

Press Release

GLEIF Confirms TOPPAN Edge as First Japanese Qualified vLEI Issuer

TOPPAN Edge will equip organizations with vLEI credentials to promote digitally trusted global value chains across manufacturing and finance

11 September 2025 – Basel – The Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) today announces TOPPAN Edge Inc., a group company of TOPPAN Holdings that provides business process, security, and identity solutions to enable secure digital transformation, as the first Japanese Qualified vLEI Issuer (QVI) in the verifiable Legal Entity Identifier (vLEI) ecosystem.

Pioneered by GLEIF as the secure digital counterpart of the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), the vLEI is a globally standardized form of digital organizational identity. By equipping organizations and their representatives with cryptographically verifiable identities, vLEI credentials offer a comprehensive solution that tackles the challenges arising from digitalization by establishing a global digital trust ecosystem.

As a QVI, TOPPAN Edge will issue and manage vLEI credentials to organizations seeking to increase trust and transparency across a wide range of global manufacturing and finance use-cases, including supply chain management, international trade, and financial transactions involving cryptocurrencies and stablecoins. TOPPAN Edge also plans to expand its offering to provide a Software as a Service (SaaS)-based system to promote broader uptake of the vLEI in Japan.

The service is being piloted in September 2025 by the BRP Consortium Business Site Digital Certification Research and Development Working Group – a private-sector initiative addressing supply chain considerations for semiconductors and ICT equipment. The pilot will explore the use of the vLEI to verify the existence and authenticity of organizations to support the supply chain management of semiconductor business sites.

Alexandre Kech, CEO of GLEIF, said: "Digital, verifiable organizational identity is the key to establishing trust across the global economy. TOPPAN Edge's approval as a QVI will help organizations in the region to unlock sustainable economic growth by addressing real-world challenges, such as increasing transparency and resilience across global value chains, breaking down trade barriers through digitalization, and bridging the gap between traditional finance and digital assets."

Toshiya Akiho, Director and Executive Vice President at TOPPAN Edge, said: "As a QVI, TOPPAN Edge will ensure the authenticity of organizations and the individuals affiliated with them in the digital world, contributing to the realization of a safe and secure international transaction environment."

This announcement follows the news that GLEIF has introduced a global [Partners Program](#) to foster adoption of digital organizational identity by enabling collaboration among key industry players. GLEIF has also announced the inaugural [vLEI Hackathon](#) to support the ongoing development of the vLEI ecosystem.

For more information on the vLEI, please visit the GLEIF website [here](#).

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Glossary of terms

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)

The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) is a 20-character, alpha-numeric code based on the ISO 17442 standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The LEI connects to key reference information that enables clear and unique identification of legal entities participating in financial transactions. Each LEI contains information about an entity's ownership structure, answering the questions of 'who is who' and 'who owns whom'. It provides a universally recognized identifier paired with essential entity data, rigorous verification processes and high data quality.

Verifiable LEI (vLEI)

The vLEI concept is simple: It is the cryptographic secure digital counterpart of a conventional LEI. In other words, it is a digitally trustworthy version of the 20-digit LEI code which is automatically verified, without the need for human intervention. It gives government organizations, companies, and other legal entities worldwide the capacity to use non-repudiable identification data pertaining to their legal status, ownership structure and authorized representatives in any kind of digital interaction, transaction, or e-signature scenario.

About the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF)

Established by the Financial Stability Board in June 2014, the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF) is a not-for-profit organization created to support the

implementation and use of the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) and its digital counterpart the verifiable LEI (vLEI). GLEIF is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland.

GLEIF's mission is to manage a network of global partners to provide trusted services and open, reliable data for unique legal entity identification worldwide. GLEIF makes available the technical infrastructure to provide, via an open data license, online access to the full global LEI database free of charge to users. GLEIF is overseen by the Regulatory Oversight Committee, which is made up of representatives of public authorities from across the globe.

Diversity and inclusion underpin GLEIF's values. This is reflected in its workforce of approximately 60 staff from over 20 nations, its operational excellence, and its commitment to open, global participation in the Global LEI System.

For more information, visit the GLEIF website at <https://www.gleif.org/en>.

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