



[CONTENTS, NOVEMBER, 2025]

1. WORLD EXPO COMES TO AN END

2. NEWS FROM O-BIC

3. 17TH DSANJ BIO CONFERENCE 2025

4. NEWS FROM THE OSAKA & KANSAI ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

5. COURTESY VISIT (1ST OCTOBER-31ST OCTOBER)

E-MAIL MAGAZINE

Issue 207 [November,2025]

OCCI e-Magazine

<Back number available at <http://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/e/emagazine/>>

1. WORLD EXPO COMES TO AN END

After 184 days of fun, excitement, and fascination, Expo 2025 Osaka,

Kansai, Japan reached its closing ceremony on October 13. The second World Expo to be held in Osaka (after 1970), this year's edition featured some 158 countries and regions and seven international organizations, and attracted more than 25 million visits.

During that period, we at the OCCI fielded no less than 518 requests from various global governments and institutions looking to parlay their participation in the expo into new developments. We also entered into 20 MOAs/MOUs with international organizations that came to Osaka; helped a variety of people and organizations hold more than 300 seminars and meeting-and-matching events; hosted some 100 courtesy calls and briefings; lent support to some 432 SMEs via the Reborn Challenges at the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion; and facilitated 31 expo-related business orders via our online business matching platform. In addition to those activities, we strove to harness the expo's potential to spark international exchange in a broad range of ways, including the All

Osaka's a Stage initiative to spread the word about what makes Osaka a great place to visit and do business, as well as the themed weeks project carried out by the World Economic Forum's Global Shapers Community Osaka Hub.

The conclusion of World Expo 2025 has not dimmed our determination, and we look forward to providing comprehensive support for business exchanges and other activities to fully harness the opportunities generated by the event, and to ensure that its legacy is long and positive.

=====

2. NEWS FROM O-BIC

[U-KNOCK 2025 in Osaka x GIF Osaka Collab Showcases 15 of Korea's Leading Content-industry Startups]

The OCCI teamed up with the Korea Creative Content Agency (KOCCA), a government agency, to hold U-KNOCK 2025 in Osaka x GIF Osaka, on October 29 and 30, 2025. The combined event provided a platform for the Korean startups to pitch to interested audiences, and facilitated matching and meeting between with Japanese companies.

Korean content is quickly gaining audiences worldwide on YouTube, Netflix, and the like, and reps from the Japanese companies participating in this event predicted that any resulting tie-ups would have a positive effect on the Japanese content industry.

[Kaimasse: The Trade Show Where Buyers Discover the Next Hit Products and Vendors Forge New Sales

Channels]

This year sees the 29th edition of Kaimasse, the OCCI's "reverse- style" business matching event, at MyDome Osaka on November 14, 2025. At Kaimasse, supermarkets, department stores, and other major distributors set up "buyer booths" where small-scale manufacturers and wholesalers can pitch their products directly. This year, a record number of approximately 300 buyers from 85 companies have signed up to attend. Kaimasse is a golden opportunity to meet directly with buyers, so don't miss out!

When: 10:00 to 17:00 on November 14, 2025.

Opening ceremony 09:30 to 09:50; lunch break 13:00 to 14:00; last entry 16:30.

Where: MyDome Osaka (2-5 Honmachibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka)

Foreign-language assistance: N/A

Check out the official webpage (in Japanese) at: <https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/uresuji/>

=====

3. 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/>

=====

4. NEWS FROM THE OSAKA & KANSAI ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

[APIR Releases Kansai Economic Outlook 2025]

The Asia Pacific Institute of Research (APIR) released its Kansai Economic Outlook 2025 on October 2, 2025. Regarding the long-term outlook for labor supply and demand in the Kansai region, the institute estimates that, by the time the integrated resort (which includes a casino) planned for Osaka opens in 2030, there will be a shortage of 330,000 workers in the accommodation and food service industries. Conversely, the institute hopes that, as Japan’s first integrated resort, the facility will serve to add momentum to the Kansai economy. Construction is already underway on Yumeshima, the reclaimed island in Osaka Bay that recently hosted the World Expo. Under current plans, the resort will open in the autumn of 2030. Meanwhile, the institute is forecasting Kansai’s (i.e., Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama, and Shiga) gross regional product (GRP) will grow 0.3% in FY2025. This is slightly lower than the forecast growth rate of GDP for Japan as a whole (0.4%). The Kansai economy has traditionally been upheld by the manufacturing sector, including electrical devices and electronic components. However, the rise of inbound tourism and other local-consumption activity is causing the center of gravity to shift toward non-manufacturing sectors.

Read the APIR's Kansai Economic Outlook 2025 at apir.or.jp/en/

[Kansai Culture Days]

This year's Kansai Culture Days fall on November 15 and 16. Art galleries, museums, and similar institutions around the Kansai region will waive their admission fees and open their doors for free as a means of giving people an easy way to see and experience Kansai's vast wealth of art and culture.

Naturally, the OCCI's Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation is participating, so take advantage of this golden opportunity to come and see what's on display - for free!

Find out more about Kansai Culture Days (in Japanese) at

<https://www.the-kansai-guide.com/ja/kansaibunkanohi/>

Read all about the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation at

<https://www.kigyoka.jp/e/index.html>

[Matching Worker-hungry Businesses with Schools that Have Work-Eligible International Students]

The OCCI will hold an event to match companies interested in hiring international students with schools who have eligible students. The event comes amid an increase in businesses hiring foreign students in recent years, either as part of efforts to globalize their operations

or boost diversity, or simply to find and retain talented workers. A total of 12 universities and vocational schools will be present at the event, and attending companies can book 15-minute meetings with those who have students eligible for employment in the pertinent industry. (NB: Advance bookings required)

Find out more at <https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202506/D27250623018.html>

=====

5. COURTESY VISIT (1ST OCTOBER-31ST OCTOBER)

(Government of Uganda, 7th October)

-Mr. Hon. Gen. Wilson Mbasu MBADI, Minister of State for Trade, Ministry of Trade,
Industry and Cooperatives

(Luxembourg Confederation of Commerce 9th October)

-Mr. ERNSTER Fernand, president of the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce

=====

And finally, some Osaka trivia. Did you know that Osaka has an official “prefectural tree”?

Well, every prefecture in Japan has an official tree...

Osaka’s is the ginkgo. Perhaps the most famous presentation of this is the long row of ginkgo trees lining Midosuji. In the autumn,

it’s common to see people collecting the fallen fruit (“ginnan”).

=====

[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/>



Chief Editor :NEGORO Takayoshi(Mr.), Director of International Division, OCCI

Mailed by : Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, International Division

Address : 2-8 Hommachi-bashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Japan 540-0029

Tel : +81-(0)6-6944-6400

Fax : +81-(0)6-6944-6293

Contact Persons :SHIMIZU Ryosuke(Mr.),TAKEDA Yohei (Mr.)

Back Numbers of OCCI e-Magazine:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/e/emagazine/>



* Please contact us by email (intl@osaka.cci.or.jp)

to inform us of your change of e-mail address, or of your wishes not to receive OCCI e-Magazine.