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FLOWRA Hosted Second International Forum

Announced a Multilateral Framework to Advance Domestic Technology and Industrial Development

On 28 October 2025, the Floating Offshore Wind Research Association (FLOWRA) hosted its Second International Forum at Otemachi Place Conference & Hall in Tokyo. The event brought together over 400 participants, including ambassadors and representatives from Norway, Denmark, the EU, the UK, and the Netherlands, as well as officials from government agencies, local authorities, industry, academia, and international partner organisations.

Under the theme “Reaffirming the Importance of Collaboration and Presenting Concrete Actions”, the forum addressed the global momentum towards large-scale commercial deployment of floating offshore wind. FLOWRA announced the formation of a new multilateral framework, referred to as “The Moonshot”, in collaboration with leading European institutions. This initiative aimed to deepen reciprocal partnerships and actively contribute to the development of international frameworks supporting the sector. By aligning Japan’s technological strengths with global efforts, FLOWRA sought to accelerate the resolution of technical challenges and promote industrialisation, including the development of domestic supply chains for floating offshore wind.

Throughout the forum, strong international expectations for Japan were repeatedly expressed—both on stage and among participants—particularly in light of its legislative progress enabling offshore wind development within its EEZ and its clear strategic targets for floating wind deployment. attendees shared positive feedback, noting that the forum provided a concrete vision for the commercialisation and industrialisation of floating offshore wind. FLOWRA extends its sincere gratitude to all guests, attendees, and partners who contributed to the success of the event. FLOWRA remains committed to strengthening collaboration across public, private, and academic sectors—both domestically and internationally—to contribute to carbon neutrality and enhance Japan’s industrial competitiveness.

Event Overview

Title: 2nd FLOWRA International Forum

Date: 28 October 2025

Venue: Otemachi Place Conference & Hall, Tokyo

Organiser: Floating Offshore Wind Research Association (FLOWRA)

Participants: Approx. 400 representatives from embassies, government, industry, academia, and international partners

Photograph with Distinguished Guests and Summary of Proceedings



Photo caption: Guests from embassies; Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI); Ports and Harbours Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT); Maritime Bureaus, MLIT; Chairperson of ClassNK; representatives from five key international partner organisations; FLOWRA member companies, and FLOWRA's Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (total: 37 participants)



Photo caption: Guests from embassies; Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI; Ports and Harbours Bureau, MLIT; Maritime Bureaus, MLIT; FLOWRA member companies, and FLOWRA's Chairperson and Vice Chairperson (total: 31 participants)



Photo caption: From left to right:

Michiko Hirose, Vice-Chairperson, FLOWRA;

Queeny Inaldo, Senior Trade Officer, Embassy of the Netherlands in Japan;

Mr.Emil Levendoğlu Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the British Embassy in Tokyo;

H.E. Jarl Frijs-Madsen, Ambassador of Denmark to Japan;

Takashi Kawai, Director of Ocean Development and Environment Policy Division, Maritime Bureau, MLIT;

Satoshi Baba, Director of Ocean and Environmental Policy Division, Ports and Harbours Bureau, MLIT;

Masakatsu Terazaki, Chairperson, FLOWRA;

Hirokazu Kobayashi, Director-General, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI

Noriyoshi Fukuoka, Director, Wind Energy Project Promotion Office, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, METI

H.E. Kristin IGLUM, Ambassador of Norway to Japan;

Mr.Thomas Gnocchi, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan;

Shinsuke Inoue, Vice-Chairperson, FLOWRA



Photo caption: From left to right:

Hans Peter Slente, Head of Department for Green Energy Export, DI Danish Energy;

Masakatsu Terazaki, Chairperson, FLOWRA;

Herveline Gaborieau, CEO, France Energy Marine (FEM);

Arjen Schutten, Managing Director, Home of Holland Wind Energy (HHWE) ;

Per Christer LUND, Energy and Technology Counsellor, Innovation Norway;

Andrew Macdonald, Director of Offshore Wind Development and Operations, ORE Catapult

Forum Programme Summary

The forum commenced with opening remarks from Chairperson Mr Terazaki, who reaffirmed FLOWRA's commitment to accelerating collaboration and implementation—both domestically and internationally—as an “Accelerator” driving market development through the advancement of shared foundational technologies.

Vice Chairperson Mr Inoue followed with an overview of FLOWRA's activities for the past 18 months and outlining concrete initiatives that have supported both domestic technology development and international collaboration. He reported that FLOWRA has been executing NEDO-backed common fundamental technologies development project with 21 core member companies, supported by a broader network of approximately 76 organisations and 250 experts, including manufacturers, construction firms, certification bodies, and universities. He also announced the launch of a new NEDO research initiative focused on wind observation methodologies.

Subsequently, distinguished guests Mr Suga (President & CEO, ClassNK) and Mr Gunnar Herzig (President, World Forum Offshore Wind) delivered welcome addresses. This was followed by the first panel discussion, which introduced key European partner organisations leading floating offshore wind development in their respective countries—ORE Catapult (UK), Danish Energy (Denmark), Innovation Norway, Holland Home of Wind Energy (Netherlands), and France Energies Marines. The panel also presented the newly launched multilateral framework, The Moonshot, and its planned activities. Many attendees expressed that the discussion provided valuable insight into how FLOWRA's international partnerships are contributing to the commercialisation of floating offshore wind.

The programme continued with a keynote speech by Mr Fukuoka, Director, Wind Energy Project Promotion Office at Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE), who delivered a comprehensive and accessible overview of Japan's policy landscape. This was followed by a second panel discussion featuring Professor Emeritus Dr Yoshimura (University of Tokyo / UT-FloWIND), Mr Noguchi (Chairperson, Floating Offshore Wind Construction System Technology Research Association “FLOWCON”), and Mr Terazaki, the chairperson of FLOWRA. The panel explored practical pathways for collaboration, with each speaker sharing perspectives and affirming their commitment to joint action. Their candid and insightful contributions resonated strongly with the audience, generating continued engagement and feedback after the event.

Further guest remarks were delivered by Mr Kobayashi (Director-General, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Department, ANRE), Mr Baba (Director of Ocean and Environmental Policy Division, Ports and Harbours Bureau, MLIT), H.E. Kristin Iglum (Ambassador of Norway), H.E. Jarl Frijs-Madsen (Ambassador of Denmark), Mr Thomas Gnocchi (Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan), Mr Emil Levendoğlu (Levendoğlu Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the British Embassy in Tokyo), and Ms Queeny Inaldo (Senior Trade Officer, Embassy of the Netherlands in Japan).

The forum concluded with closing remarks from Vice Chairperson Ms. Hirose, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to all attendees and reaffirmed FLOWRA’s strong commitment to advancing future initiatives. The closing reception, attended by ambassadors and diplomatic representatives, provided a vibrant setting for continued dialogue and networking, reflecting the energy and momentum of the day’s discussions.

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