

Slovenia Business Forum

-Forum • Company Visits • B2B-

The Embassy of Japan in Slovenia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Slovenia, public agency SPiRiT Slovenia, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia and JETRO, is organizing a business forum on 03-04 October in order to provide the latest business environment information on Slovenia to Japanese companies.

The Republic of Slovenia has been a member of the EU since 2004 and of the Eurozone since 2007. It has been recording high economic growth rates (4.5% of GDP in 2018). The Government of Slovenia has also been attaching great importance to attracting investment from the priority markets, including Japan. The forum will introduce the advantages of Slovenia, including its strategic location and highly qualified labour force, and there will also be an opportunity for B2B meetings.

All the companies that are considering investing in Slovenia as well as those that are interested in doing business with Slovenian companies are kindly invited to join.

The Programme, including company visits, is tentative. The final version will be sent as soon as possible.

Programme

Date	03 (afternoon) - 04 October 2019
Venue	Ljubljana (Forum and B2B meetings) Koper, etc. (company and port visits)
Programme	Visit to company (TBC) and Port of Koper (03 Oct afternoon) Slovenia Business Forum (04 Oct, morning) B2B meetings (04 Oct, afternoon)
Capacity	Approx. 25 people ※first come, first served
Applicant	Japanese companies representatives
Language	English
Cost	Forum, B2B, company and port visit: free of charge (Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Slovenia bears the transport cost in Slovenia; Participants bear the cost of air tickets, accommodation, meals and insurance)
Organisers	Embassy of Japan in Slovenia, JETRO, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Slovenia, SPiRiT Slovenia, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
Partner	Slovenia-Japan Business Council



Schedule (Tentative)

(As of 04 September)

Date	Time	Programme
03 October (Thursday)		◁Arrival to Ljubljana, Hotel Check-in▷
	14:30	Departure from Hotel (by Bus)
	15:30 - 16:15	●Visit to high-tech company (tbc)
	17:00 - 18:30	●Visit to Port of Koper
	19:00 - 20:30	●Dinner organized by Port of Koper (venue tbc)
	20:30	Departure from Koper (by Bus)
	21:30	Arrival at Hotel
04 October (Friday)	08:30	Departure from Hotel (by Bus)
	09:00 - 10:30	Business Forum ●Welcome Remarks - H.E. Mr. Zdravko Počivalšek, Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Slovenia (TBC) - Mr. Boštjan Gorjup, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (TBC) - H.E. Mr. Masaharu Yoshida, Ambassador of Japan to Slovenia ●Slovenian Trade and Investment Environment - Why Slovenia? - Representative from SPIRIT ●Experience of Japanese companies in Slovenia - Mr. Takuro Nozawa, General Director, JETRO office in Vienna - Japanese company representative (TBC)
		Coffee break
	10:50 - 12:10	●Challenges and Opportunities for Bilateral Cooperation - Industry (manufacturing) - Energy - Transport/Logistics - ICT
	12:10 - 13:00	●Remarks by Mr. Miran Skender, General Secretary of Slovenia-Japan Business Council (TBC) ●Introduction of innovative Slovenian companies (TBC)
	13:00 - 14:00	●Networking reception
	14:15 - 16:00	●B2B Meetings (Method: the organisers will open application to Slovenian companies according to the interest and business content that are listed in your application. Then, the organisers will plan the schedule for the B2B meeting) ◁After B2B, break up ▷ ◁If you are returning to hotel, by Bus▷

Please note (important):

- It is also possible to attend the “company and port visit” or “B2B” only.
- Detailed schedule is to follow.
- Please make your own way to the meeting point in Ljubljana, including the arrangements for your flight and other transportation means between the airport and hotel.
- The designated hotel (meeting point) is the Best Western Premier Hotel Slon. The organisers from the Slovenian side have kindly arranged a special price for Hotel Slon and some other hotels within walking distance of Hotel Slon. (Please see the attached “Hotel Information” for details.)
- During the programme, the participants are kindly requested to only use the bus arranged by the organisers.
- Please check your visa before travel if necessary.
- The language used is English. (We also welcome non-Japanese speaking staff.)
- Please note that the participating company names will be made public for the purpose of sharing information with the hosts of the company visits and for the networking with Slovenian companies.
- Please note that we may decline participation in the company visits if the host company and your company are competitors.
- Please note that there may be a press interview occasion during the program; if you do not wish to accept such an interview, please inform the organisers on the day.
- Cancellation policy:
 - The program may be changed or cancelled due to a natural disaster, war, terrorism, or any other event that could not be foreseen or taken responsibility for by the organisers. In such a case, the organisers cannot take the responsibility for possible payments incurred, including cancellation costs of hotel rooms or flight tickets. Furthermore, please note that the same condition applies in the case of participants’ cancellation of attendance due to own circumstances.
 - The organisers cannot take the responsibility for any accidents that may occur during the programme. We recommend that the participants arrange their own travel insurance. Furthermore, if you have a chronic disease or an existing medical condition, please bring along an English version of your medical record and/or any medicine that is taken regularly.

Application

Please fill in the attached form and send it back to us in the following email.

- Application Deadline : **Thursday, 19 September 2019**
- Send to : Ms. Yuki Tanaka (Japanese company support), Ms. Sara Naraglav (assistant)
Embassy of Japan in Slovenia email : yuki.tanaka@mofa.go.jp, sara.naraglav@s2.mofa.go.jp

Contact

Ms. Yuki Tanaka (Japanese company support), Ms. Sara Naraglav (assistant)
Embassy of Japan in Slovenia

Tel: +386 (0) 1 200 8287/8283 email : yuki.tanaka@mofa.go.jp, sara.naraglav@s2.mofa.go.jp

Reference

- 「Why Slovenia」 — Website of SPIRIT Slovenia
<https://www.investslovenia.org/>
- Website of Embassy of Japan in Slovenia
https://www.si.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_ja/index.html

Hotel Information

The organisers from the Slovenian side have kindly arranged a special price for selected hotel rooms in the city center of Ljubljana for the participants of the event. Please find below the information and prices for each hotel (please note that the city tax of 3.13 euro is required additionally per person per night). Cancellation is free of charge until 7 days before arrival (e.g. 26 September for check-in on 3 October). On the application form, please indicate your preference from 1 to 3. We will try to accommodate your wish regarding the hotel reservation as much as possible, however please understand that it may be difficult to book according to your preference due to the on-going tourist season.

The organizers will book your room provisionally according to your information provided in the application. The chosen hotel will then send the booking confirmation to you directly.

On the day of the event, the bus will depart from/arrive at the designated hotel - meeting point which is in front of Hotel Slon. Please gather at the lobby of Hotel Slon by the scheduled time. If you are staying at a hotel other than Hotel Slon, please make your own way on foot to Hotel Slon.

BEST WESTERN PREMIER HOTEL SLON ****

Slovenska cesta 34, SI-1000 Ljubljana, www.hotelslon.com

Room Type	Price
ECONOMY single room: for 1 person	111 euro
COMFORT double room: for 1 person	126 euro

CITY HOTEL Ljubljana ***

Dalmatinova 15, SI-1000 Ljubljana, www.cityhotel.si

Room Type	Price
Standard 1/1	94 euro
Double 1/2	101 euro

GRAND HOTEL UNION BUSINESS ****

Miklošičeva 1, SI-1000 Ljubljana, www.union-hotels.eu

Room Type	Price
Executive Queen: for 1 person	119 euro
Studio Apartment: for 1 person	137 euro