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The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) will dispatch a delegation to Thailand (Bangkok and the Eastern Economic Corridor [EEC] zone) from October 14(Mon.) to 19

(Sat.). The delegation, led by OCCI Chairman Hiroshi Ozaki, will Have 15 members, including Vice Chairman Minoru Furukawa and Chairman Minoru Tomita of the International Business Committee.

The delegation is scheduled to talk with H.E. Dr. Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr. Kalin Sarasin, Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, in Bangkok, and visit the Thai-Nichi Institute of Technology, a technology college producing many engineers. The objective of the delegation is to further strengthen ties between Osaka and Thailand, through supporting the Thai government’s “Thailand 4.0” industrial policy and exchanging views about a wide range of issues, including how to promote business exchanges between Osaka and Thailand, how to encourage exchange between companies and startups of the two, and how to use excellent human resources from Thailand in Japanese companies. In addition, the delegation will implement an inspection tour to the EEC zone, in cooperation with the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Bangkok. The tour will visit various destinations in the zone, to inspect distribution bases, factories with the most up-to-date facilities, and how high-level human resources are developed. It will be the first time in 20 years that the OCCI dispatches a mission led by its chairman to Thailand.

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2. THE “GLOBAL INNOVATION FORUM 2019” TO BE HELD ATTRACTING MANY PIONEERING STARTUPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO OSAKA

The OCCI will hold the “Global Innovation Forum” on October 10 and 11, which will be joined by 17 startups with cutting-edge technology in such fields as AI/IoT, digital health, VR, image recognition, and autonomous driving, from eight countries including Japan. The forum will offer visitors the opportunities to obtain information about new products and services to be introduced for the first time in Japan at the forum and see, touch, and experience such products and services in person. Furthermore, in the forum, various other events will be held, including presentations and separate business meetings.

On October 10, participating startups will showcase their products and services in Knowledge Plaza and Square on the first floor of the North Building of Grand Front Osaka. On October 11, Mr. John Byrnes, Founder/Co-CEO of Ai Collaborator, based in Silicon Valley, will be invited to deliver a lecture under the title of “Startup Innovation, Technology and Investment: Silicon Valley and Beyond” in Tower C of the North Building of Grand Front Osaka, and participating startups will give short presentations and hold separate

business meetings (reservation required).Details are available at <http://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/e/innovation/>

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3. THE OCCI TOOK PART IN AN OSAKA CITY DELEGATION TO HAMBURG AND SAINT PETERSBURG

In commemoration of the 30th and 40th anniversary of its sister-city affiliation with Hamburg City, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Saint Petersburg City, the Russian Federation, respectively, Osaka City dispatched its government delegation chaired by Osaka Mayor Matsui and its congressional delegation to the two cities from September 22 (Sun.) to 29 (Sun.). The OCCI, together with its member companies, such as Hitachi Zosen Corporation and Ashimori Industry Co., Ltd., took part in the Osaka City delegation to pay a courtesy call on the mayor of Hamburg City and the governor of Saint Petersburg City, and participate in seminars held on site to promote the charms of the international industrial and tourism city of Osaka. In the seminars, with an aim to develop overseas market for infrastructure improvement in such fields as waste treatment and water supply and sewerage services, the two OCCI member companies gave a presentation about their own environmental technologies to representatives of various organizations, including local government organizations, related companies, and related industrial groups.

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4. ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2019 JOINT CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL MEISHI EXCHANGE STARTS

The OCCI and the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) Kansai Chapter will host the 10th Joint Chamber International Meishi Exchange on November 13, 2019. One of the largest of its kind in the Kansai area, the annual event always attracts many participants from various lines of work, including foreign diplomatic offices and business organizations in Kansai, and foreign-capitalized companies.

The 2019 International Meishi Exchange will be supported by Chinese, Indian, Irish, Israeli, British, Australian, Austrian, Dutch, Canadian, South Korean, Swiss,Swedish, Taiwanese, German, Brazilian, and French industry associations in Japan, as well as Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Osaka. To

commemorate the 10th anniversary of the event, commemorative photos will be taken with all participants on site. The OCCI sincerely hopes that many members will join the event with their colleagues and friends.

For further information and application, please refer to

<http://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/201909/D11191113011.html>

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5. REPORT ON VIP VISITORS (8/23~9/30)

9/10 H.E.Mr. Hashim Thaçi, President of the Republic of Kosovo

H.E.Mr. Leon Malazogu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
the Republic of Kosovo in Japan

H.E.Mr. Kiyoshi Koinuma, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
Japan to Kosovo



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