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One-on-one online meetings with the exhibiting overseas startups will be held on December 7 and 8, 2023, on Zoom. Please note that meeting times vary depending on exhibitors. Japanese-English interpreters will be on hand to assist with the meetings for free.

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2. OCCI AND JETRO OSAKA SEND JOINT ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO INDIA

The OCCI and JETRO Osaka organized an economic delegation to India from October 16 to 21, 2023. Headed by Minoru Tomita, Chairperson of the OCCI International Business Committee, and Yasuyuki Murahashi, Director General of JETRO Osaka, the delegation visited Ahmedabad in the western state of Gujarat and Chennai in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

The 15 participants, mostly from Osaka-based companies, visited Japanese companies operating in India, as well as local industrial parks and educational institutions, and met with Japanese chambers of commerce in Ahmedabad and Chennai.

Feedback was positive, with participants stating they were pleased to join a delegation that gave access to

places that individual companies could not hope to visit, that the tour was efficiently run so as to fit many destination companies and institutions into a short itinerary.

The OCCI is eager to organize more delegations to areas of high interest among the corporate community.

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3. OCCI AND MANCHESTER TEAM UP FOR SEMINAR ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND NEW MATERIALS

The OCCI teamed up with the Manchester Investment Development Agency Service (MIDAS) recently to hold a seminar on opportunities for collaboration relating to Manchester’s advanced technologies and new materials.

The seminar sought not only to highlight the potential for seeking business opportunities through collaborations focusing on the many advanced technologies and new materials to be found in the Greater Manchester area, but also to build momentum among the Osaka business community in the run-up to the Manchester delegation to Osaka to be led by Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham.

In 2022, the OCCI launched a variety of efforts aimed at promoting the overseas expansion of local green tech businesses. These included seminars, panel discussions, matching businesses with local universities looking for collaboration opportunities, and fact-finding delegations to Manchester.

Europe is a frontrunner in the global effort toward carbon neutrality, and the UK stands out even further for that way it has balanced carbon neutrality initiatives with economic growth, making great strides toward its target of carbon neutrality by 2050. Manchester, meanwhile, has set itself the ambitious task of reaching that goal by 2038, fully 12 years ahead of the target date, and is eager to incorporate advanced technologies from throughout the UK, Europe, and the world to that end.

This latest seminar focused not only on green tech, but also looked at opportunities Osaka can adopt the advanced technologies and new materials developed by Manchester’s foremost universities, as well as

opportunities for investment in these fields in the UK.

The December delegation to Osaka will include representatives from a number of Manchester companies and universities that have pioneering technologies to offer. MIDAS representatives revealed high hopes that the seminar would lead to fruitful business matching with the delegation.

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4. VIP CEREMONIES

1) OCCI Chairperson Invited to Speak at the 15th Kansai Korea-Japan Forum

OCCI Chairperson Shingo Torii was recently invited to attend and speak at the 15th Kansai Korea-Japan Forum. He underscored the forum's success in promoting discussion on a variety of themes and the major role it has played in facilitating economic exchange between the two nations, in keeping with its stated purpose.

Mr. Torii touched on the rapid thawing of bilateral relations since Yoon Suk Yeol's election as ROK president, and the ensuing effect on economic exchange. He gave voice to the high hopes that the two countries' economic ties would continue to deepen, citing examples such as the resumption after six years of the Japan-Korea Summit of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the uptick in interaction in the two nation's economic communities.

The forum's topic was "2025 World Expo as a Vehicle for Strengthening Korea-Japan Ties and Cooperation," and Mr. Torii said he hoped that such a timely event would contribute to the expansion and reinforcement of bilateral exchanges. The banquet featured lively discussion between guests and the forum's speakers, including the ROK Consul-General in Osaka, on topics relating to the expo.

2) OCCI Vice Chair Invited to Speak at Taiwan-Osaka Exchange Event

OCCI Vice-Chair Junzo Tateno made an address to a get-together meeting of business people from Taiwan and Osaka. The event brought together a Taiwanese business delegation consisting of members of two organizations?the Taiwan-Japan Business Exchange Association, which mainly consists of manufacturing

companies interested in Japan, and the San San Junior Association, a group of young executives from major corporations?and some 60 business executives and others from Osaka Prefecture interested in doing business with Taiwan.

Mr. Tateno fondly recalled the recent delegation to Taiwan in April 2023, and stated his hope that this visit to Japan by such a large group of manufacturing industry figures would further the ties between Osaka, known as one of Japan’s foremost manufacturing hubs, and Taiwan. Livelier interaction between the two nations’ businesses would, he said, benefit both sides.

Following his address, Mr. Tateno exchanged commemorative gifts with the head of the Taiwanese delegation. This signaled the start of the proceedings, and attendees from both sides actively interacted eagerly, leading to some enthusiastic business talks. Hopes are high that these will lead to new business opportunities.

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5. WORLD EXPO 2025 UPDATES

“Reborn Challenges” Project: Future Co-Creation in the Textile and Fashion Industry The OCCI and the Kansai Fashion Cooperative are pleased to announce a new addition to the Reborn Challenges project, which offers support to venture companies, SMEs, and start-ups that aspire to exhibit in the Exhibition Zone of the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. Titled “Future Co-Creation in the Textile and Fashion Industry,” this project will help parlay participation in the expo into growth and development for SMEs and start-ups in the textile and fashion industry.

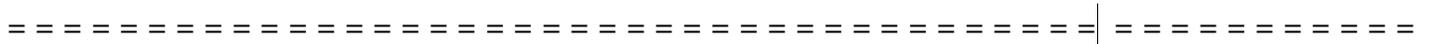
The project is designed to harness the long-established spirit of cooperation among Osaka's textile and fashion industries to spark innovation through interaction and cooperation among SMEs and start-ups throughs series of pitching and networking events.

The first of those events, titled “Aspiring to Exhibit at the 2025 World Expo: Future Co-Creation in the Textile

and Fashion Industry,” was held on September 12, 2023. The turnout was large, with some 74 attendees from a variety of enterprises sharing forward-looking ideas for fabrics, dyeing design, hats, sandals, furoshiki cloths, and even waste materials.

There were pitches from 24 companies eager to exhibit at the expo, outlining their technologies and services, highlighting the innovations they hoped would emerge from the event, and the areas they points they hope to emphasize at the expo. This was followed by a networking session, in which attendees got to see and feel the would-be exhibitors’ products, fabrics, and other materials, and to exchange ideas. Feedback was indeed positive, with many expressing high hopes that the expo would serve as a vehicle for the rebirth and renewed progress of Japan’s traditional skills and technologies.

The Osaka Healthcare Pavilion is an all-Osaka initiative organized by the Osaka city and prefectural governments for the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. It will focus on the theme of rebirth and progress. Organizers intend that the pavilion will show how Osaka’s strengths can be leveraged to build a brighter, more exciting future.



6.<COURTESY VISIT (31ST SEPTEMBER- 31TH OCTOBER)>

(State of Minnesota) 14th September

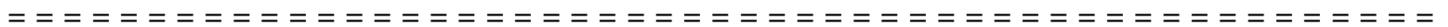
Mr.Tim Walz

(Turkish Embassy)19th September

H.E.Mr. Korkut Gungen

(Dubai integrated Economic Zones Authority)29th September

Mr.Nasser Al Madani



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[Information about scheduled events (in Japanese only)]

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