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1. WORLD EXPO 2025 UPDATES

Six months have passed since the opening of Expo 2025, and visitor attendance has surpassed 17,000,000, highlighting the event's growing momentum.

[MOUs Signed in Connection with Expo 2025]

We have concluded MOUs/MOAs with the following organizations in August:

August 19 Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Togo

August 19 Heilongjiang Provincial Sub-Council of China Council for the

Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)

August 28 Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Benin

August 29 Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Moldova

[International Seminars and Events in August]

August 1	Mali Business Forum
August 7	ASEAN Business Forum
August 18	Tunisia Business Day
August 20	Startup Island Taiwan Event
August 28	Investment Seminar on Basilicata Region, Italy
August 28	Benin Business Forum
August 29	Moldova/Romania Business Seminar

[The Reborn Challenges @ Osaka Healthcare Pavilion]

One of the main attractions of the 2025 World Expo is the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion, which is hosting a variety of Osaka-based tech-developer startups and SMEs as part of its Reborn Challenges project. With a different theme each week for 26 weeks, the exhibitions showcase new technologies and exciting news from these rising stars.

Where: 1st floor of the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion at the Expo 2025 venue on Maishima Island, Osaka

[Sustainable Future Co-Creation in the Textile and Fashion Industry]

When: September 23-29, 2025

What: A forum for interaction among Osaka's SMEs to harness the long-established spirit of cooperation among

Osaka's textile and fashion industries and strive together-including with those from other industries-to

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create something new through “rebirth” in keeping with the expo’s core theme.

[Osaka’s Local Factories Are Here to Help You Overcome Day-to-day Challenges]

When: October 7-13, 2025

What: Come and see the broad array of products and prototypes that Osaka’s local

factories have come up with as solutions to a variety of everyday niggles (received in response to a call for suggestions) in wide range of areas, including SDGs and lifestyle.

Check out the Reborn Challenges at the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion website:

<https://2025osaka-pavilion.jp/en/reborn-challenge/>

[Business Matchmaking System for EXPO2025]

Only for EXPO2025 Official Participants

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry operates a business-matching platform called BM for EXPO 2025, which enables overseas pavilions and Japanese companies to connect and explore business opportunities during Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai.

We encourage all overseas pavilions to take advantage of this platform. If you know anyone involved with an overseas pavilion, please kindly introduce this service to them as well. For more details, please see the flyer below.

U R L : <https://dsync.extremeserv.net/s/yPnTazsK2Zon9Y7>

Password : q&Q348065917

Valid until : October 20,2025

[“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. PLANNED OVERSEAS MISSIONS BY OCCI

[OCCI, O-BIC Strengthen Ties with Manchester Through Agreements, Visits]

The OCCI has entered into a partnership agreement with MIDAS, the business and investment promotion agency of Manchester in the UK, with a view to further parlaying the two cities' friendly relations into greater business interaction. Meanwhile, Osaka City is planning a delegation to Manchester, its partner city in the UK, between September 3 and 5, 2025. As with last year, the delegation will include the executive director of the Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC), who will spread the word about Osaka as an ideal investment destination for UK businesses.

[O-BIC to Exhibit at CFIT, China's Premier Trade Show]

The OCCI and O-BIC will team up with the Osaka Fujian Association for the third consecutive year to exhibit at the China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CFIT) from September 8 to 11, 2025. CFIT is a world-class trade show hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce.

The exhibition is sure to be as fascinating as always, definitely rewards a visit if you're in the area.

Find out more at the CFIT website: <https://www.chinafair.org.cn/CifitSystem/index/#/>

[OCCI to Send Delegation to Melbourne]

The OCCI's Information and Communication Trade Council (chairperson: Koji Nemoto, senior vice president of NTT DoCoMo and executive general manager of its Kansai Regional Office) and the Digital Transformation Promotion Committee (chairperson: Mitsuyoshi Kobayashi, advisor to the board of NTT West) are planning to lead an ICT Business Study Tour of Australia.

Destinations include Sydney and Melbourne, home to Google, Amazon, and other tech companies, where participants will meet with leading local companies, government agencies involved in support for the uptake of ICT, and universities.

Find out more (in Japanese) at:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202506/D22250616022.html>

[OCCI International Division Organizes Study Tour of Bangladesh]

The OCCI has teamed up with JETRO Osaka to send a study delegation to Bangladesh, one of the world's fastest-growing markets and manufacturing locations. Interest in Bangladesh is growing, especially for its highly skilled workers with excellent IT literacy and language capabilities.

Between November 9 and 14, 2025, the delegation will visit the capital, Dhaka, to learn all

about about Bangladesh's rich human resources, educational environment, and attractiveness as a manufacturing base, and to find out all the latest about the Bangladesh as a market.

Find out more (in Japanese) at:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202508/D11250812015.html>

[OCCI's Industry Committee to Take Members to Exhibit at Trade Shows in India]

Between November 24 and 29, 2025, the OCCI will take a group of members to India to participate in ICONN Summit, a startup exhibition, and the Green Building Congress, an environment-related trade show.

These events are invariably fun and informative, and definitely reward a visit if you're in the area.

Find out more (in Japanese) at:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202507/D22250709014.html>

[OCCI to Take Members to Exhibit at CES]

The OCCI will lead a team of Japanese businesses to exhibit in the Japan Tech pavilion at the Consumer Electronics Show, one of the world's largest trade shows, in Las Vegas from January 6 to 9, 2026. CES is the best show in town, so be sure to drop by!

Find out more (in Japanese) at:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202508/D11250804027.html>

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3. NEWS FROM THE OSAKA ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

Survey Reveals SME Concerns About Impact of US Tariffs

The OCCI conducted an urgent survey of 1,479 SMEs in Osaka regarding the US's tariffs. The survey was conducted on July 29-30, 2025, and received 246 responses. Some 11.4% of respondents said that they had already been affected by the tariffs, up eight points from the previous survey, which was conducted in April 2025. More than 55% of respondents said may be affected in the future. When asked about the specific impacts they expect to bear (multiple choice question), 58.1% said economic and trade stagnation in Japan and worldwide, and 50% said a downturn in orders due to a decline in exports to the US by client companies.

Details about the are available (in Japanese) at:

https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/Chousa_Kenkyuu_Iken/press/

[Tech Osaka Summit 2025]

On September 16 and 17, 2025, startups from throughout Japan and around the world will gather at the Knowledge Capital Convention Center on floor B2 of the North Building of Grand Front Osaka for Tech Osaka Summit 2025 to meet and interact with companies and investors seeking new business and investment opportunities. Sign up for general attendance at:

<https://www.innovation-osaka.jp/tech-osaka-summit/en/>

[Global Startup Expo 2025]

Global Startup Expo (GSE) 2025 is an international conference held to coincide with the World Expo. GSE matches outstanding deep-tech startups from around the world not just with investors, but also with universities, research institutions, and businesses looking for co-creation opportunities, as well as startup support organizations. The aim of GSE is to find solutions to global issues through innovation.

What: Global Startup Expo 2025

When: September 17 & 18, 2025

Where: Wasse, the World Expo exhibition center

There's also an exciting side event in the works, where O-BIC will host a booth on September 18. Come and check it out! Details here:

<https://osaka-startup.com/global-startup-crossroads-osaka/en/>

[Open Pitch Session at U-Start Up Kansai 2025]

The OCCI is teaming up with the Kansai Innovation Initiative to hold U-Start Up Kansai 2025, an event aimed at encouraging university startups, business expansion through industry-academia collaboration, and expansion into Japanese and world markets.

Find out more at:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202504/D22250417049.html>

(Osaka International Business Meetup)

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202508/D11250825015.html>

[The program includes an open pitch (in Japanese only) on September 19, 2025.]

When: 13:00-17:00 September 19, 2025 (TBC)

Where: Live at Inogate Osaka and online via Zoom

*Agenda: Overview of the event's purpose; 5-minute pitch and 4-minute Q&A for each

presenter; judging committee deliberation; awards.*Businesses and supporting organizations will also be in

attendance to meet with presenters and explore the possibility of collaborating with them.For more information,

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4. COURTESY VISIT (1ST AUGUST-31ST AUGUST)>

(REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, 29TH JULY)

-Mr. Mihail Birliba, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Moldova

-H.E. Ms. Doina Nistor, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Digitalization

(Luncheons, Dinners, and Related Events)

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

- August 1: National Day of the Central African Republic
- August 8: ASEAN Special Day
- August 14: National Day of Pakistan
- August 15: National Day of India
- August 18: National Day of Thailand
- August 23: Blue Africa Night
- August 24: National Day of Singapore
- August 29: National Day of Benin
- August 31: National Day of Moldova

And finally, it's almost rice-harvesting season, to here's a serving of rice-related Osaka trivia.

Quiz question: Among Japan's 47 prefectures, where does Osaka rank in terms of rice production?

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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>

[linkedin]

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



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