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1. JULY 16! OSAKA ONLINE TOUR BY O-BIC & NAKANOSHIMA CROSS

The Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) is set to host the Osaka Online Tour, a showcase of Osaka's life sciences industry for international businesses and organizations.

The tour will take in Nakanoshima Qross, which contains a brand-new startup incubation facility that opened on May 28, 2026, and provide an overview of Osaka’s life sciences landscape. “Destinations” include Y-

FiT (Yanai Facility for my iPS Cell Therapy), which is the forefront of efforts to find medical applications for iPS cells, and O-Nexus (Osaka Life Science Nexus), a handy base for foreign companies entering the sector.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn about Osaka's wealth of leading-edge technologies and related

facilities.

When: 15:00-16:00, July 16, 2026 (JST)

Where: Online (Zoom)

Languages: Presentations will be made in Japanese with simultaneous interpreting in English

Fee: Free

Details & sign-up:

https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/b/pdf26/20260716_Osaka_Online_Tour.pdf



Osaka Online Tour

Osaka, Japan
- Life Science Innovation Hub
Awaits You !!!

2026 Thu
07/16
3:00-4:00 PM

O-BIC Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) Organization of Future Medicine

Date: July 16, 2026
3:00PM-4:00PM JST
Format: ZOOM Webinar
Language: Simultaneous Interpretation (Japanese & English)
Fee: FREE
Organizer: Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC)
Co-organizer: Organization of Future Medicine

Highlights

- ✓ This online tour introduces you to three world-class innovation facilities in Osaka
- ✓ Perfect for companies, researchers, and investors interested in:
 - Expanding into Osaka
 - Finding business partners in life sciences
 - Discovering Japan's cutting-edge research facilities
 - Collaborating across Asia's innovation ecosystem

Schedule

3:00-3:05	Opening Remarks & Overview
3:05-3:10	Introduction to Osaka Life Sciences
3:10-3:20	Nakanoshima Qross: Introduction
3:20-3:35	Y-FIT (by CIRAF Foundation): Introduction & Online Tour
3:35-3:50	O-Nexus (by CIC Innovation Campus): Introduction & Online Tour
3:50-4:00	Closing

Pioneering a Medical Future
Nakanoshima Qross aims to build a "regenerative medicine promotion ecosystem" and a "startup ecosystem" to promote the commercialization of research and development.

Regenerative Medicine
Y-FIT is a research facility dedicated to making autologous IPS cell-based transplant therapy accessible worldwide. Don't miss out world-leading automated IPS cell manufacturing technology!

Serendipity Sparks Innovation
O-Nexus is a shared office hub where life science professional - researchers, startups, companies, and investors - collaborate to develop innovations. As an open innovation space, it connects diverse partners to create breakthrough technologies for society.

Register Here →→→ <https://reg26.smp.ne.jp/register/is7SMPFORM=mat-qgnj/m-834671ab0c407871679fb3f9facbc65c>

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2. O-BIC UPDATE

[July 14! Invest Osaka Webinar: Establishing Your Business in Osaka - Cultural, Legal & Visa Insights]

The Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) is teaming up with IBPC Osaka to hold an online seminar: “Invest Osaka Webinar: Establishing Your Business in Osaka - Cultural, Legal & Visa Insights.” The webinar is a valuable source of up-to-date information for foreign companies and entrepreneurs, covering everything from Osaka’s business environment and challenges and solutions foreign firms may face when setting up in Japan, legal procedures for starting a business, as well as the requirements and application process for the Business Manager visa. Information is supplemented by case studies from companies that have successfully expanded into Japan.



INVEST OSAKA Webinar **FREE**

Establishing Your Business in Osaka - Cultural, Legal & Visa Insights

Details

14th July 16:00 - 17:50 JST

The Osaka City Government will host a webinar for foreign companies and entrepreneurs considering entering and establishing a presence in the Osaka and Kansai markets. The seminar will provide a comprehensive overview of Osaka's business environment, the challenges foreign companies may face when entering the Japanese market and how to address them, as well as the legal procedures required to start a business. It will also cover the requirements and application process for the Business Manager visa. Through case studies of companies that have already established operations in Osaka, participants will gain a wide range of up-to-date and practical insights.

Program

16:00	Osaka's Business Environment
16:10	What Foreign Companies Should Know When Entering Japan and Tips for Market Entry
16:30	How to Build a Business in Japan from Osaka - Insights from Established Companies
16:50	Step-by-step Guide to Business Establishment in Japan
17:10	Business Manager Visa Requirements Feasibility and Alternatives for Doing Business in Japan
17:30	Support Services Offered by Osaka City Government
17:35	Q & A
17:50	Closing

Speakers

	Brian Lim, COO, encognize G.K.
	Andy Chung, CEO, TAKABAMA Limited
	Poom Kerdsang, Senior Associate, Foreign Registered Lawyer, GVA Professional Group

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(Osaka International Business Promotion Center)
Ms. Matsuba, Mr. Pham
TEL: +81-6-6615-7130 Email: event@investosaka.jp

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

When: 16:00-17:50, July 14, 2026 (JST)

Where: Online (Zoom)

Languages: Event will be conducted in English

Details & sign-up: <https://www.investosaka.jp/event/2026/investwebinar2026E.html>

[August 19! Seminar for Foreign Business Proprietors on Expanding Sales Channels]

The OCCI will team up with O-BIC to hold a seminar aimed at helping foreign-born business proprietors and employees expand sales channels. In addition to an overview of the Japanese market and commercial customs, the seminar will go into detail on the skills needed for negotiating with buyers, and offer hints aimed at more successful business talks.

The event will include a lecture on what Japanese buyers want with tips on how to succeed in Japanese markets. Attendees will learn from successful prior case studies. There will be a networking session as well.

When: 15:00-17:00, August 19, 2026

Where: Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 2-8 Honmachibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka City

Entry: Free

Details & sign-up: <https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202605/D40260527015.html>

国内バイヤーとの商談成功へのポイントを解説！

在日外国人経営者のための
販路拡大セミナー

2026 8.19 (Wed) 15:00-17:00

日本国内で事業活動を営む海外出身の経営者や従業員を主な対象に、日本市場の特徴や商習慣などの情報を提供するとともに、バイヤーとの商談スキルなど実践的なノウハウを解説し、販路拡大のための商談成功率向上を促進するセミナーを新たに開催します。
セミナー後には登壇者、参加者間での名刺交換会も実施し、ともに日本市場開拓を進める企業とのネットワーク、コミュニティづくりにもつながる事業です。ぜひご参加ください。
※本セミナーは日本語で実施します。

基調講演 大手小売店でのバイヤー経験を持つ流通の専門家が
今求められる商材や技術、商談におけるポイントを解説！

一般社団法人地域商品共創機構 理事
柳原 勝浩 氏

柳原勝浩 氏 経歴
セールス営業で20年以上、仕入れ・バイヤーとして20年以上、商品企画・営業企画・マーケティングコンサルタン、海外販路開拓コーディネーターとして15年以上の経験を持つ。流通業界を基盤に、専門商社・小売・卸・コンサルティングまで幅広い領域を経験。国内外のバイヤー経験を活かし、商品開発から販路開拓までを一貫して推進。食品・雑貨を問わず商品企画・販売戦略を成功させた実績を持ち、延べ500社以上の企業経営者と伴走的に課題解決を実施する。

先進事例紹介 日本国内で多くのビジネスを手掛ける企業から
これまでの事業から考える日本市場開拓のコツを伝授！

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The OCCI will host a joint industry-academia seminar this summer featuring a keynote address by Prof. Shimon Sakaguchi, who won the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. The event will focus on the University of Osaka's cutting-edge research projects aimed at sparking new businesses to deliver solutions to global challenges. Attendees will be able to hear from some of Japan's foremost researchers in areas such as semiconductors, quantum science, biotech, advanced medicine, nuclear fusion, and material science; see displays on some twenty recent the University of Osaka research projects; and meet with researchers at a networking session.

シンポジウム 13:00 ~ 16:40		PROGRAM	
① 基調講演	① 開会挨拶 熊ノ郷 淳 (大阪大学 副学長) 島井 信吾 (大阪経済大学 副学長)	② 最先端研究プレゼンテーション 大阪大学を代表する研究者が、未来を拓く分野の最先端研究を紹介する。 開会挨拶は大阪大学会館でセミナー・イベントホールへを移動ください。	
	先端医療 アザヒニ—医療機器の最先端と技術 「アザヒニ」は最先端医療の未来を拓く 佐伯 直哉 大阪大学大学院医学部研究科 内科学 大阪大学 工学部	合成生物・バイオ 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 大塚 健太郎 大阪大学大学院医学部研究科 内科学 大阪大学 工学部	マテリアル マテリアル—最先端の最先端 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 中野 貴由 大阪大学大学院工学部研究科 工学部 大阪大学 工学部
	制御性T細胞： その発見から新しい 免疫医療に向けて 坂口 志文 大阪大学特別栄誉教授	平専体 大阪大学で最先端の最先端 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 森 俊介 大阪大学大学院工学部研究科 工学部	量子 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 橋本 誠 大阪大学大学院工学部研究科 工学部
	② パネルディスカッション 産業界の研究者が研究開発と社会実装の加速について議論します。	③ 閉会挨拶 尾藤 慈 (大阪大学 理事・幹事長) 相良 暁 (大阪経済大学 副学長)	
交流会 16:40 ~ 18:00		④ 大阪大学の研究者及び 大阪大学産スタートアップ企業等によるパネル展示 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端 最先端の最先端—最先端の最先端	
⑤ 産学共創ネットワーク交流会		シンポジウム企画アドバイザー 安井 治浩 (大阪大学産学共創推進センター 学務部長)	

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Where: 3rd fl. Event Hall, Osaka International Convention Center (5-3-51 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka)

Details and an application form are available at

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202606/D29260618015.html>

AI-based automatic English translations of proceedings will be shown on screen at the venue.

Please direct inquiries regarding this symposium to the OCCI Industry Division at

sports@osaka.cci.or.jp

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4. NEWS ON LOCAL EVENTS FROM OUR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

[July 7! Osaka “Milky Way on the Water” Light Show]

At 7 pm on July 7, Osaka’s Okawa River will transform into a beautiful, ethereal lightscape between

Tenmabashi and Tenjinbashi (incl. locations like Hachikenya). Tenma is written “天満”, which symbolizes a

sky full of stars, and that’s why the area - including the Osaka Tenmangu shrine from which the neighborhood

got its name - is where Osakans come to wish upon the stars. The Milky Way on the Water light show will see a

myriad of blue LED “wishing stars” floated on the river’s surface to recreate our galaxy.

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

[July 24 & 25! 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 on 25, 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>

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5. COURTESY VISIT (JUNE 1ST - 30TH)

(Consul General, Royal Thai Consulate-General Osaka, June 5)

- Mr. Rapipongs Banehong-Silpa

(Deputy Prime Minister & First Vice-Chairman of Council for the Development of

Cambodia, Kingdom of Cambodia, June 12)

- H.E. Mr. SUN Chanthol

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And finally, some Osaka trivia. Quiz! Everyone knows the famous Glico "running man"

neon sign at Ebisubashi along the Dotonbori River. But do you know what it actually is?

What it's there for?

1. An ad for an athletic wear company.
2. The symbol mark used to advertise Osaka's first official athletic competition in 1894.
3. An ad for a candy company.

Answer: 3

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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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