

17th German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2026

Part I: Summer School on

“(In)Security”

How Can Young Leaders Contribute to Stability in Uncertain Times?

September 11 (Fri) – September 20 (Sun), 2026

Tentative Program (as of March 2026)

The program will be conducted in English.

Chair:

Dr. Shōgo Akagawa (Editor-at-Large for EMEA / NIKKEI)

Accommodation:

Motel One Berlin-Tiergarten

Address: An der Urania 12/14, 10787 Berlin, Germany

Website: <https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-tiergarten/>

Friday, September 11

From overseas: Arrival in Berlin

Individual transfer from the airport to the hotel

From Germany: Individual transfer to the hotel

19:00 – Get-together dinner

Saturday, September 12

Excursion program and activities to foster interaction among participants

Sunday, September 13

- Welcome by the Chair of the Summer School (Dr. Shōgo Akagawa, Editor-at-Large for EMEA / NIKKEI)
- Welcome by a representative of the Japanese-German Center Berlin
- Self-introduction of participants, including their professional backgrounds, motivations, and expectations
- Introduction to the topic and the concept of the Summer School by the Chair
- Formation of working groups, followed by initial analyses and discussions

Monday, September 14 to Thursday afternoon, September 17

- Presentations and input from speakers, with time for discussion
- Various formats of group work and breakout sessions, including discussions within and between groups
- Excursions and site visits to relevant institutions, including expert exchanges
- Summary and results – final discussion and statement

17th German-Japanese Young Leaders Forum 2026 Part II: Alumni Conference on “Public Safety”

September 17 (Thu) – September 20 (Sun), 2026

Thursday evening, September 17

Reception with alumni of YLF06–25 and participants of YLF 2026

Welcome by a representative of the Japanese-German Center Berlin

Friday, September 18

Morning

Joint seminar with alumni of YLF06–25 and participants of YLF26

Introduction, participant exchange session, impulse session, and structured dialogue

Afternoon

Panel discussion

Site visit and expert exchange

Saturday, September 19

Morning

Hybrid panel discussion

Afternoon

Plenary discussion

Internal session

Sunday, September 20

Participants' meetings on a voluntary basis

Individual departures

End