



# Japanese AI and startup ecosystem

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This lecture introduces how Japan is responding to the global AI boom and what makes its approach distinct. We'll explore the difference between AI and DX, current startup funding trends, and what Japanese AI startups are focusing on today. We'll also discuss the opportunities and challenges facing Japan in the AI era—and finally, what students and researchers can do to stay relevant in a world increasingly shaped by Generative AI and intelligent agents.

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