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1. WORLD EXPO 2025 UPDATES

[MOUs Signed in Connection with Expo 2025]

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

Sept 4: Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce - MOU

Sept 6: Panama Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture - MOU

Sept 24: Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce - MOU

[International Seminars and Events in September]

Sept 4: Seminar with Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce - Exchange on business opportunities.

Sept 4: Korea Importers Association - Business matching meeting.

Sept 9: Vietnam-Kansai Business Forum - Forum for promoting Japan-Vietnam business collaboration.

Sept 10: U.S. Midwest Seminar - Business and trade updates for Kansai companies.

Sept 10: Hong Kong Manufacturing Companies Seminar -Introduction to Hong Kong manufacturing sector.

Sept 17: Greater San Antonio Business Seminar

Sept 23: Japan-China Economic & Business Exchange Meeting -Strengthening bilateral business ties.

Sept 26: Melbourne City Business Forum - Forum with Melbourne city officials and local companies.

[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

[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/

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2. NEWS FROM O-BIC

O-BIC, OCCI Lead Business Delegation to Manchester, UKThe Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC), an organization run in part by the OCCI, accompanied Osaka Mayor Hideyuki Yokoyama to Manchester from September 2 to 7, 2025, as part of a delegation to promote Osaka and attract investment. The delegation follows the signing of a partnership agreement by the OCCI and the Manchester Investment Development Agency Service (MIDAS) in June 2025 when a group led by the Mayor of Greater Manchester visited Osaka to coincide with the World Expo.

As part of the Osaka delegation to Manchester, Takayoshi Negoro, executive director of O-BIC and director of the OCCI's International Division, visited MIDAS and the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, where he outlined how O-BIC works to help overseas businesses set up in Osaka, and gave a rundown on the Osaka economy and major projects including the World Expo currently underway.

Moving forward, O-BIC is aiming to parlay these initial visits into more concrete initiatives, such as matching Manchester companies with Osaka businesses looking to expand overseas.

O-BIC Exhibits at CIFIT, China's Premier Trade Show

O-BIC helped spread the word about Osaka between September 8 and 11, 2025, at the China International Fair for Investment & Trade, a world-class exhibition hosted by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce. The exhibition attracted some 80,000 people from throughout China and around the world, and featured PR booths for national

and regional organizations, as well as spaces for companies to meet and talk business.

In addition to organizing an Osaka booth at the fair, O-BIC also made a presentation about Osaka.

O-BIC Exhibits at Kidou Global Conference, Part of the Global Startup Expo

O-BIC had a booth at the Kidou Global Conference, which was held on September 18, 2025, as part of the Global Startup Expo. The conference attracted a variety of startups from throughout Japan and around the world interested in AI, IoT, Web3, and other areas of digital technology.

O-BIC worked hard to spread the word among investment-minded overseas startups about what makes Osaka a great place to do business.

Online Inspection Tour of Namba Parks Pop-Up Zone

On November 20, 2025, O-BIC will hold an online inspection “tour” of the Namba Parks Pop-Up Zone to drum up interest in exhibiting there.

What: Online inspection “tour” of Namba Parks Pop-Up Zone

When: 15:00-16:00, November 20, 2025

Where: Online (Zoom webinar)

Featured: Namba Parks (<https://nambaparks.com/>)

Organizer: O-BIC

This is sure to be a popular event, so sign up now to avoid disappointment!

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3. NEWS FROM THE LIFE SCIENCE GROUP

OCCI, Medtech Actuator Co-host Medtech Global Pitch Showdown

The OCCI teamed up with Medtech Actuator (<https://medtechactuator.com/>), a medical technology and healthcare startup accelerator from Melbourne, Australia, to host the Medtech Global Pitch Showdown on September 16, 2025. The event brought together outstanding startups from Japan and six other countries to showcase their latest technologies and ideas. OCCI Chairperson Shingo Torii and Vice-chair Gyo Sagara spoke at the event, which attracted an audience of around 300.

Given Osaka's proven strengths in life science business, the OCCI remains devoted to promoting that field, including by pursuing tie-ups with relevant organizations in Japan and worldwide.

17th DSANJ Bio Conference 2025

The 17th DSANJ Bio Conference 2025, a program aimed at matching state-of-the-art research with pharmaceutical companies and venture capital, is coming soon. The OCCI (via the DSANJ Admin Office) has

put out a call for submissions, and universities, research institutions, and startups are invited to submit research outcomes for consideration for the conference.

The DSANJ Bio Conference arranges 40-minute one-on-one Zoom Meetings between research entities and pharmaceutical companies and venture capital to explore the possibility of partnering on joint research.

Applications to participate in DSANJ Bio Conference 2025 opened on September 25, 2025, and close on November 6, 2025. Find out more about the 17th DSANJ Bio Conference 2025 at <https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/dsanj/en/>

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4. BUSINESS MATCHING SITE FOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FEATURED AT WORLD EXPO 2025

The Business Matching Site for Products and Services Featured at World Expo 2025 is operated by the OCCI as a way of helping participating nations find and link up with businesses interested in pursuing business opportunities—it's free and requires no sign-up! If you think that a product or service featured at the Expo might be a good fit for your business, this is an excellent way to connect with the right people.

The Business Matching Site for Products and Services Featured at World Expo 2025 Offers:

(1) A wide variety of products and services offered by official Expo participants from around the world.

Items listed on the site are those which were exhibited or offered for sale at the Expo venue, as well as reusable equipment and fittings used at the Expo venue. A broad range of items are available, including food, fashions, accessories, arts and crafts, and much more.

Number of countries whose products and services are represented on the site (as of Sep. 12, 2025): 17 countries

(2) One-on-one meetings with official Expo participant countries.

Cut out the middle-man and apply directly to the pertinent staff representing the relevant country and get down to business regarding listed products and services.

If you need peripheral assistance, such as interpreting or shipping, the site lets you contact support service providers, too. Find and pursue new business opportunities with peace of mind!

Find out more and book your one-on-one meetings at:

<https://www.b-mall.ne.jp/bmexpo2025/sell/>

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5. COURTESY VISIT (1ST SEPTEMBER-30TH SEPTEMBER)>

(Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Group, 4th September)

-Mr. Paul Britton, Chief Executive, Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Group

(Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture of Panama 6th September)

-Mr. Juan Alberto Arias Strunz, Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture of Panama

(Governor of Vsterbotten County, Sweden 8th September)

- Ms. Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Governor of Vasterbotten County, Sweden

(China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) 12th September)

- Mr. Li Fenqian, Vice Chairman, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade

(Val-d' Oise Chamber of Commerce and Industry 16th September)

- Mr. Pierre Cuciurei, President, Val-d'Oise Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(Deputy Minister for International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Kingdom of the Netherlands 22nd September)

- Mr. Michiel Sweers, Vice Minister for Foreign Trade Director General, Foreign Economic Relations
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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And finally, some Osaka trivia. The Hanshin Tigers have just won the Central League pennant, so here is a
baseball question: Osaka has two local teams in the NPB, the Hanshin Tigers and the Orix Buffaloes. But
there is one current team based in another part of Japan that was originally located in Osaka. Which team is it?

The Softbank Hawks were originally the Nankai Hawks, owned by Nankai Electric Railway and with their home ground in Namba (the site now occupied by Namba Parks).

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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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