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1. RESPONSE OF THE OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (OCCI) WHEN A STATE OF EMERGENCY IS DECLARED FOR COVID-19

- The consultation service (Loans for managerial improvement funds of small enterprises, etc.), the trade certificate counter and the counter of the Mutual-Aid Program Office at each branch will open as usual.
- All meetings will be cancelled or postponed in principle unless held online.
- Both the Head Office and branches will perform operations with a smaller number of staff on the job. For further information, please contact the offices of the respective programs.

A cutback in the number of staff on the job may cause inconvenience to our members, but we ask for your understanding in this matter.

OCCI will implement the following infection control measures.

- Simplification and shortening of meetings to be held

- Thorough ventilation of the Head Office building
- Placement of antiseptic solution at the entrance to the conference room
- Sterilization of the Head Office conference room before use
- Introduction of a creative meeting layout (Keeping sufficient space between people)
- Wearing of masks and disinfection of hands and fingers by meeting administration staff

OCCI asks all visitors to wear masks or refrain from coming when they are not feeling well such as when they have cold symptoms.

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2. 'OUTLINE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS' BY THE OSAKA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

Please visit the following URL.

Then please click the title 'Outline of emergency measures of Osaka Prefecture'.

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3. OCCI MEDIUM-TERM PLAN TANTO BUSINESS OSAKA ACTION NEXT 'TANTO BUSINESS OSAKA NEXT' ~ TOWARDS AND BEYOND EXPO 2025

As a three-year medium-term plan, OCCI will work to strengthen the growth potential of Osaka through support for SMEs to advance into growth areas and to develop the business environment. With an eye toward EXPO2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN, OCCI will address pressing issues such as measures for COVID-19 and the improvement of productivity while promoting businesses in growth areas. In addition, OCCI will work to strengthen the foundations of the organization. 'Towards and Beyond EXPO2025'

<Business Development and Building of Momentum Towards EXPO2025>

Towards "EXPO2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN" and with an eye to the growth of Kansai and Osaka after 2025, OCCI will support SMEs' entry into growth areas such as wellness, increase of the attraction of urban centers and innovation. Also, OCCI will cooperate with the Japan Association for the 2025 World

Exposition, the government and municipalities to make organization-wide efforts including the building of momentum for the event.

<Open Innovation Promotion Project>

- Promotion of start-up support

OCCI will hold a pitch event to select domestic start-ups with the motivation to expand business overseas, and recommend selected companies to attend the “Global Innovation Forum 2020” that start-ups from Europe and the US as well as Asia will attend. In addition, OCCI will hold events for start-ups in cooperation with Xport and organizations to support start-ups, and work to facilitate the use of partner funds (The Senshu Ikeda Bank, Ltd.: Kansai Innovation Network Investment Limited Partnership).

- Exchanges with innovation creation regions

To help promising start-ups in Japan expand business overseas, OCCI will cooperate with JETRO and others to hold a pitch event in Silicon Valley to match foreign investors and business partners while holding the “Global Innovation Forum 2020” in Osaka to provide opportunities for sales pitches, business negotiations and demonstrations. OCCI will invite start-ups from Japan and over 10 countries to the “Global Innovation Forum 2020” to foster mutual exchange.

<Project to Secure Manpower>

- Support for the hiring of foreign workers

In hiring foreign workers (Specified Skilled Workers and others), OCCI will create a homepage that summarizes related information in addition to seminars that provide information on the system, advanced cases and supporting organizations. Together with the government and municipalities, OCCI will hold job interviews to hire foreign students, consider the necessary measures based on the understanding of the intentions of companies concerning the hiring of foreign workers and submit opinions and requests to the government and municipalities.

Furthermore, in cooperation with organizations to develop human resources in the

ASEAN region, OCCI will support the matching of highly-skilled professionals in the region with companies in Osaka.

<Business Expansion>

- Promotion of Osaka and attraction of foreign capital

At the Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC), OCCI will further promote cooperation with the government's measures to facilitate investments in Japan and with JETRO offices at home and abroad to support foreign companies' advance into Osaka. OCCI will prepare materials such as a list of Japanese companies hoping to establish a joint venture with foreign companies to stimulate the motivation of foreign companies to expand business in Osaka, and implement promotional activities at home and abroad.

- Support for globalization

OCCI will support the sale and import/export of SMEs by arranging or accepting overseas site visits and the holding of seminars. To help SMEs expand business overseas, OCCI will provide a consultation service on how to prepare the required documents in order to promote the use of the self-certification system provided by the Agreement between the European Union and Japan for an Economic Partnership or TPP11 while issuing trade certificates and certificates of origin. In addition, OCCI will start a service to prepare origin certification documents and others.

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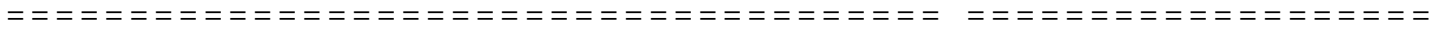


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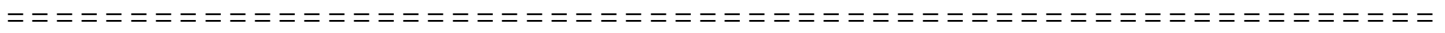
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