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1. OCCI TO SHOWCASE LOCAL HEALTHCARE BUSINESSES AT WHX OSAKA

The OCCI will host a booth within the Osaka Pavilion at WHX Osaka, an international medical and healthcare trade fair, at INTEX Osaka on July 2-4, 2026. The event, which the OCCI is assisting in a special partner role, showcases Japan's cutting-edge medical technologies and services to the world. This year, organizers have attracted participants from a broad range of countries, companies, and organizations, covering everything from medical devices to regenerative medicine, pharmaceuticals, and digital health. The Osaka Pavilion is a joint Osaka

industry-academia-government initiative aimed at shedding a global spotlight on the huge potential of Osaka's life sciences.

Side events are also being organized to coincide with WHX Osaka, including HealthX Connect Osaka 2026, which aims to match up foreign enterprises in town for the event with government agencies and support organizations. WHX Osaka is a must-see event, and we hope to see you at the OCCI booth.

Find out more about WHX Osaka at

<https://www.worldhealthexpo.com/events/healthcare/japan/>

Details on HealthX Connect Osaka 2026 are available at

<https://www.b2match.com/e/healthx-connect-osaka-2026>

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2. FREE ENTRY TO THE ENTREPRENEURIAL MUSEUM OF CHALLENGE AND INNOVATION

The Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation is celebrating its 25th anniversary by offering free entry to visitors on June 4-6, 2026. Since 2001, the museum has showcased the history and entrepreneurial spirit of 108 prominent figures of the Osaka economy since the 1800s, including Tomoatsu Godai, Konosuke Matsushita, and Momofuku Ando. There is much to see, including historical artifacts, information display panels, and more.

The museum is a popular venue for learning about Osaka's history and entrepreneurial spirit, and as such it is a

common stop for overseas business inspection tour groups. Guided tours are available by advance reservation for groups of 10 or more, and audio commentary devices are provided for free in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.

Find out more about the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation at

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

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3. O-BIC FIGURES REVEAL TREND OF FOREIGN BUSINESSES USING OSAKA AS A GATEWAY TO THE REST OF JAPAN

Figures published by the Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) reveal that O-BIC successfully attracted 33 new foreign companies to Osaka in FY2025. In addition to the momentum created by the 2025 World Expo, the center believes that there is a trend of overseas companies setting up offices in Osaka as a foothold for efforts to forge a presence in Japanese markets.

The largest number of investments came from China (incl. Hong Kong) with 11, followed by 6 from the Republic of Korea, 3 each from the USA and Canada, 2 from Taiwan, and 1 each from India, Indonesia, Singapore, Sweden, Spain, Bulgaria, UAE and UAE/India. Asia accounted for approximately 67% of the total, but there was a succession of entries from new places such as Sweden, Spain, and Bulgaria.

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. OCCI EMERGING MARKET BUSINESS STUDY GROUP

The Emerging Market Business Study Group established by the OCCI’s International Division in February 2025 recently added workshops to focus on specific regions of high corporate interest such as Southwest Asia (e.g., India) and Africa. Most recently, the group held a seminar in February covering regulatory considerations for Japanese companies expanding into India, specifically regarding legal affairs and intellectual property, as well as Africa business study sessions in March and April.

The group, which is aimed at supporting Japanese companies' business in emerging markets, including the Middle East and Latin America, has a range of events scheduled, so be sure to attend and keep informed on a variety of topics.

[June Event Schedule]

- Southwest Asia Workshop:
- 2nd India Business Expansion Study Session (Manufacturing)
 - 2nd India Business Expansion Study Session (Sales Channels)

The study sessions will feature expert speakers organized by JETRO.

Africa Workshop:

-Africa Business Study Session

The featured speaker will be Yasushi Misawa, former Japanese Ambassador to Tanzania and current Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the Kansai region.

Find out more and book your spot at

https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/gsec_bsg/

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5. COURTESY VISIT (MAY 1 - 31)

(Chair of International Affairs Committee, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, May 22)

- Dr. Vijay Mehta

(President, Daegu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), May 28)

- Ms. PARK Yoonkyeong

(Consul General, Consulate General of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Osaka, May 29)

- Mr. Nguyen Truong Son

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And finally, some Osaka trivia.

Q. Which mountain has the highest peak in Osaka Prefecture?

1. Mt. Shigi
2. Mt. Yamato Katsuragi
3. Tempozan

A. Mt. Yamato Katsuragi, which is part of the Katsuragi ranges. The 2nd and 3rd highest peaks are also from the Katsuragi ranges. Mt. Shigi is in Nara, not Osaka, and Tempozan claims to be the *smallest* mountain, not just in the Osaka but in the whole world.

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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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