

The Future of the Kansai Economy

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Deepening Ties through Diplomacy

Source: Source: Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition; adapted by METI-Kansai.

- Delegations from ~150 countries and international organizations; ~600 VIPs.
- Japan Pavilion: ~12,000 guests from ~170 countries/orgs; ministerial bilaterals.
- Tokyo: ~50 Prime Minister's meetings and courtesy calls.

Singapore—Aug 24 (Expo)



Peru—Aug 8 (PM's Office)



Czechia—Jul 25 (PM's Office)



China—Jul 11 (Expo)



United States—Jul 19 (Expo)

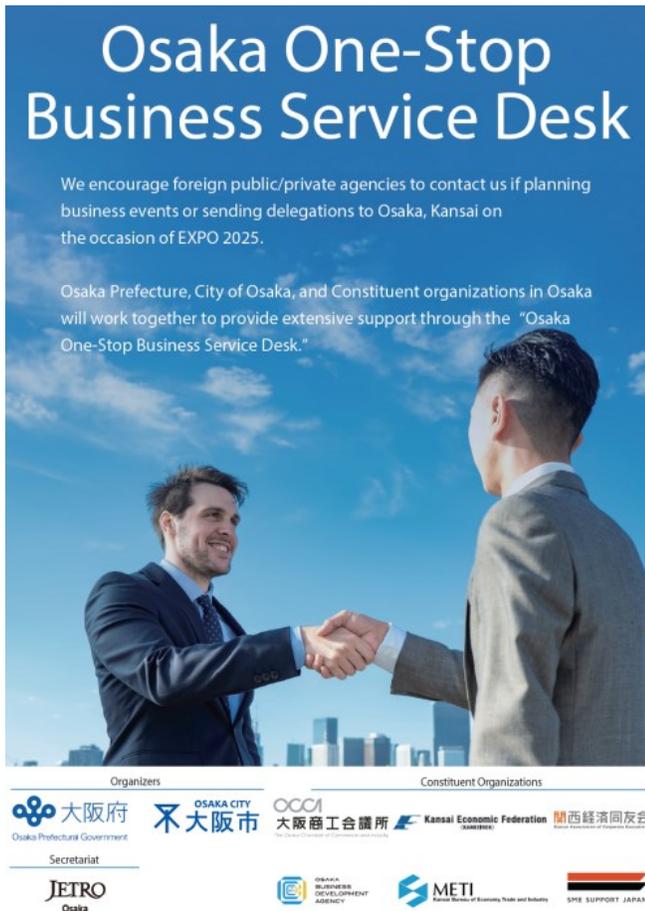


Australia—Sep 25 (Expo)



Engagement with Expo-Related Countries and Regions

- **Osaka One-Stop Business Service Desk: 1,119 consultations.**
- **METI-Kansai: 191 delegations and visits from 58 countries and regions.**



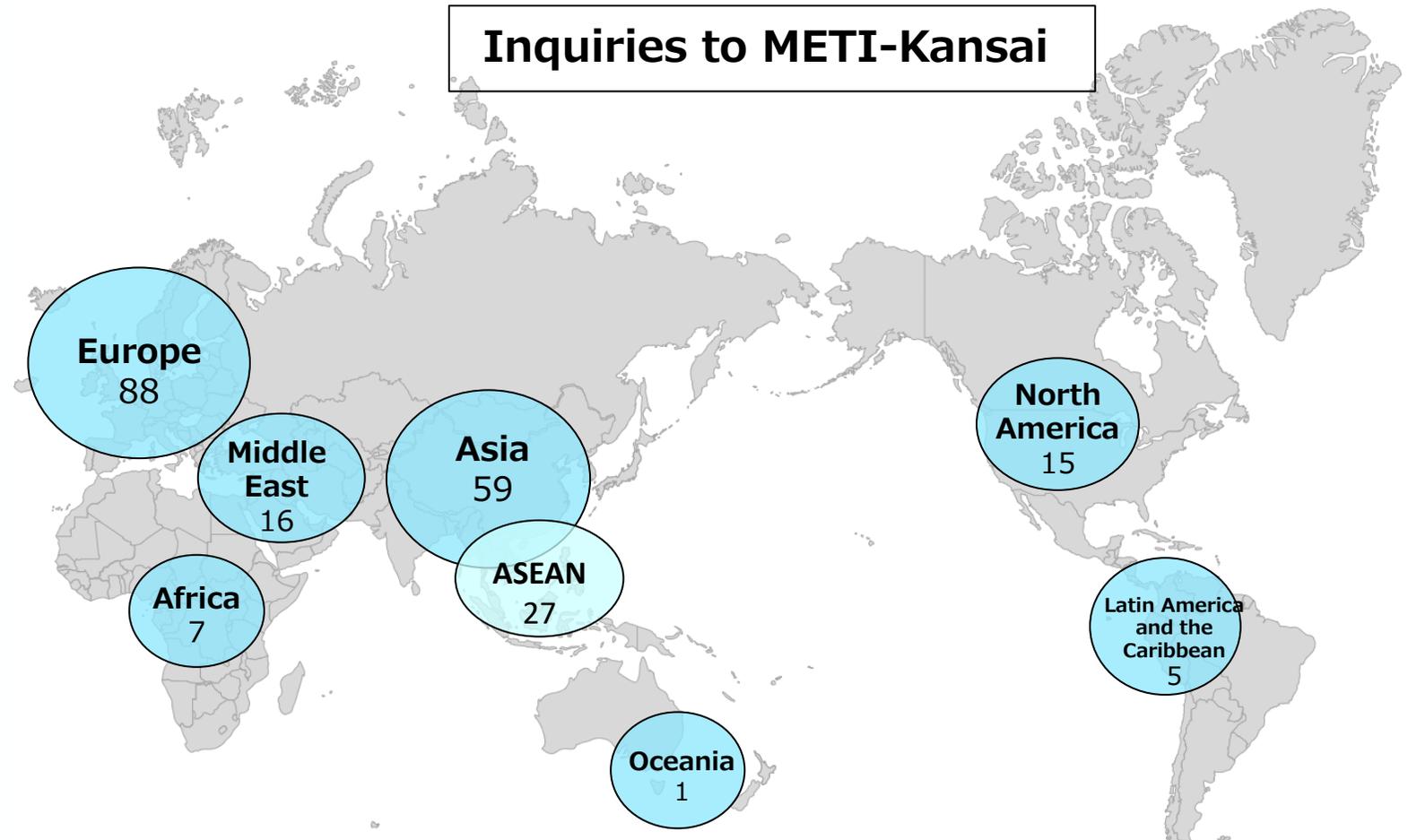
Osaka One-Stop Business Service Desk

We encourage foreign public/private agencies to contact us if planning business events or sending delegations to Osaka, Kansai on the occasion of EXPO 2025.

Osaka Prefecture, City of Osaka, and Constituent organizations in Osaka will work together to provide extensive support through the "Osaka One-Stop Business Service Desk."

Organizers: Osaka Prefectural Government, Osaka City, OCCO (Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Kansai Economic Federation, Kansai Economic Association

Constituent Organizations: JETRO, Osaka Business Development Agency, METI, SPS SUPPORT JAPAN



Partnerships with Consular Missions in Kansai

Concrete initiatives aligned with each country's and region's priorities.

*Consular missions include Consulates-General and Consulates.

Startups



GSE Consulate Session—Sep 17



Energy & Decarbonization



Swiss-Japan Energy Days 2025—Sep 25



ICT & Content



ICT & Content Panel—Sep 4



Startups



Kansai Japan Korea Economic Forum—Sep 30



Tech Exchange



Thames Valley CCI Tech Tour—Sep 2



Youth Exchange



ODOS Project—Sep 10



Expo 2025: A Future Society Showcase

Early implementation and experience of key technologies for carbon neutrality.

SEKISUI CHEMICAL

Film-type perovskite solar cells



Source: https://www.sekisui.co.jp/news/2023/1390849_40075.html

Iwatani Corporation

Hydrogen fuel-cell ship



Source: <https://www.iwatani.co.jp/jpn/hydrogenfuelcellship/>

IHI

Demonstration of ammonia-fueled power generation technology

Source: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo_suisin_honbu/pdf/Action_Plan_Ver.4.pdf

Kansai Electric Power

Demonstration of hydrogen-fueled power generation technology

Source: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo_suisin_honbu/pdf/Action_Plan_Ver.4.pdf

RITE

Demonstration of CO₂ capture from the atmosphere (DAC)

Source: <https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20230720-02/>

Kajima (and partners)

Construction with low-carbon concrete and carbon-negative concrete

Source: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo_suisin_honbu/pdf/Action_Plan_Ver.4.pdf

Osaka Gas

Methanation—
Demonstration using CO₂ captured via DAC and biogas from food waste

Source: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo_suisin_honbu/pdf/Action_Plan_Ver.4.pdf



Source: <https://www.expo2025.or.jp/expo-map-index/map/>

Growth Potential Map for Kansai

Identifies 13 Expo-related priority fields with high growth potential.

Key 13 Fields

- Startups
- Urban Air Mobility
- Hydrogen & Ammonia
- Next-Generation Solar Cells
- SAF & Carbon Dioxide Removal
- Storage Batteries
- Semiconductors
- Bio-Manufacturing
- Regenerative Medicine
- MedTech & HealthTech
- Autonomous Driving & MaaS
- Robotics & AI
- Industry-Academia-Government Innovation Platforms



Initiatives under the Regional Future Strategy

Regional Future Strategy

(Policy Address by the Prime Minister)

“We will advance the Regional Future Strategy by supporting mid-sized enterprises expanding beyond regional boundaries, implementing bold investment-promotion measures together with infrastructure development, attracting large-scale investment to local areas, and strategically forming industrial clusters in each region.”

- Strategically form industrial clusters in each region
- Support value-added improvement and market development for regional industries

Strategic Cluster Plans for Each Region

(Note) Priority sectors are in the Council for Japan's Growth Strategy in coordination with prefectural governors.

Growth Plans for Regional Industries Led by Prefectural Governors

The 17 Strategic Fields

- ① AI & Semiconductors
- ② Shipbuilding
- ③ Quantum Technology
- ④ Synthetic Biology & Biotech
- ⑤ Aviation & Space
- ⑥ Digital & Cybersecurity
- ⑦ Content Industry
- ⑧ Food Tech
- ⑨ Resource, Energy Security & GX

Cross-cutting Issues

- ① Advancing Technology & Competitiveness
- ② Human Resource Development
- ③ Startups
- ④ Finance
- ⑤ Labor Market Reform
- ⑥ Household & Care Burden Alleviation
- ⑦ Wage Increase Facilitation
- ⑧ Cybersecurity

Source: the Headquarters for Japan's Growth Strategy materials; excerpted by METI-Kansai

- ⑩ Disaster Prevention & National Resilience
- ⑪ Drug Discovery & Advanced Medicine
- ⑫ Fusion Energy
- ⑬ Materials (Critical Minerals & Components)
- ⑭ Port Logistics
- ⑮ Defense Industry
- ⑯ Information & Communications
- ⑰ Oceans & Marine Affairs