



WLGA Strategic Innovation Summit - Draft Agenda

Otemachi Mitsui Conference, Tokyo, Japan

Wednesday, 11th March 2026

- 8.00 – 8.30** **Registration and Coffee**
- 8.30 – 8.45** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Emcee: **Mr. Michael Kelly**, Chief Advocacy Officer & Deputy Managing Director, WLGA
Mr. Keiji Tanaka, Chairman of the Japan LP Gas Association & Representative Director & President, Gyxis Corporation
Mr. James Rockall, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, WLGA
- 8.45 – 8.50** **Safety Moment**
- Ms. Sakura Iwasaki**, Chief Manager, ITO
- 8.50 – 9.15** **Keynote Address: *Innovating an Industry***
- Mr. JD Buss**, President, Westlark Advisors
- 9.15 – 10.00** **Strategic Innovation in the Liquid Gas Industry**
- Moderator: **Mr. Cinch Munson**, Director of Strategy, Partnerships, and Business Development, WLGA
Mr. Satoharu Saito, Representative Director & Executive Vice President, ENEOS Globe Corporation
Additional panelists to be confirmed in February
- 10.00 – 10.30** **Coffee Break**
- 10.30 – 11.45** **Beyond Molecules: Rethinking Liquid Gas Innovation for a Decarbonised Future**
- Moderator: *To be confirmed*
Dr. Wonjun Cho, Chief Executive Officer, Bio Friends
Mr. Masahiko Naito, Executive Officer, Division Director of C1 Chemicals Division, Green Energy & Chemicals Business Sector, Mitsubishi Gas Chemical
Mr. Mitsuharu Oguma, Director Energy Process Research Institute (EPRI), Dept. of Energy and Environment, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)
Dr. Tetsuji Uemura, Domain Expert, Future Design Division, Boost, Inc.
- 11.45 – 12.45** **AI, Digital Intelligence, & the Technological Future of the Liquid Gas Industry**
- Moderator: *To be confirmed*
Mr. Daniel Libralato, Director - Account Strategy and Program Management, Anova
Mr. Kiyotaka Miyahara, Chief Technology Officer & International Marketing Director, TOYOKEIKI CO., LTD. (JUTA Steering Committee Chair)
Mr. Jun Takahashi, Director, System Support Dept. Mitsuuroko Creative Solutions Co.



12.45 – 14.00

Lunch

Comments from **Mr. Mike Stivala**, Suburban Propane

14.00 – 15.00

Advanced Applications, Equipment, & Appliances: Meeting the Energy Demands of the Future

Moderator: **Mr. Warren Patterson**, Vice President-North America Heating & Cooking, Worthington Enterprises
TBD, Rinnai
Additional panelists to be confirmed

15.00 – 15.30

Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.00

Building Flexible Power: Lessons from South Korea’s Ulsan GPS Power Project

Moderator: **Mr. Tucker Perkins**, Chief Executive Officer, Propane Education & Research Council
Mr. Seungho Cho, Chief Executive Officer, SK Gas
TBD, Siemens

16.00 – 17.00

Turning Strategic Innovation into Action and Results

Moderator: **Mr. James Rockall**, Chief Executive Officer, WLGA
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