

PRESS RELEASE

**Datasection Inc. CEO Norihiko Ishihara Speaks at the Thai Government-Hosted
“STS Forum Japan–Thailand Symposium 2026”**

— Participates in a Panel Discussion on “The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Society” —

Datasection Inc. (Head Office: Tokyo, Japan; President, Representative Director and CEO: Norihiko Ishihara) participated in the international symposium “STS Forum Japan–Thailand Symposium 2026,” held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 23 to 25 April 2026.

Held under the main theme “*The Great Convergence: AI-Driven Health, Environment and Bio-Economy*,” the symposium brought together policymakers, scientists and business leaders from around the world. As part of the programme, Mr Ishihara participated as a panellist in a session entitled “*The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Society*,” where he emphasised the importance of viewing AI as a form of social infrastructure and highlighted the need for organisational “rewiring”, defined as a fundamental redesign of how organisations operate.



Organized by: National Research Council of Thailand, Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation
Co-organized by: Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum)

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■ **Overview of the Symposium and Background to the Participation**

The symposium was organised by the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT) and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI), with the STS Forum serving as co-organiser, and brought together leading experts from across government, academia and industry.

As previously announced on 22 December 2025, Datasection is actively advancing a large-scale AI data centre development project in Thailand. This initiative goes beyond the construction of physical facilities and aims to realise “Sovereign AI,” supporting the autonomy of AI infrastructure in Thailand and across the broader Southeast Asian region.

Mr Ishihara’s participation reflects the strong recognition of the Company’s initiatives by the Thai government and the international community, and provided a significant opportunity to share

Datasection's vision and technological expertise as a partner driving the development of the regional digital economy.

■ Key Remarks from the Panel Discussion

Mr Ishihara emphasised that the true value of AI lies not in the models themselves, but in the infrastructure that enables intelligence to be deployed and accessed at scale.

He further noted that the actions required of leaders are clear. Moving beyond treating AI as a mere tool, he outlined what organisations must discontinue and newly undertake, and highlighted the need to fundamentally redefine how organisations operate through investment in compute capacity and the implementation of AI-native architectures.

He concluded as follows:

“We are now entering the era of ‘Intelligence as Infrastructure.’ The question is no longer whether we should adopt AI.

The real question is how we build a society in which intelligence is abundant, while maintaining trust and societal integrity.

That is our shared responsibility.”

■ Symposium Overview

- Name: STS Forum Japan–Thailand Symposium 2026
- Dates: 23–25 April 2026
- Venue: Bangkok Convention Centre (CentralWorld), Bangkok, Thailand
- Organisers: National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT); Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI)
- Co-organiser: STS Forum (International Forum on Science and Technology for Society)
- Website: <https://stsforumthailand.nrct.go.th/>

■ Panel Discussion Details

- Theme: *The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Society*
- Date: 24 April 2026
- Panellists:
 - Dr Fahad Algneaar – General Director of International Partnerships, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Saudi Arabia
 - Professor Kenji Suzuki – Biomedical Artificial Intelligence, Director, Biomedical Artificial Intelligence Research Unit (BMAI), Institute of Integrated Research (IIR)
 - Dr Soontaree Songserm – Senior Executive Vice-President of Big Data Institute (Public Organization), Thailand
 - Dr Yu Hiraoka, MD – CEO, GramEye Inc. Graduate School of Medicine Faculty of Medicine, the Osaka University
 - Mr Norihiko Ishihara – Representative Director, President and CEO, Datasection Inc.

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