

# Cooperation between U.S., Israel and Japan regarding artificial intelligence and healthcare discussed in Miami

Different organizations partnered to present the Future of AI & Healthcare: The U.S., Japan and Israel, at Miami Dade College. (Liliana Mora/Courtesy)



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**T**he Idea Center at **Miami Dade College** hosted a recent panel discussion in which speakers spoke about opportunities for trilateral cooperation between the United States, Israel and Japan on artificial intelligence and healthcare.

This discussion, called **The Future of AI & Healthcare: the U.S., Japan and Israel**, was presented in partnership with the American Jewish Committee's Miami and Broward Office, the Japan Foundation, the U.S.-Japan Council and both local Israeli and Japanese consulate generals.

Panelists were Douglas Dotan, founder, president and chief executive officer for the Houston-based CRC Medical; Wolf Shlagman, founder and CEO for Care Angel; and Dr. Hideaki Takeda, professor for National

Institute of Informatics in Japan. Shira Loewenberg, director for AJC's Asia Pacific Institute, was the moderator.

Brian Siegal, director for AJC's Miami and Broward Office said, "This program allowed AJC and our partners to highlight U.S.-Japan-Israel trilateral opportunities in artificial intelligence."

"It was inspiring to hear about the possibilities for continued collaboration and the panelists' stories of successful partnerships that have led to breakthrough technologies."

Siegal continued, "This event also highlighted AJC's relationship with community partners such as Miami Dade College, with whom AJC has created innovative programming on Israel's tech sector."

"Moreover, this was an important opportunity for AJC to continue building upon the relationship between Japan and Israel as well as U.S.-Japan relations and we are also committed to helping to grow connections between Japanese American and Jewish American communities. This relationship building combined with AJC's unique global architecture and effective advocacy and diplomacy is more essential today than ever."

Lior Haiat, consul general of Israel in Miami, said that both the Jewish State and Japan are probably in the honeymoon period of their relationship.

"Over the last two years, we've had numerous high level visits, with [Israeli] Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu's visit to Japan and [Japanese Prime Minister Shinzō] Abe's visit to Israel. There is a lot of Japanese interest in the Israeli technology and innovation field, and vice versa."

Kenji Hirata, consul general of Japan in Miami said, "Even though the theme is AI and healthcare, what is important to me is this collaboration between the Japanese and Jewish communities in the United States."

"Jewish communities are a very important part of American society, and for Japan, the United States is our most ally. In an effort to strengthen the bilateral relations with the United States, we'd like to have the Jewish community on board."

Before introducing the panelists, Loewenberg said the event was a continuation of something that was started several years ago.

"AJC Asia Pacific Institute has been around for 30 years, and since our beginnings, we have been working to strengthen the trilateral relationships between the United States, Israel and Japan, as well as other countries. In Asia. This is a combination of sorts and we're looking forward to continuing it."

During his discussion, Dotan, who is also a former Israeli Air Force pilot, spoke about the importance of the U.S, Israel and Japan collaborating on AI and healthcare as he felt there are opportunities for the three countries to share knowledge and data.

"We have a lot of brain power, a lot of capabilities and different things. We need to share this together. We need to find a way."

Dotan said that thousands of lives can be saved with more collaboration and sharing of knowledge and data between the three countries.

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