Ambassador, Lithuania to Japan
- **Thomas Gnocchi** – Charge d’Affaires, EU Delegation to Japan
- **Martin Huth** – Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy
- **Deborah Paul** – Deputy Head of Mission, Canadian Embassy
- **Izumi Nakamitsu** – UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs
- **ADM (Ret.) Dennis Blair** – Former U.S. Director of National Intelligence
- **IIDA Yoichi** – National Cyber Director, Japan

Their presence highlighted the geopolitical importance of secure digital infrastructure and reinforced the need for trusted, international cooperation on cybersecurity governance.

Appreciation

The Asia PKI Consortium extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. Satoru Tezuka, Professor at Keio University and Chief Organizer of the Symposium, for the kind invitation and impeccable organization. APKIC also acknowledges the collaborative efforts of Keio University, MITRE, and all participating partners in fostering global dialogue on cybersecurity, trust frameworks, and digital sovereignty.



APKIC’s Continued Commitment

Participation in the 15th International Cybersecurity Symposium reaffirmed APKIC’s commitment to global cooperation in cybersecurity and digital trust. The Consortium continues to promote **open, standards-based, and inclusive digital trust infrastructures**, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, while actively engaging in inter-regional dialogue on mutual recognition and cross-border interoperability.

The Asia PKI Consortium looks forward to continued collaboration with Keio University, MITRE, and other global partners in shaping a **resilient and secure digital future**.

