Bentley Systems Expands Japan Operations to Support the Nation's i-Construction Initiative

Strategic investment and expanded partner ecosystem aim to accelerate Japan's transition to 3D digital delivery, improving productivity amid critical labor shortages

TOKYO, July 1, 2026 — Bentley Systems, Incorporated (Nasdaq: BSY), the infrastructure engineering software company, today announced a strategic investment in Japan, including a new regional headquarters in Tokyo, and plans to more than double its local team over the next three years. The investment comes as Japan progresses toward the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's i-Construction initiative, which calls for nationwide adoption of 3D digital delivery by 2029. Bentley will provide local expertise, technical support, and training to help engineering firms move from 2D to 3D workflows, as the nation faces ongoing workforce constraints.

"Japan is setting a global benchmark for infrastructure digitalization," said James Lee, Chief Operating Officer, Bentley Systems. "By deepening our presence and expanding our partner ecosystem, we are helping infrastructure engineers, contractors, and owner-operators accelerate their transition to 3D digital delivery to drive productivity, strengthen resilience, and improve decision-making across the infrastructure lifecycle."

Bentley supports Japan's i-Construction initiative with an open, digital delivery ecosystem spanning design, construction, and operations. By connecting traditionally siloed workflows and integrating above- and below-ground data, Bentley enables infrastructure teams to create and manage comprehensive 3D models and workflows across disciplines, improving collaboration, reducing risk, and accelerating project delivery.

The integrated approach combines Bentley's Cesium technology for 3D geospatial visualization, the foundation for Japan's Project PLATEAU; Seequent's subsurface modeling and analysis to help reduce geotechnical risk in one of the world's most seismically active regions; and the iTwin platform to synchronize engineering and asset data across the infrastructure lifecycle.

These technologies already have a proven track record across Japan's built and natural environment. Bentley's Cesium and digital twin capabilities are integrated into the Smart Construction solutions of EARTHBRAIN—a joint venture established by Komatsu, NTT DOCOMO, Sony Semiconductor Solutions, and Nomura Research Institute—connecting design, simulation, and earthworks execution within a unified digital environment. Seequent has a long history of supporting Japan's infrastructure, geothermal energy, and global mining investments, helping reduce subsurface uncertainty for critical infrastructure and resource projects.

To support this growth, Bentley recently appointed industry veteran Keishi Kono as General Manager of Japan. Under Kono's leadership, the company is strengthening collaboration with its regional partner ecosystem to scale 3D digital delivery nationwide across all 47 prefectures. Key priorities include deepening alliances with EARTHBRAIN and FUKUI COMPUTER, while expanding its channel network with established partners such as JIP, NewtonWorks Corporation, ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation (CTC), Mirukuru, and others.

"Success in Japan is built on trust, collaboration, and local presence," said Kono. "To support the thousands of regional contractors advancing toward the 2029 i-Construction goals, we must be embedded in the communities they serve. By combining Bentley's integrated platform with local expertise, we can help engineering firms and contractors adopt digital workflows at scale and deliver projects more efficiently."

EARTHBRAIN Inc. President Akinori Onodera commented, “This strategic partnership marks a major milestone in accelerating the digital transformation of the construction industry from Japan to the world. By integrating global technologies and expertise, and co-creating value across regions and countries, we aim to contribute to the realization of safer and more sustainable social infrastructure.”

Bentley will continue to expand its local presence and partner ecosystem in Japan, reinforcing its long-term market commitment and supporting the industry’s transition to 3D digital delivery ahead of the nation’s 2029 goals.

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Associated Images

Caption: Ribbon cutting event at Bentley Systems’ new office in Tokyo, Japan, L to R: Keishi Kono, general manager, Bentley Systems Japan; Anatolii Ast, Regional Director, Bentley Systems Japan; James Lee, Bentley System’s Chief Operating Officer; Graham Grant, CEO Seequent; and Patrick Cozzi, Bentley System’s Chief Platform Officer. Image courtesy of Bentley Systems.

Caption: Bentley Systems' Japan team members and special guests at the ribbon cutting event at the company's new office in Tokyo. Image courtesy of Bentley Systems.

About Bentley Systems
Around the world, infrastructure professionals rely on software from Bentley Systems to help them design, build, and operate better and more resilient infrastructure for transportation, water, energy, cities, and more. Founded in 1984 by engineers for engineers, Bentley is the partner of choice for engineering firms and owner-operators worldwide, with software that spans engineering disciplines, industry sectors, and all phases of the infrastructure lifecycle. Through our digital twin solutions, we help infrastructure professionals unlock the value of their data to transform project delivery and asset performance.

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