

## The Past Meeting of the Kansai Consular Forum

### The 1st Meeting (Tuesday, November 4, 2008)

- ( A g e n d a )
- Welcoming address  
Satoshi Hara,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Kansai Region
  - Introduction of the activities of four regional bureaus of national administrative organizations in Kansai
    - (1) Taiichiro Maekawa,  
Deputy Director-General,  
Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office
    - (2) Seiya Kinoshita, Director-General, Kinki Regional Development Bureau
    - (3) Masato Kakami, Director-General, Kinki District Transport Bureau
    - (4) Tomofumi Hiraku,  
Director-General, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
  - Main presentation  
“Efforts toward the Realization of a Tourism-based Country”  
Masato Kakami, Director-General, Kinki District Transport Bureau

### The 2nd Meeting (Wednesday, February 18, 2009)

- ( A g e n d a )
- “Recent economic trends and revitalization measures”  
Tomofumi Hiraku,  
Director-General, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
  - “Improving Japan's Social Infrastructure”  
Seiya Kinoshita,  
Director-General, Kinki Regional Development Bureau

### The 3rd Meeting (Friday, May 29, 2009)

- ( A g e n d a )
- : “Kansai Mega-Region Revitalization Initiative”  
Tomofumi Hiraku,  
Director-General, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
  - “Toward Building a Desirable Food System”  
Akira Saito,  
Director-General,  
Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office
  - “Seasonal, delicious and mild:  
Kyo Pickles made by Nishiri Corporation”  
Tatsuo Hirai, President of Nishiri Corporation
  - “Coloring May with traditional vegetables in Kyoto”  
Yuji Matsumoto, Master, Kyoto Seika Godo Corporation

The 4th Meeting (Monday, December 7, 2009)

( A g e n d a ) : “Toward the Revitalization of the Kansai Economy ”

Hiroyuki Fukano

Director-General,

Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Tourism, Transport and Logistics in Kansai”

Yoshinobu Hara,

Director-General, Kinki District Transport Bureau,

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Current General Outlook of Kansai International Airport”

Shinichi Fukusima,

President & CEO, Kansai International Airport Co., Ltd

“Regarding the Commemorative Events and Ceremony of the 1300th Anniversary of Nara Heijo-Kyo Capital”

Toshihiko Tanaka,

Vice Executive Manager, Association for Commemorative Events of the 1300th Anniversary of Nara Heijo-Kyo Capital

Tour of the Kansai International Airport

- Backstage at Kansai’s huge offshore airport -

The 5th Meeting (Wednesday May 19, 2010)

( A g e n d a ) : “Council for INVEST Kansai and its Efforts

-Broad-area Investment Promotion Activities in Kansai-”

Keizo Tsuchiya, Director-General, JETRO, Osaka

“Advantages of Kansai’s Bio and Medical Industries”

Hiroshi Kuniyoshi

Director-General, Economic Policy Department,

Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Asian Bio-Medical Hub -Advantages of Bio-Capital KANSAI”

Dr. Ryuichi Morishita

Professor of Osaka University, Graduate School of Medicine

Member of the Board, AnGes MG, Inc.

Information from the Kinki District Transport Bureau and the Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office

The 6th Meeting (Wednesday, February 16, 2011)

( A g e n d a ) : ■Topics

“Welcome to Kansai !

-Current Policies to Make Japan as Asian Business Hub in Kansai-”

Seiichi Nagatsuka,

Director-General,

Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Current State of Umekita (Osaka Station North District) Phase 1 Development Area Project”

Soichiro Hayashi

Senior Executive Officer, Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd.

“The City of Accumulated Knowledge: ‘Knowledge Capital’ ”

Yutaka Mabuchi, President, Knowledge Capital Management Corp.

■Forum Focus “Safety and Security”

“Recent issues related to weather and earthquakes, and ensuring safety and peace of mind in daily life”

Hideyuki Sasaki

Director-General,

Osaka District Meteorological Observatory Japan Meteorological Agency

“Disaster Control”

Shuhei Kazusa

Director-General,

Kinki Regional Development Bureau

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

■Information about the launch of Kyushu Shinkansen operations

The 7th Meeting (Thursday, June 2, 2011)

( A g e n d a ) : “Impacts of TEPCO Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS Accident to Japan and World Economy”

Yasuhisa Nakao

Deputy Director-General for International Trade Policy,  
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“The impact of The Great East Japan Earthquake on Agriculture, Forestry and fishery, and Actions”

Kazuo Tsukamoto

Director-General,

Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

“Efforts to Revive the Interest of Foreign Tourists in Visiting Japan after the Earthquake ”

Yoshinobu Hara

Director-General, Kinki District Transport Bureau  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Response and Measures to the Great East Japan Earthquake”

Shuhei Kazusa

Director-General, Kinki Regional Development Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Kankeiren’s Reconstruction Support Activities for the Great East Japan Earthquake”

Yukinori Fujihara Director, Kansai Economic Federation

The 8th Meeting (Monday, November 7, 2011)

( A g e n d a ) : “Reconstructing Japan and the Kansai Mega-Region Revitalization Initiative Action Plan 2011”

Masahiko Nagao

Director-General,

Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Various Development Policies of Food Culture”

Kunio Oguri

Director-General,

Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

“Japanese Food Culture”

Masahiro Kurisu, Vice-Chairman of Japanese Culinary Academy (NPO)

The 9th Meeting (Wednesday, July 24, 2013)

( A g e n d a ) : “The Growth Strategy and recent economic trend of Japan and Kansai ”

Toshinori Kobayashi

Director-General,

Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Export of Japanese agricultural products”

Kunio Oguri

Director-General,

Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

“Infrastructure development for dynamic growth”

Toshiro Tanabe

Deputy Director-General,

Kinki Regional Development Bureau,

Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

The 10th Meeting (Monday, November 17, 2014)

( A g e n d a ) : “Overviewing Kansai economy and attracting business & people from abroad”

Soichiro Seki

Director-General,

Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Introducing Japanese food culture to the world ”

Hirofumi Takano,

Deputy Director-General,

Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

“Infrastructure development toward enhancing Kansai’s attractions”

Masafumi Mori

Director-General, Kinki Regional Development Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Efforts to Promote International Tourism in Kansai District ”

Tomomi Tsuchiya,

Director-General, Kinki District Transport Bureau  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Inbound Promotion for the Kansai Area ”

Takatsugu Abe, Director, Kansai Economic Federation

The 11th Meeting (Monday, February 29, 2016)

\*we also held the 2nd meeting of the Flower of Japan-Kansai (Hanayaka Kansai) Appeal-enhancing Forum

( A g e n d a ) : “25 Key Ideas to Enhance the Attractiveness of KANSAI and Successful Cases toward that Goal”

Soichiro Seki,

Director-General,  
Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“Preparation for the promotion of inbound tourism about food and agriculture in Kinki region”

Kenji Murakami

Director-General,  
Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

“Infrastructure development toward enhancing Kansai’s attractions”

Kunihiro Yamada,

Director-General,  
Kinki Regional Development Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Initiatives for Enhancing Tourism Attractions in Kansai”

Naoaki Amaya

Director-General,  
Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Realizing Smooth Communication without Language Barriers - VoiceTra (Multilingual Speech Translation Application)- ”

Hiroshi Uehara,

Director-General,  
Kinki Bureau of Telecommunications Ministry of Internal  
Affairs and Communications

“Trends in Trade & Customs Administration”

Kiyoshi Sakai,

Deputy Director-General, Osaka Customs, Ministry of Finance

“Inbound Tourism Promotion for the Kansai Region through Cooperation between the Public and Private Sectors”

Manabu Nojima,  
General Manager,  
Industrial Affairs Department, Kansai Economic Federation

The 12th Meeting (Monday, March 27, 2017)

\*we also held the 3rd meeting of the Flower of Japan-Kansai (Hanayaka Kansai) Appeal-enhancing Forum

( A g e n d a ) : ■PART 1

The Flower of Japan-Kansai (Hanayaka Kansai) Appeal-enhancing Forum 1st Award Ceremony

■PART 2

The Meeting of the Flower of Japan-Kansai (Hanayaka Kansai) Appeal-enhancing Forum / The Meeting of the Kansai Consular Forum

“Arranging and offering Japanese traditional cultural experience programs”

Michi Ogawa,  
Executive Director,  
WAK JAPAN Co. (Women's Association of Kyoto)

“Towards Enhancement of the Attractiveness of KANSAI”

Akio Ikemori,  
Director-General,  
Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

“MIC’s Efforts in the field of ICT for foreigners”

Keiichiro Seki,  
Director-General,  
Kinki Bureau of Telecommunications,  
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

“Osaka Customs : Recent Key Issues”

Nobuyuki Nakamura,  
Director-General, Osaka Customs, Ministry of Finance

“Promotion of “Farm stay” in the Kinki Region”

Shigeru Katayama,  
Deputy Director-General,  
Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

“Infrastructure Development for Improving the Charm of Kansai”

Toyohito Ikeda,  
Director-General,  
Kinki Regional Development Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

“Project for improving tourism attractions in Kansai”

Yosuke Wakabayashi,  
Director-General,

Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
“All of Kansai is united to attract inbound tourists!”  
Motoyuki Yasutake,  
COO, Kansai International Tourism Organization

The 13th Meeting (Thursday, March 1, 2018)

- ( A g e n d a ) : “Current Condition of the Kansai Economy and METI-KANSAI’s Initiatives  
— METI-KANSAI’s Initiatives to Achieve SDGs —”
- Kiyoshi MORI, Director-General  
Kansai Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry(METI)  
“Efforts of‘SDGs’at Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ”
- Tsuyoshi ARAI, Director-General  
Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)  
“National Government Parks Featuring Japanese History and Culture”
- Toyohito IKEDA, Director-General  
Kansai Regional Development Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism  
(MLIT)
- “Initiatives Toward Becoming an Advanced Tourism Nation”
- Kimiharu BANNO, Director-General  
Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau,  
Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT)
- “Accelerating the movement towards SDGs through Expo2025 ”
- Takeshi INOUE, Director  
Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN)
- “Introduction of Kansai SDGs Platform”
- Yasuko NISHINO, Director-General  
JICA Kansai

The 14th Meeting (Monday, March 4, 2019)

- ( A g e n d a ) : KANSAI —Creating the Future and Connecting to the World—  
“Japan’s Future and Economy of the Kansai”

Kiyoshi MORI, Director-General  
for the Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI  
“Efforts in the Field of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:  
Creating the Future and Connecting the world ”

Osamu KAMIYAMA, Director-General  
for the Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office, MAFF  
“Current Situation and Future Prospects of Osaka/Kansai  
Connecting with the World”

Junichiro KUROKAWA, Director-General  
for the Kansai Regional Development Bureau, MLIT  
“Initiative for Creation of Tours in the Whole Kansai Area”

Kazuo YAGI, Director-General  
for the Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau, MLIT  
“Stimulating Kansai economy and Making for a healthy society,  
through promoting sports and medical science ”

Takeshi INOUE, Director  
for the Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN)  
“Providing Disaster Information and Ensuring Safety  
for Foreign Visitors and Residents”

Hideyuki OHASHI, Director-General  
for the Kinki Bureau of Telecommunications, MIC

The 15th Meeting (Monday, March 15, 2021)

( A g e n d a ) : Kansai Economy with/after Covid-19 ~Toward Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan~

“Toward the Future of the Kansai Economy

~Initiative of Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI”

YONEMURA Takeshi, Director-General,

Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI

“For the Expansion of Exports of Kansai Food and Food Culture

— To a wider world through EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai —”

OTSUBO Masato, Director-General,

Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office, MAFF

“Future Infrastructure Development in the Kansai Region

~With an Eye Toward Promoting National Resilience and Holding Expo 2025 Osaka,  
Kansai~”

MIZOGUCHI Hiroki, Director-General,

Kansai Regional Development Bureau, MLIT

“New Challenges for the Realization of a Tourism Nation

- For EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan -”

NOZAWA Kazuyuki, Director-General,

Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau, MLIT

“An introduction to the Kansai Vision 2030”

INOUE Takeshi, Director,

Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN)

“Outline of EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan”

ICHINOKI Manatsu, Vice Secretary General,

Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

The 16th Meeting (Thursday, March 14, 2024)

( A g e n d a ) : Toward Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

“Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Progress Update”

Mr. KOBAYASHI Koji, Director General of Public Relations and Promotion Bureau  
Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

“Enjoy endless discovery in Osaka and Kansai during EXPO2025.”

Mr. NOBUTANI Kazushige, Director-General,  
Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI

“Promotion of the appeal of Kansai's Food Culture and Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries  
Industries ; agricultural, mountain and fishing villages”

Mr. ANDOU Takashi, Director-General,  
Kansai Regional Agricultural Administration Office, MAFF

“Infrastructure Development for the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, and Creating  
Vibrancy around the Expo”

Mr. KENZAKA Shigenori, Director-General,  
Kansai Regional Development Bureau, MLIT

“Tourism Policy in the Kansai Region for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan”

Mr. HIKASA Yasaburo, Director-General,  
Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau, MLIT

“Expectations for EXPO 2025 Osaka Kansai”

Mr. NOJIMA Manabu, Director & Deputy Secretary General,  
Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN)

The 17th Meeting (Tuesday, February 25, 2025)

( A g e n d a ) : Toward Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

“Beyond the EXPO, Future Society Showcase: Gateway to Business Opportunities”

Mr. NOBUTANI Kazushige, Director-General,  
Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI

“The preservation and inheritance of food culture” and “the promotion of countryside stay  
(Nohaku) ”: Taking the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan as an opportunity”

Mr. AIMOTO Hiroshi, Director-General,  
Kansai Regional Agricultural Administration Office, MAFF

“Infrastructure Development for the Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, and Creating  
Vibrancy around the Expo”

Mr. HASEGAWA Tomohiro, Director-General,  
Kansai Regional Development Bureau, MLIT

“Tourism and Transport Policy in the Kansai Region for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai Japan”

Mr. IWAKI Hiroyuki, Director-General,  
Kansai District Transport and Tourism Bureau, MLIT

“Initiatives for Expo 2025 Osaka Kansai”

Mr. INOUE Takeshi, Director, International Affairs Department,  
Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN)

"Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai and Upcoming International Interaction"

Ms. ASANO Naomi, (Planning and Coordination) Section Executive Director,  
Planning and Support Operations Department International Relations Bureau,  
Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition,