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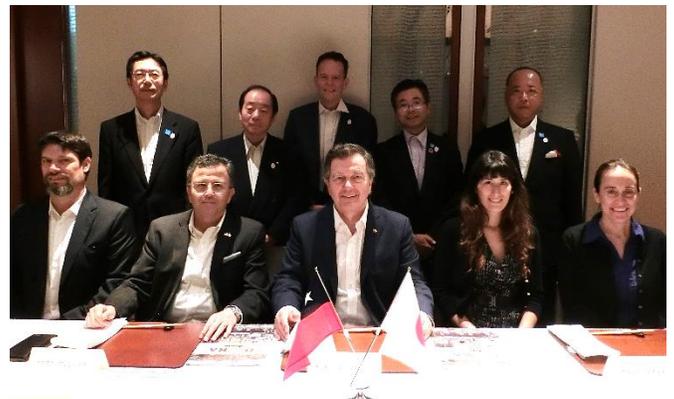
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1. ROUNDTABLE TALKS HELD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE; OSAKA EXPO BID PROMOTED



The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) and the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Chile in Osaka on Sept. 16 held a roundtable conference with the Chilean Foreign Minister Roberto Ampuero. The event was held at the request of Chile, which seeks to strengthen its ties with members of an economic delegation that the OCCI sent to the country a year ago. Participants from the OCCI side



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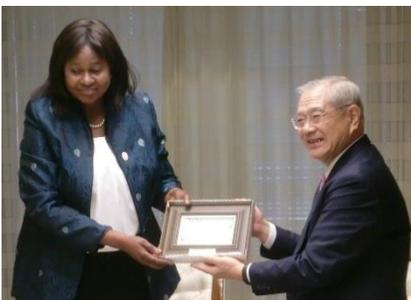
included Mr. Yasunobu Saeki, councilor of OCCI and chairman of Daiki Suisan, and those from the Honorary-Consulate of the Republic of Chile. From Chile, 10 people, including Mr. Gustavo Ayares Ossandon, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, participated.

Mr. Saeki made a speech, saying that the OCCI, in cooperation with the Osaka Business and Investment Center, had welcomed EcoSea Farming, a seafood farming operator, into Osaka, following the delegation's visit to Chile last year. EcoSea Farm will start operations in Osaka for the first time as a Chile company. Mr. Saeki said that the OCCI would provide necessary support so that Japan and Chile could mutually expand their seafood businesses. He also requested support for Osaka's bid to host the 2025 World Expo.

In response, Foreign Minister Ampuero commented that the relationships between Osaka and Santiago and between Osaka and Valparaiso had become stronger thanks to years of support from Mr. Hidetaka Yoshikawa, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Chile and President and Chairman of Takara Belmont Corporation. Mr. Ampuero, who himself hails from Valparaiso, was delighted that products from Chile were being shipped to the Port of Osaka. Chile, scheduled to become the chair of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) next year, will strengthen its relations with Japan even further, he said, adding that he hoped that Osaka's bid to host the World Expo would result in extremely good news.

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2. AMBASSADORS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS OF FIVE SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) NATIONS -NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, MALAWI, AND ANGOLA- VISIT OCCI VICE CHAIRMAN



Ambassadors and embassy officers of five South African Development Community (SADC) countries on Oct. 10 made a courtesy visit to OCCI Vice Chairman Teiichi Nishimura and other executives. They were H. E. Ms. Sophia-Namupa Nangombe, Ambassador of Namibia to Japan, H. E. Mr. Titus Mehliwa Jonathan Abu-Basutu, Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe, and embassy officers of South Africa, Malawi, and Angola.

Mr. Nishimura briefed the ambassadors on Osaka's efforts to win a bid to host the 2025 World Expo, and requested their support. Ambassador Sophia-Namupa Nangombe, for her part, urged companies in Osaka to

demonstrate their entrepreneurial spirit and start businesses in her country, expressing hope that companies in Osaka and other parts of Kansai would expand operations there.

Ambassador Titus Mehliwa Jonathan Abu-Basutu said that an increasing number of countries in the African continent were pursuing stabilization and democratization and that he expected that these countries to soon achieve UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) through multilateral exchanges.

SADC will hold a business investment forum during the current fiscal year in Osaka to call for investments in the African market.

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3. THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF INDIA MAKES A COURTESY VISIT TO CHAIRMAN OZAKI AFTER APPOINTMENT TO THE POST

The Consul-General of India, Osaka-Kobe makes a courtesy visit to Chairman Ozaki after appointed to the post.

Mr. B. Shyam, who became the Consul-General of India, Osaka-Kobe, in August, made a courtesy visit on Sept. 11 to OCCI Chairman Hiroshi Ozaki and President Tsutomu Miyagi.



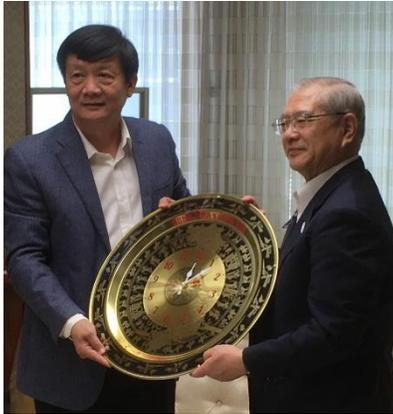
Mr. Shyam said that many companies in India were interested in forming partnerships with Japanese companies and that they were seeking to pursue exchanges with small- and medium-sized enterprises in the Osaka-Kansai area with advanced technologies and skills. Mr. Shyam called for the establishment of a cooperative relationship among companies using a database matching system that would assist in individual business negotiations.

In response, Mr. Ozaki said that the issuance of certificates of origin based on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between Japan and India had been rising and that companies in Osaka were steadily increasing their business transactions with their peers in India. Mr. Ozaki said that the OCCI would consider business matching services in accordance with the needs of the Indian partners and expressed hope for further exchanges between the two nations.

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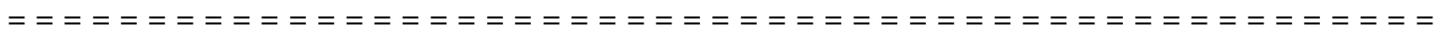
4. KHANH HOA PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN VISITS OCCI VICE

CHAIRMAN NISHIMURA FROM VIETNAM



Mr. Tran Son Hai, vice chairman of Vietnam's Khanh Hoa Provincial People's Committee, on Oct. 5 made a courtesy call to OCCI Vice Chairman Teiichi Nishimura with a view of promoting exchanges with officials of the Osaka-Kansai area. Mr. Nishimura pointed out that Vietnam stood out among ASEAN nations, attracting strong interest as an investment and direct-investment destination. He requested that the nation support Osaka companies' entry into the country and their business exchanges. Regarding Nha Trang, a scenic resort, Mr. Nishimura said that Vietnam should aggressively promote tourism among Japanese people. Mr. Hai said that about 600,000 tourists visit Khanh Hoa Province, which has a population of 1.2 million people, on an annual basis, emphasizing the region's strong tourism industry and its further potential. He said that he would support cooperation between the private sector and the public sector in Japan and Khanh Hoa Province and expressed his eagerness to accomplish the launch of regular flight services between Japan and Nha Trang.

Mr. Nishimura asked Mr. Hai for cooperation as Osaka-Kansai seeks to host the 2025 World Expo. Mr. Hai said that the provincial government and the national government would unite to support Japan.



5. 2018 JOINT CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL MEISHI EXCHANGE EVENT HELD

The OCCI on Oct. 4 held a ninth Joint Chamber International Meishi Exchange Event. A total of 281 people attended, including foreign business people, foreign diplomats, and business representatives in the Kansai area. OCCI Vice Chairman Junzo Tateno made the opening remarks, saying that he was looking forward to welcoming many visitors from



overseas with the launch of direct flight services between Kansai and various parts of the world. Afterward, Ms. Karen Kelley, U.S. Consul-General Osaka-Kobe, made a speech, and Mr. Kazuhide Ishikawa, ambassador

in charge of the Kansai region, proposed a toast.

The event was hosted by the OCCI, the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan? Kansai Chapter, and co-hosted by the Indian Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Japan. We were also indebted to the economic organization of Israel, the U.K., Netherlands, Austria, Australia, Canada, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Sweden, Taiwan, Germany, Brazil, and France, as well as the Osaka headquarters of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the Osaka Business and Investment Center. This year, the Ireland Japan Chamber of Commerce provided assistance for the first time. As a result, this year's Meishi Exchange was being jointly held by 12 organizations, which is our largest number ever.



Guests included Mr. B. Shyam, Consul-General of India, Osaka-Kobe, Mr. David Lawson, Australian Consul-General, Osaka, and Mr. Li Chun, Consul-General of China in Osaka. Meanwhile, the Kansai Promotion Council for the 2019 G20 Osaka Summit asked the participants to

help publicize and support a G20 summit meeting scheduled to be held in Osaka on June 28 and 29 of next year.

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6. THE 21ST OSAKA BUSINESS NETWORKING CLUB: 'THE LATEST HIRING TRENDS, AND ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF HIRING BASED ON THE TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT'

The Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC), together with the Kansai National Strategic Special Zone Employment Consultation Center, will sponsor a study session regarding recruitment and labor issues for foreign-owned companies in Osaka on Nov. 6 (TUE), from 14:00 until 17:00, at the OCCI conference room.

The Employment Consultation Center, established based on the National Strategic Special Zones Law, supports foreign-owned companies and newly established companies so that they can correctly understand Japanese employment laws, such as those related to hiring and firing, and expand their operations smoothly.

Securing human resources has become a major management challenge for companies seeking to expand in Japan as labor shortages continue to widen. In this session, a representative from staffing service company Pasona Inc. will deliver a speech entitled “The latest hiring trends, and advantages and disadvantages of hiring based on the type of employment.” In addition, a licensed social insurance consultant will brief on Japan’s employment and labor management practices. Individual consultations will be available upon request. There will also be a meet-and-greet session for participants. It is free to attend. The event will be simultaneously interpreted into English and Chinese. To register or inquire, please contact O-BIC Secretariat (Email: o-big@osaka.cci.or.jp).

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7. REPORT ON VIP VISITORS

- 9/27 Mr. Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology,
Government of India
- 10/10 H. E. Ms. Sophia-Namupa Nangombe, Ambassador of Namibia to Japan
H. E. Mr. Titus M.J. Abu-Basutu, Ambassador of the Republic of Zimbabwe
- 10/11 Dr. Douglas Foo, President, Singapore Manufacturing Federation
- 10/17 Mr. Eric Miller, Senior Vice President, Economic Development,
Greater Memphis Chamber
Ms. Karen Kelley, Consul-General, U.S. Consulate General Osaka-Kobe
- 10/17 YB Datuk Darell Leiking
Honorable Minister, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia
- 10/19 Mr. B. Shyam, Consul-General of India, Osaka-Kobe
- 10/19 Mr. Thiru. M.C. Sampath
Minister For Rural Industries Government of Tamil Nadu, India



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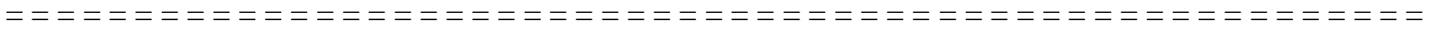
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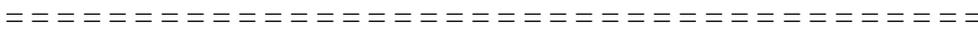
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