

[Health Tech] HUMAN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGIES (Mexico), Remmie Inc. (US)

October 27 17:30-19:00

[Health Tech] HA-PPY Co., Ltd (Japan), AT CO., LTD. (Japan), AIDOT Inc. (Korea), LatchAid (UK)

[Robotics] Q5D Technology Limited (UK)

[DX] Wearable Devices (Israel)

October 28 10:00-11:30

[Agri/Food tech] Direct RF (Japan)

[DX] Nanoacademic Technologies (Canada), OVA (Canada), funfo (Japan), Geek Guild Co., Ltd. (Japan)

[Robotics] Con-Tact corp. (Japan)

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[DX] CLAIRVIZ TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED (India), GOARC (Israel), Inuitive (Israel)

[Smart City] Next Kraftwerke GmbH (Germany), Cognata (Israel)

[Carbon Neutrality] Addionics (Israel)

October 29 10:00-11:30

[Carbon Neutrality] Ionomr Innovations (Canada), Marine Innovation Co., Ltd. (Korea), Enexor Bio Energy (US)

[Robotics] Aarish Technologies (Canada), Shanghai Banhui New Energy Technology Co., Ltd (China),

Shenzhen Elephant Robotics Technology Co., Ltd (China)

October 29 18:30-20:00

[Carbon Neutrality] TSUYO MANUFACTURING PVT LTD (India), Hair Clinic Reve-21 Co.,Ltd. (Japan)

[DX] Entrib Analytics Technology Pvt. Ltd. (India), M-ROBO (Korea), SOCASH PTE LTD. (Singapore)

[Smart City] Bergen Carbon Solutions AS (Norway)

[Symposium]

Hear from key figures about the latest insights and trends in carbon neutrality and innovation.

You can easily register from the URL below!

<https://reg26.smp.ne.jp/regist/is?SMPFORM=mat-paqfr-df3fa30bd209485895d60186a08b035c>

October 27 14:00-16:00

"The future which innovation leads / Expectation to Japan"

1. Keynote Speech

"Human and society with innovation/Suggestion to Japanese startups"

(Speakers)

Mr.Naonori Kohira,

Photographer, Director of Singularity Society

Mr.Kyoichi Katayama,

Author

2. Panel Discussion

"The expectation to Japan in global innovation"

(Speakers)

Mr.Chai Guoqiang, Adjunct Professor at Shanghai University

Mr.Mark Bivens, Managing Partner of Shizen Capital

Mr.Adam Claydon-Platt, COO, Global DX

October 28 14:00-16:00

"The way of Osaka to startup hub"

1. Keynote Speech

"OSAKA EXPO 2025 and Innovation"

(Speakers)

Mr. Yasushi Iwata, Director-General, Management Strategy Office

Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

2. Panel Discussion

"The potentials of startup ecosystem in Kansai, Osaka"

(Speakers)

Mr. Yosuke Nakamura,

Researcher Policy Research Department of NLI Research Institute

Mr. Brian Lim, Country manager of Japan, Rainmaking

Mr. Max Krichenbauer, CEO of MARUI-PlugIn

Ms. Makiko Nakai,

Deputy Director of Policy and Planning Division ICT Division (Team 2) Management Strategy Office Japan

Association for the 2025 World Exposition

October 29 15:00-17:00

"Game changing new environmental goal: AR6 of IPCC"

1. Future change 6th assessment report of IPCC

2. Big impact on global business by AR6

(Speakers)

Ms. Yukari Takamura, Professor, Institute for Future Initiatives

Mr. Seita Emori, Deputy Director of Earth System Division, National

Institutes of

Environmental Studies

Mr. Yoshihisa Niwa, Managing Director & Partner, Boston Consulting Group

[GIF Meeting Week]

December 1-3, 2021

GIF Osaka 2021 offers you the chance to book one-on-one meetings with exhibiting start-ups. Japanese

interpreters are available if required.

Fee: Free

Check out the GIF Osaka 2021 website for more.

<https://gif.osaka.cci.or.jp/>

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2. BUSINESS MATCHING EVENT HELD JOINTLY BY OCCI AND THE JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (JCCI) IN SINGAPORE

A recent business matching event held jointly by OCCI and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) in Singapore proved so popular that extra events are now being planned to handle the overflow of applicants. The event provided a forum for SMEs and mid-scale companies to pitch their products to Isetan Singapore, which operates four department stores in Singapore.

The event concentrated on foods, ladies' accessories, men's fashions, educational products, and lifestyle and household items, and Isetan's buyers saw tremendous potential in the various offerings, particularly those that were new to the Singapore market.

Although the event was held online due to Covid-19, interest was far higher than even the organizers dared to hope, with OCCI alone receiving applications from around 100 companies eager to expand sales channels and seek new business opportunities. In all, 154 applications were received via OCCI, JCCI in Singapore, and JETRO, and 39 companies were selected to participate. Given the high number of applications, the organizers are planning second and third editions of the event.

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3. OCCI URGES GOVERNOR OF JAPAN'S CENTRAL BANK, BANK OF JAPAN TO CONTINUE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SMES

On September 27, 2021, OCCI and the other three major Osaka economic organizations held an online meeting with Haruhiko Kuroda, governor of the Bank of Japan.

OCCI Chairperson Hiroshi Ozaki urged Mr. Kuroda to continue to provide funding for SMEs and assistance for business rebuilding, noting that the chaos caused by Covid-19 is becoming entrenched long-term and businesses in a broad range of industries are feeling the pinch, as illustrated by increasing use of emergency rescheduling mechanisms to delay loan repayments by up to a year. He also stressed the importance of monetary backing in the post-Covid era, including rebuilding or continuation support for enterprises seeking to expand or pivot into new fields; the 2025 World Expo in Osaka, which is focused on sparking innovation; and businesses working in areas like carbon-neutral solutions, which have high growth potential.

In response, Mr. Kuroda stated his intention to continue offering funding assistance for businesses under special support programs instituted in the wake of Covid-19, and said he would not hesitate to initiate further quantitative easing if it was deemed necessary. He added that he was eager to support businesses seeking to move forward with digitalization, to tackle climate change, and to innovate. Toshimitsu Ogi, chairperson of Shinsaibashi Mitsuya (operator of various dining establishments), appealed to Mr. Kuroda for targeted funding support for the dining industry, saying that many businesses in this sector were struggling under the weight of debts they could not repay because operating restrictions prevented them from earning income.

Mr. Kuroda replied that there would be a recovery in in-person services as more people were vaccinated. Not only was he hopeful that shopping arcades and other local businesses could recover their former buzz and bustle, but he was also ready to offer ongoing steadfast funding support.

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4. INTRODUCTION OF OSAKA PROMOTER

The Osaka Promoter scheme is run by Osaka Business & Investment Center(O-BIC) to help raise Osaka's profile overseas and build momentum in the run-up to the 2025 World Expo, which is to be held in

Osaka.

Under the scheme, influential businesspeople and proprietors of foreign businesses operating in Osaka, great fans of Osaka as well, help to spread the word about what's happening locally and the advantages of investing here.

For details:

<https://o-bic.net/e/interview/#promoter>

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5. OSAKA AND MANCHESTER TEAM UP TO SEEK CARBON NEUTRALITY UNDER EU IURC PROGRAM

Osaka City has announced the start of a partnership with Greater Manchester in the UK. The partnership comes as part of Osaka's membership of the EU's International Urban and Regional Cooperation (IURC) program.

The IURC program promotes sustainable urban development by pairing cities, one from the EU and one from elsewhere in the world, to work together on a shared challenge-climate change, for instance. The intention of the program is that by sharing initiatives, the participants can discover breakthroughs for sustainability in urban development.

Osaka's stated goal is carbon neutrality by 2050, and the city has identified decarbonization as an area of high priority. Manchester, meanwhile, has ambitions to become carbon neutral by 2038-twelve years earlier than the UK's target date.

Osaka and Manchester have begun sharing their carbon neutrality initiatives and plans with the aim of encouraging the adoption and spread of innovative environmental technologies and broader participation by businesses and citizens in decarbonization efforts.

For its part, OCCI will work in tandem with Osaka City to provide robust support for SMEs, such as seminars on how to incorporate decarbonization into business management.

(Japanese only)

<https://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/hodoshiryo/kankyo/0000545463.html>

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6. EXPO 2025 - INFORMATION IN ENGLISH

Information of EXPO 2025 in English is available from the link below.

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

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Special Autumn Campaign: Join OCCI Now for Half Price AND Get a 10,000-yen Coupon!

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry is offering half off the first year's membership fee for any company, organization, or sole-proprietorship that joins OCCI between now and December 15, 2021.

Not only that, but you will also get a bonus OCCI coupon worth 10,000 yen *AND* free listing of your business on the OCCI's website.

OCCI membership is outrageously good value for money. Not only do you have an instant connection with 30,000 companies and individuals from a truly diverse range of industries, from manufacturing and wholesaling to the ICT and service sectors, and everything in between, but you also have access to an extensive menu of support services with real benefits. For instance, OCCI connects members with experts for specialist business advice (around 3,200 companies a year recently), helps with business start-up (400), provides assistance for overseas expansion (200), and attracts some foreign companies to invest locally (40).

OCCI is the Kansai region's foremost economic organization. Founded in 1878, the chamber is proudly local, fiercely global, stoically public (non-profit and non-political), and offers equally comprehensive services for giants and minnows in every industry.

In recent years, OCCI has put its weight behind efforts to rejuvenate Osaka's industrial environment, such as by attracting foreign capital, providing forums for cross-border interaction, and offering support for cutting-edge industries through innovation and testing. And naturally OCCI is a major force behind preparations for the 2025 World Expo in Osaka.

OCCI membership is not limited to those in Osaka; any company or individual with an address in Japan can join, and there are membership categories suitable for everyone. If you are interested in joining one of Japan's premier business interest groups, then contact the OCCI International Division today.

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Information for COVID-19

Japanese Government

<https://japan.kantei.go.jp/>

Osaka Prefecture Government

<https://covid19-osaka.info/en/>

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[O-BIC as one-stop service center for creating a foothold in Osaka]

<http://o-bic.net/>

[Information about scheduled events (in Japanese only)]

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/index.php>



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