



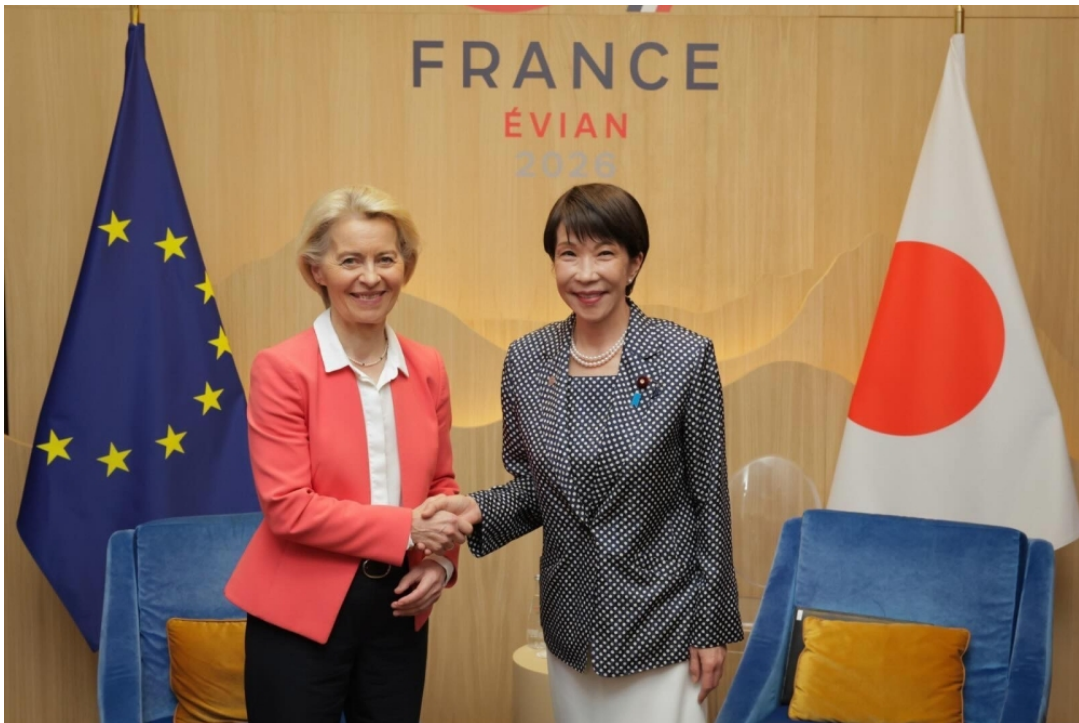
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Toward a New Beacon for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

WORLD LEADER AWARD

Two BGF Honorees Meet at the G7: von der Leyen and Takaichi at Évian



Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi of Japan (right) meets President Ursula von der Leyen of the European Commission · G7 Évian Summit, France · June 15–17, 2026

At the G7 Évian Summit (June 15–17, 2026), two leaders previously honored by the Boston Global Forum came together: Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission and recipient of the 2020 World Leader for Peace and Security Award, and Sanae Takaichi, Prime Minister of Japan and recipient of the 2023 World Leader in AIWS Award. Following the working session on “Reviving a Balanced, Shared and Sustainable Economic Growth,” Prime Minister Takaichi held a meeting with President von der Leyen.

Their encounter is a small portrait of the Europe–Indo-Pacific cooperation on economic security and trustworthy technology that the AIWS Trust Order envisions. As Europe advances its own sovereign-AI and trust frameworks and Japan deepens the U.S.–Japan alliance and its economic-security agenda, the convergence of these two honorees — representing two of the Forum’s pillars, Peace & Security and AIWS — reflects a conviction at the heart of BGF’s work.

BGF Lens — *two leaders the Forum has recognized now sit at the same table at the moment the global AI order is being redrawn — a reminder that the technologies reshaping our age must be governed by trust, and in the service of human dignity.*

Sources: Prime Minister’s Office of Japan; Boston Global Forum Awards.
