



# Czech FinTech Webinar 2021

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 17:00-19:15 JST (10:00-12:15 CET)

This webinar focused on financial technologies (FinTech) in the Czech Republic and Japan is organized by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo, supported by the Ministry of Finance of the CR, the Japanese Financial Services Agency, the Czech Fintech Association, and the Fintech Association of Japan. Its main goal in the first part is to introduce current developments, challenges and potential in FinTech in both countries. The second part provides an opportunity to present three top Czech FinTech companies interested in the Japanese market.

## Program

- 17:00 Introductory remarks  
H. E. Martin Tomčo, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Japan  
Dr. Lenka Dupáková, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance of the CR  
Mr. Yutaka Soejima, Head of the FinTech Center, Bank of Japan

### Part I Czech and Japan Fintech Developments

- 17:10 Current state and potential of Czech Fintech ecosystem  
Ms. Maria Staszkiwicz, Chairwoman of the Board & CEO, Czech Fintech Association
- 17:25 Japan Fintech landscape  
Mr. Yuki Kishi, Director, Fintech Association of Japan
- 17:40 Legal framework for financial innovation: Artificial Intelligence and data in the EU  
Dr. Alex Ivančo, Director of Financial Markets Department, Ministry of Finance of the CR
- 17:55 Japanese Government FinTech Initiatives  
Mr. Shota Matsuzawa, Deputy Director, Fintech and Innovation Office, Financial Services Agency
- 18:10 Q&A

### Part II Czech Fintech Companies' Presentations

- 18:15 Resistant AI Mr. Jiří Švidernoch, Business Developer
- 18:30 Wultra Mr. Petr Dvořák, Chief Executive Officer
- 18:45 ThreatMark Mr. Ota Čermák, Sales and Partner Director
- 19:00 Q&A

\*The webinar will take place online via Microsoft Teams.

\*The web link will be sent to the participants the day before the event.

\*Please note that all lectures will be delivered in English.

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## Speakers:

**Martin Tomčo** became the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Japan in May 2019. He was previously Czech Ambassador to Finland (2011 -2016) and Czech Ambassador to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2006 -2011). Since Sept. 2010 he was the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Pyongyang. His career with the Czech Foreign Ministry has spanned several continents covering different areas including a bilateral and the EU policy agenda, crisis management and security issues. Ambassador Tomčo holds MA degree in African and Oriental Studies from Charles University in Prague and Ph.D. degree in American Studies also from Charles University.

**Lenka Dupáková** heads the section of the Ministry of Finance dealing with International Relations and Financial Markets. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at the Charles University in Prague and from the Faculty of Business Administration at the University of Economics. She also studied at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England. She came to the Ministry of Finance from a large domestic bank where she was dealing with the restructuring of international companies. Previously she worked at an international law firm in the field of banking and financial transactions. Since 2010 she has lectured at the Law Faculty of the Charles University. She is in charge of preparation of new legal standards in the field of insurance, banking and consumer protection, as well as the harmonization of European financial directives with the Czech legislation.

**Yutaka Soejima** is the head of the FinTech Center and Deputy Director-General of the Payment and Settlement Systems Department in the Bank of Japan. He joined the Bank in 1990 and mainly worked in research sections covering financial markets, bank supervision, macro prudence, financial engineering, risk management, payment and settlement systems and economic developments. Some of his papers applied state-of-the-art technology like AI, high frequency data, Artificial markets, social network analysis, GIS and text analysis for the Bank's current concerns. He engaged in the first issue of "Financial System Report" and "Market Review", a forerunner of "BOJ Review". He holds a MA in Economics from University of Washington and a BA from Kyoto University.

**Maria Staszkievicz** is leading the Czech FinTech Association. She studied Linguistics, International Relations and European Studies in Poland and Germany. Afterwards, she worked in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels. Since 2010 she has spent last ten years on managing positions in non-profit organizations. Before joining the association, she worked at the Aspen Institute Central Europe and the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU. Maria is also involved in Blockchain Republic, a research institute focused on DLT.

**Yuki Kishi** is a Director at Fintech Association of Japan and at Plug and Play Japan. He joined the company in 2018 and is in charge of the operation of the accelerator program and business development. Prior to Plug and Play Japan, Yuki had worked as Assistant Vice President at Deutsche Bank Group in Japan and was involved in various Operations and Finance department roles such as global project managements, risk management, and valuation of financial products for 8 years. He holds an MBA from the University of Cambridge and a BS from the University of London, Queen Mary College.





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**Alex Ivančo** is directing the work of the department Financial Markets III responsible for consumer protection and dispute resolution within financial sector, financial education, innovation and retail services. Department also manages and supervises processing of the state contribution to the supplementary retirement savings and building savings. Alex has more than ten years of experience in the international law, working as the Head of the International Law Unit at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, and for the Czech Trade Promotion Agency in São Paulo, Brazil. He holds a Ph.D. in Law from Charles University. He initiated discussions in UNIDROIT and UNCITRAL on global harmonization of legal framework for artificial intelligence and smart contracts.

**Shota Matsuzawa** is Deputy Director of FinTech and Innovation Office at Japan Financial Services Agency. Previously, Shota was Chief Representative Japan of Everest Ventures Group in Hong Kong. Shota worked at Goldman Sachs (both Japan and Hong Kong) as his first career and also worked at Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group as Deputy Manager and AID Group as Vice President in Hong Kong. Shota holds a BSc, Political Science & Economics from Waseda University.

**Jiri Švidernoch** is a Business Developer at Resistant AI. Previously he worked as a business development manager at Prysm Media Group LTD. He holds MA in English Philology from Silesian University in Opava.

**Petr Dvořák** is a CEO at Wultra, a company that helps banks and fintech companies to secure digital banking applications, such as mobile or internet banking. He is an author of two patents in the digital security area and author of the Czech national standard for QR code payments. In the past, Petr worked for Avast and Sun Microsystems. He has a master's degree in Software Engineering from the Charles University in Prague. Outside of work, everything revolves around his passion for motorcycling.

**Ota Čermak** is a Sales Director at ThreatMark—provider of online fraud prevention solutions leveraging behavioral biometrics and AI. Ota has been working in the cybersecurity industry for the past 12 years, successfully expanding businesses and developing strong partner networks. Now, he's leading a team of experienced biometry and anti-fraud sales professionals with a mission to expand ThreatMark's AFS (Anti-Fraud suite) solution from the stronghold in the EU's banking groups to the rest of the world. Ota directly orchestrates internal business teams with the global network of partners; resellers, distributors and technical partners.

**Ondřej Svoboda** serves as a Deputy Head of Political and Economic Section of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Tokyo. Before his posting he was a Deputy Head of the Unit of International Law of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic where he provided legal expertise in investment and trade law issues and led the Czech delegation at the OECD Investment Committee and the UNCITRAL Working Group III. Until 2020, he lectured public international law and international economic law at the Faculty of Law of the Charles University in Prague where he also received his Ph.D.





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## Organizations:

[Czech Fintech Association \(CFA\)](#) is a non-for-profit organization representing the interest of over 40 companies in the financial sector, using modern technologies to provide secure and user-friendly services. CFA works through expert groups, networking events and has the ambition to be a single point of contact for innovators, investors, regulators, policy makers and commercial partners for fintech in the Czech Republic.

[Fintech Association of Japan \(FAJ\)](#) is a general incorporated association that promotes open innovation in the Japanese fintech industry by organizing events for its members and the fintech community, conducting working groups on key fintech subsectors and areas of interest, researching market trends, and other activities in support of the fintech ecosystem.

[Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic](#) is the central state administration body responsible for wide range of issues related to the financial markets and the state budget of the Czech Republic. Regarding, the development of financial market innovation, the Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic aims to create and promote an environment that embraces innovation and overall economic and sustainable growth of digital finance.

[Fintech and Innovation Office of Financial Services Agency](#) is promoting the movement of innovation, as well as keep abreast of the latest trends and conditions regarding FinTech and make use of them for future financial administration.

[FinTech Center of Bank of Japan](#) was established on April 1, 2016 with the aim to reinforce our efforts in which the developments of FinTech will contribute to enhancing financial services and achieving sustainable growth of Japan's economy.

## Companies:

[Resistant AI](#) brings automation and protection of decisions against evolving online fraud - detecting forgeries in digital documents and fraud in transactions. Particularly in financial services where our AI and machine learning improves client onboarding, KYC, AML, Risk and Fraud detection.

[Wultra](#) provides leading banks and fintech companies with security solutions for their internet and mobile apps. Thanks to our products, financial institutions can meet compliance with the regulatory requirements, and more importantly, detect and stop malware attacks and protect their apps against a wide range of cyber threats. Our broader value proposition is peace of mind for financial institutions and their clients. The customers can trust the financial institutions with their money, and the financial institutions can provide appropriate assurance of customer protection within their digital channels. People who use banking services can then enjoy user-friendly apps while their data is safe and actively protected.

[ThreatMark](#) brings trust to the digital world by providing cutting-edge fraud prevention solutions. Major banks use ThreatMark's AI-powered technology to build secured banking experiences by precisely validating legitimate users and the subtle differences in their behavior; seamlessly across all digital channels. ThreatMark make sure that the entire digital journey (onboarding, authentication, account management, transactions...) is trusted and safe for both end-users and businesses. ThreatMark goes beyond the industry standards to validate more than 25 million users and over 1 billion logins and transactions yearly. Among various honors and industry recognition, ThreatMark has been recognized by Gartner as a Representative Vendor for the Online Fraud Detection area in its 2020 Market guide, Forrester's Now Tech – Enterprise Fraud Management 2021, named Deloitte's Top Technology Fast 50 for CE; won 2019 AI Award – Company of the Year; and was awarded EY Entrepreneur of The Year for 2019.

