Respondents from Japan expect a Connected Industrial Workforce to drive significant new value

54% expect it to increase productivity

60% expect it to improve operational efficiency

35% expect it to enhance safety and risk management

They are investing in the Connected Industrial Workforce—though not yet implementing it with confidence

13% of their R&D budget is already spent on the Connected Industrial Workforce

In 2020 that will rise to 17%

61% are still piloting solutions

Only 11% have implemented them

Only 4% say they are digital leaders

They consider IT security and a shortage of skilled workers to be their greatest challenges in adopting a Connected Industrial Workforce

66% are concerned about data vulnerability

65% are concerned about system vulnerability

64% are concerned about a shortage of skilled workers

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