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## 1. OCCI TO HOLD YOSHIMOTO SDGS SHINKIGEKI COMEDY AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXHIBITION AND SALE OF SDG RELATED PRODUCTS

On August 23, to enhance recognition of the SDGs, the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), with the help of Yoshimoto Kogyo Co., Ltd., will hold an SDG collaboration event at the International Conference Hall. At the event, a Yoshimoto Shinkigeki comedy skit under the theme of the SDGs (leading comedians Succhi, Yasushi Kawabata and Ai Sakai and other members are scheduled to appear) will be performed, and as an opportunity for exhibition and sale of SDGs-related products,



The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry

17 booths will be installed in the foyer to sell SDGs-related products of companies and organizations that are working on SDGs and introduce their activities. Furthermore, a stamp collecting event associating with the 17 SDGs will also be held. \* “SDGs” is an abbreviation of "Sustainable Development Goals," 17 goals that 193 UN member nations established to achieve in 15 years from 2016 to 2030.

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## **2. O-BIC TO TAKE PART IN JETRO INVEST JAPAN SEMINAR IN BEIJING (AUGUST 29)**

On Thursday, August 29, the Osaka Business & Investment Center (O-BIC; member organizations: Osaka Prefectural Government, Osaka City Government and Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry) will take part in the China Beijing Invest Japan Seminar, organized by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). At the seminar, O-BIC will make a presentation regarding local governments and introduce an investment environment in Osaka ? up-to-date information such as innovation promotion measures, in particular ? and information on support from O-BIC at the networking reception PR booth, inviting investment in Osaka. Approximately 100 to 150 Chinese startup companies that are considering entering Japan in the AI/IoT field are scheduled to participate in the seminar.

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## **3. OCCI AND O-BIC TO TAKE PART IN OSAKA CITY DELEGATION TO SHANGHAI FOR TOP PROMOTION (SEPTEMBER 4 TO 6)**

In commemoration of the 45th anniversary of the friendship city agreement between Osaka and Shanghai, aiming to further enhance exchanges, the government of Osaka City is determined to send a delegation led by Vice Mayor Toru Takahashi to Shanghai from September 4 to 6. The delegation will attend commemorative Events to strengthen relationships with Shanghai, and the leader on his own will promote the fields of investment and tourism of the city. Inviting several startup companies in Osaka, OCCI and O-BIC will take part in the delegation to make a presentation at the Osaka Promotion Seminar. Furthermore, they plan to visit an incubator that attracts attention in Shanghai to have an opportunity for exchanges with tenant Shanghai companies through pitches.

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#### 4. NOTICE OF THE 23RD OSAKA BUSINESS NETWORKING CLUB "PROMOTING NEW WORK STYLES IN OSAKA, KANSAI: WHY IN KANSAI? WEWORK'S CHALLENGES AND VISION"

Targeting foreign-affiliated and Japanese companies and overseas diplomatic establishments located in Osaka, the Osaka Business & Investment Center (O-BIC) will organize a lecture by the General Manager of West Japan WeWork, a U.S.-based company that is currently growing rapidly in Japan, at the WeWork Midosuji Frontier from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 13.

The General Manager will talk about his experiences that can be told only by someone working for a foreign-affiliated company in Japan, the reason WeWork emphasizes Osaka/Kansai, the future business vision in western Japan, and related topics. Also, a tour of the WeWork Midosuji Frontier and a networking gathering among participants will be held. Participation is free. Japanese-English simultaneous interpretation is available. For application for participation and details, visit <https://o-bic.net/>

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#### 5. LOCAL REGION DIALOGUE SERIES ORGANIZED BY THE CONSULATE-GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN OSAKA PROMOTES EXCHANGES BETWEEN KANSAI AND LOCAL CITIES IN CHINA

On August 1 to 3, the Dialogue between Japan/Kansai and Hubei was held in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, and a large delegation consisting of more than 250 members, including Hiroyuki Fukano, Executive Councilor/China Business Committee Chairman (Senior Vice Representative of Itochu Corporation), was sent From Kansai.



Since Mr. Li Keqiang, the Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China visited Japan in 2018, relationships between Japan and China have been rapidly improving, and under the initiative of Mr. Li Tianran, the Chinese Consul General in Osaka, who urges reinforcement of economic exchanges among local regions, a delegation was sent for the Dialogue between Kansai and Liaoning, the first such dialogue event, in

July 2018. After that, this January, a delegation from the Three Northeastern Provinces and Inner Mongolia visited Osaka and a Dialogue Kansai event was held. Also, in May, a delegation was sent for the Dialogue between Kansai and Inner Mongolia.

This dialogue event between Kansai and Hubei was held for the first time after the G20 Osaka summit in June, at which the Japanese and Chinese leaders shared a common understanding that Japan-China relations have returned to the track of normal development. According to local news, this event was a huge success, with more than 900 people from Japan and China participating and many joint statements regarding projects, investment, etc. being signed.

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## 6. REPORT ON VIP VISITORS (2019/7/21~8/22)

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Commerce and Entrepreneurship- Romania

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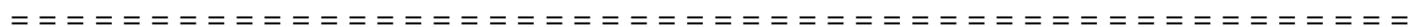
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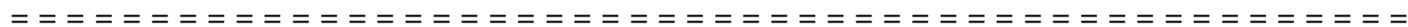
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