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1. WORLD EXPO 2025 UPDATES

[MOUs Signed in Connection with Expo 2025]

Following the signing with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council

on April 17, we have concluded MOUs/MOAs with the following

organizations:

May 20: Rome Chamber of Commerce and Industry

May 21: Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

June 12: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cote d'Ivoire

June 18: MIDAS (Manchester's Inward Investment Agency)

June 19: Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotion Authority (UFZEPa)

June 26: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Tajikistan

[International Seminars and Events in June]

June 16: Uruguay Business Seminar

June 19: Germany NRW Japan Seminar

June 23: Serbia Investment Conference

June 24: Hamburg, Germany Seminar

["KUUZO~Expo? More like Eatspo!"]

OCCI is showcasing Osaka many, many,

oh-so-many dining options on Instagram during EXPO.

Whet your appetite at the OCCI Instagram account, and give us a follow while you're there!

https://www.instagram.com/osaka_cci/

[Tickets for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai]

Firstly, you need to register yourself to Expo2025 website and get your Expo ID.

You can buy the ticket, reserve your entry date, and enjoy various services with EXPO ID Admission tickets.

You can purchase them with a smartphone or PC.

In addition to the ticket, you need to reserve the entry date in advance.

[Click here to purchase admission tickets]

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/tickets-index/>

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2. MULTIPLE FASCINATING EVENTS AS PART OF THE OCCT'S LIFE SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

Drug Seeds Alliance Network Japan

The Drug Seeds Alliance Network Japan (DSANJ) is a program that matches universities, research institutions, and startups in Japan and worldwide with pharmaceutical companies looking to invest in new drug discovery seeds and base technologies. DSANJ acts as a go-between, helping participants pursue joint research and technology transfer deals so that high-potential research breakthroughs don't go to waste. The program is open to participants from around the world; if you're interested in taking your research discoveries to the next stage, contact us today!

Find out more about DSANJ (in Japanese) at <https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/dsanj/about/>

Medical Device Forum

The Medical Device Forum (MDF) is a platform aimed at helping medical device developers create products and parlay them into viable businesses. MDF enables you to hear directly from medical professionals and researchers about the industry's needs, and offers opportunities for networking with medical device companies nationwide. It is the ideal way for globally-minded companies, researchers, etc., in the medical device segment

to keep a finger in the industry's pulse.

Find out more about MDF (in Japanese) at <https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/mdf/>

Check Out the Final Round of the Global Pitch Showdown - Come and Hear from Eight of the World's Most Exciting Startups Right Here in Osaka

The final round of the MedTech Actuator global pitch competition is here at last. Brought to you by the OCCI and MedTech Actuator, "MedTech Actuator Osaka 2025 Global Pitch Final" will be held at Grand Cube Osaka on September 16, 2025. Eight contestants from Japan and seven other countries will vie to win five million yen (the OCCI Chairperson's Award) and a chance to attend the Global Navigator program in Melbourne.

Organizers are expecting a crowd of around 200 people, including those from Japanese and overseas government agencies, major corporations from throughout Japan and around the world, as well as investors and key opinion leaders.

The MedTech Actuator Osaka 2025 Global Pitch event is just one example of the OCCI's ongoing efforts to bring new momentum to the life science business. There is a lot happening in this space, so stay tuned!

Find out more at the MedTech Actuator website: medtechactuator.com

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3. NEWS FROM THE OSAKA ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Overseas visitors are coming to Osaka in greater numbers than ever before. According to the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau, 1.54 million overseas visitors came to Osaka in April 2025 - a single-month record.

Tourists from South Korea and China were particularly prevalent; in fact, more people from those two countries came to Osaka in April than went to Tokyo.

Osaka “Milky Way on the Water” Light Show

At 7 p.m. on the 7th day of the 7th month, the Okawa River in central Osaka will be transformed into a virtual “Milky Way on the Water”. Come down to the riverside between Tenmabashi and Tenjinbashi (incl. Hachikenyahama) to see Osaka at its most beautiful in a wonderfully ethereal light display.

Find out more (in Japanese) at <https://osaka-amanogawa.com/>

Tenjin Festival

Mark July 24 and 25 on your calendar, because the Tenjin Festival - Osaka’s famous summer celebration - is almost here.

One of Japan's "Big Three" festival events, the Tenjin Festival incorporates a broad area of the central city, including Osaka Tenmangu shrine, Okawa River, and Sakuranomiya Park. The highlight of the festival is surely the river procession, in which portable shrines parade up and down the Okawa River on boats. The event culminates in a massive fireworks display. The Tenjin Festival is not just part of summer tradition in Osaka, it is also a genuine not-to-be-missed spectacle.

Check out the website (in Japanese) at: <https://osakatemmangu.or.jp/saijireki/tjm>

O-BIC is a one-stop service center established by the Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City, and the OCCI to support foreign companies, etc., in their efforts to invest in Osaka. Services include assistance with set-up costs, referral of experts, and advisory services.

If you are interested in investing in Osaka, O-BIC is your first port of call. For more on O-BIC and how it can help your business invest in Osaka, check out the official website at

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

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4. COURTESY VISIT (1ST JUNE-31ST JUNE)

(Chairman, Confederation of Asia- Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry) 2nd June

- Mr. Peter McMullin

(Chairman, ASEAN Business Advisory Council)3rd June

- Mr. Nazir Razak

(Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie, and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women)25th June

- Ms. Martine Biron

(Luncheons and Dinners, etc.)

Please note that due to space limitations, only National Day-related and country/region-hosted events are listed.

June 7: Philippine National Day Dinner

June 12: Finland National Day Luncheon

June 14: Ireland National Day Luncheon

June 27: Republic of Tajikistan National Day Dinner

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And finally, some Osaka trivia: Quiz question: How many female governors of Osaka

Pre-fecture and mayors of Osaka City have there been?

Governors: 1, Fusae Ota (2000-2008); mayors: 0

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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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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/osaka-o-bic-2025/recent-activity/all/>



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