



CHAIR'S SUMMARY

The 5th Tokyo Immigration Forum

Tokyo, 10 - 12 December 2025



1. The 5th Tokyo Immigration Forum was held in person from 10 to 12 December 2025 in Tokyo, hosted by the Immigration Services Agency and attended by immigration authorities of Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the United States, Türkiye and Viet Nam. In addition, the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (FRONTEX), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and relevant ministries attended the forum.
2. Minister of Justice HIRAGUCHI Hiroshi stated that it would be a significant contribution to the international community to share best practices and information on the challenges faced by each immigration authority, and that the participating immigration authorities, FRONTEX and the international organizations should work together closely and cooperate in order to respond to various challenges they are facing in establishing appropriate border control measures and building inclusive societies.
3. Mr. MARUYAMA Hideharu, the chairperson of the forum and Commissioner of the Immigration Services Agency of Japan, then delivered his remarks. The Commissioner stated that as the international situation becoming increasingly tense, it is essential to continue dialogue to deepen understanding and to share common values, and he expressed his hope that this forum, which is held annually, will provide

an opportunity for continuous dialogue and will build next-generation partnerships.

4. Following the opening session, Ms. Amy E. Pope, Director General of the IOM, delivered the keynote speech. The Director General emphasized that as cross-border movement increases, securing regular and safe migration pathways is critically important. Achieving this requires building efficient, rights-based migration systems. She cited the “effective use of science and technology” as a potential means to help realize this. She also stressed the importance of human resource development and capacity building for border management personnel, noting that effectively utilizing science and technology offers numerous benefits, not only for immigrants but also by helping to reduce the burden on immigration personnel.
5. At Plenary Session 1 on the first day, under the agenda item of “Recently Introduced Immigration Measures – Focusing on Digital Transformation Initiatives”, the participants presented an overview of areas where immigration authorities are advancing digital transformation (DX), along with its effects and challenges.
6. On the second day, the breakout sessions were held on the theme of “Best Practices in Recruitment and Human Resource Development, Including Training Programs for Immigration Officers”, where participants shared best practices and exchanged views on human resource development and training programs.
7. At Plenary Session 2 held in the afternoon, moderated by a physician working at an immigration detention facility in Japan, under the agenda item of “Health Management and Hygiene Management for Detainees – Focusing on Medical Challenges”, the participants shared challenges faced by their respective countries and exchanged views on background factors and current responses.

8. Following Plenary Session 2, Mr. Uku Särekanno, Deputy Executive Director of FRONTEX (responsible for Information Management and Processes) delivered a presentation titled “The Future of Border Control in Europe – New Technologies and Digitalisation”, covering DX initiatives and new technologies in the European immigration control field.
9. The participants expressed their support for the significance of the forum and its purpose, as stated by Minister of Justice HIRAGUCHI, and for the role that it plays as an international platform among immigration authorities. The participating countries acknowledged the need to share challenges and exchange views between immigration authorities continuously on the themes discussed during the forum and other immigration-related matters.
10. The Chair thanked all the participants for their support and contributions to the forum, expressed his hope that the forum would continue to be held on a regular basis, and announced that the next forum will be held in 2026.