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## 1. REPORT ON THE MISSION DISPATCHED TO MILAN, ITALY

Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry dispatched a mission to Turin and Milan, Italy from September 7 to 13. The purposes of the mission were 1) Study tour related to Livelihood (food, clothing and housing) Industry promotion, 2) Business exchanges with food-related industries, and 3) Study tour of EXPO Milano 2015 and participation in the Osaka Promotion Project.

Chairman Sato led the mission visiting Italy with 19 other members for the Livelihood Industry Promotion Project. The Project aims to revitalize the economy and to solve Osaka's urban issues by engaging in activities to stimulate people's overall livelihoods, focusing on the housing field in addition to food and clothing. In Italy, the mission went on a study tour of living environments, including private homes, and learned from firsthand experience with the local culture of



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hospitality and excellent designs such as those of furniture. They also went on a study tour of EXPO Milano 2015.

Furthermore, Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry dispatched in parallel another mission for food-related business talks. Three companies from Japan had 15 business talks with 13 Italian companies.

Meanwhile, Osaka City held “Buon giorno da Osaka,” a promotion project mainly for Osaka’s food industry from September 10 to 13 at the Japan Pavilion at EXPO Milano 2015, and also the “Reception to Commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship between Milan and Osaka” as an exchange project with its sister city Milan, as well as a seminar intended to introduce business opportunities in Osaka. The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry cooperated with these events from the preparatory stage of the adjustment of exhibitors. OCCI’s two delegation members also attended the opening of the Promotion Project, and in the Seminar, Vice Chairman Torii (Executive Vice President of Suntory Holdings Ltd.) gave a lecture on “Osaka’s food-related business opportunities and support for entry in Osaka” for the participating local governments and business community.

## **2. CHIEF MINISTER OF MAHARASHTRA STATE, INDIA VISITED OSAKA, AND HELD A CONFERENCE/SEMINAR**



Timed with the visit by Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra State in India to Osaka, the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry held “Investment Opportunity Seminar in Maharashtra State in India” on September 9 in Osaka City, cosponsoring the event with the government of Maharashtra and JETRO.

Maharashtra State, in which India’s largest commercial city Mumbai is located, also boasts the largest share (approx. 14%) of GDP composition ratios by state GDP, and has recently received many direct investments from overseas.

Furthermore, preceding the opening of the Seminar, Chairman Masashi Hashimoto of the International Business Committee, Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Executive Officer, General Manager, Osaka Branch, Marubeni Corporation) and other representatives of Osaka’s economic circle, had a talk with Chief

Minister Fadnavis. In the talk, Mr. Hashimoto touched upon the mission to India, which was jointly dispatched by OCCI with JETRO in February this year, and stated that the interest in India among companies in Osaka had been increasing and that OCCI would like to continue its support for local businesses looking to enter India.

### **3. (NOTIFICATION) INVITATION TO THE 2015 JOINT CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL MEISHI (BUSINESS CARDS) EXCHANGE TO BE HELD ON NOV.11**

Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), American Chamber of Commerce in Japan – Kansai Chapter (ACCJ), and Kansai Canada Business Association (KCBA) will hold the “JOINT CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL MEISHI (Business cards) EXCHANGE” on November 11 at Rihga Royal Hotel Osaka in 2015.

Under one roof, local Japanese businesses will join their foreign counterparts to strengthen existing ties and build new partnerships during an evening of business networking. This event is your opportunity to meet the main players and to explore new market opportunities in Kansai and abroad.

Kansai’s Consular Corp as well as City and Prefectural Government officials will be attending the event to facilitate networking and to provide market information to participants. Leaders from both the international and local business Chambers will also be in attendance to offer their expertise on current market conditions and potential business strategies.

Participants can look forward to a sumptuous buffet with drinks followed by a raffle including numerous grand prizes. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards charity supporting children affected by the TOHOKU disaster. Please join us, and let’s enjoy the event together.

#### **2015 JOINT CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL MEISHI EXCHANGE**

- Date: Wednesday, November 11th, 2015
- Time: 18:30 - 21:00 (Doors Open for Registration at 18:00)
- Venue: Rihga Royal Hotel Osaka 2nd Floor, Sanraku no ma

For registration and further details of this event, please click here:

<http://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/201509/D11141111029.html>

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#### 4. OCCI INTERNATIONAL DIVISION REPORT ON VIP VISITORS

July 23 (Thu) Mr. Liu Yiren, Consul General, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Osaka

July 30 (Thu) Mr. Franciscus M.A Sibarani, Chairman of Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), the Republic of Indonesia

Mr. Wisnu Edi PRATIGNYO, Consul General, Consulate-General of the Republic of Indonesia in Osaka

August 3 (Mon) Dr. Batilda Salha. Burian, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania in Japan

September 9 (Wed) Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra State, Government of Maharashtra, India

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