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1. 2025 WORLD EXPO: THE BASICS

When: April 13 - October 13, 2025 (total 184 days)

Where: Yumeshima, Osaka

Official website of the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exhibition:

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

Tickets:

Expo tickets can be bought either from the official expo website or from a travel agent.

*Other purchase methods (e.g., at convenience stores) are also available ? details

at: <https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/tickets-index/price/>

>From Buying Tickets to Arriving at the Venue: Here's How You Do It

i. Register and get your ExpoID

An Expo ID is required to purchase tickets.

This is easily available by registering via the website.

ii. Buy your tickets

Tickets can be purchased from the official expo ticket sales website.

iii. Book a date and time

Once you have bought your tickets, the next step is to book the date and time of your visit in advance.

iv. Choose the pavilions, events, etc., you want to see, and apply for admission

Once you have booked the date and time of your visit to the expo, the next step is to apply for admission to the pavilions, events, etc., you want to see.

v. Go to the expo venue on the date and time of your booking.

Getting to the Expo Venue

There are three main routes ? all by public transport. Note that only the Osaka Metro (Chuo Line) goes as far as Yumeshima island, where the Expo venue is located. If you are going to the Expo by train, we recommend the Osaka Metro Chuo Line. There will be shuttle buses departing from major railway stations such as Osaka Stn. and Shin-Osaka Stn., but these require advance bookings. If you are going by car, please note that there is no car access to the Expo venue. Use one of the dedicated parking facilities will be available on Maishima island

(next to Yumeshima island), in Sakai City and Amagasaki City, and take a shuttle bus from there.

Seven Top Tips to Ensure a Wonderful Expo Experience

1. Go early: The first half (April thru July) is the best time to visit
2. In principle, tickets require you to book a specific date and time
3. No cars allowed at the Expo venue
4. No suitcases, etc.
5. Cash will not be accepted for payments at the Expo venue - it's cashless only
6. You are allowed to bring your own food (bento lunches, etc.)
7. Do not underestimate the brutal heat of Japan's summers - heat protection is essential!

Source: Nikkei Shimbun Mar. 10, 2025: "The Expo Is Almost Here ? How Are Preparations Progressing?"

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2. OCCI'S 2025 WORLD EXPO PROJECTS

[Expo Symposium]

The OCCI will host a symposium on April 21, 2025, with the heads of the chambers of commerce and industry and other business leaders from its partner nations in the ASEAN-Japan Business Promotion Platform (AJB

Platform). The symposium is designed to harness the momentum of the upcoming 2025 World Expo to explore new methods of inter-regional co-creation and problem solving with the aim of strengthening economic relations between Japan and the ASEAN region. Following an opening address by OCCI Chairperson Shingo Torii and video messages from the ASEAN Secretary General and others, the audience will hear from the heads of the AJB Platform's six constituent chambers on their efforts to deepen sustainable economic relations between Japan and the ASEAN region.

The scheduled speakers include Kunihiro Hirabayashi, secretary general of the ASEAN-Japan Centre, who will deliver a special lecture, followed by a keynote address by a top executive from Shopee, a Singapore-based tech company specializing in e-commerce. There will also be a panel discussion comprising Michael Henssler, chief operating officer of Centara Hotels & Resorts, which operates a chain of hotels in and around Thailand; a representative from the World Association of Overseas Japanese Entrepreneurs; and Pertamina, an Indonesian state-owned oil and natural gas corporation. The discussion will focus on the business potential of co-creation between Japanese and ASEAN partners.

The venue will also feature booths showcasing Japanese and ASEAN chambers of commerce, as well as companies from the ASEAN region, providing an ideal opportunity for interaction between Japanese and ASEAN enterprises. Admission is free, capacity is 500, and (as of the time of writing) the event is already more than half full. Sign up now to avoid disappointment!

Sign up to attend here:

<https://reg26.smp.ne.jp/regist/is?SMPFORM=mat-qbngq-1cfc2b1e58a715f6f7c7720a920c5e38>

[Expo Talk Event: Women × Health × Careers: Imagining the Future of Work]

The OCCI will co-host a talk session with the Sakuya Working Community on April 27th, 2025, titled “Women × Health × Careers: Imagining the Future of Work.” The event is designed to collate and share expertise from a variety of relevant people to help bring a working women’s perspective to efforts to tackle the problems faced by those around us.

When: 17:00-19:20 April 27, 2025 (TBC)

Where: Expo venue on Yumeshima Island (online archive to be made available)

Details & inquiries: OCCI Training & Recruiting Support Section +81-6-6944-6499

Find out more (in Japanese) at

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202502/D27250213011.html>

[Be Sure to Catch the “Achieving Wellness Through Innovative Technology and Space” at the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion This April/May]

One of the main attractions of the 2025 World Expo will be the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion, which is scheduled

to host a variety of Osaka-based tech-developer startups and SMEs as part of its Reborn Challenges project. Spread across two one-week terms from April 29 through May 12, the pavilion will showcase new technologies and exciting news from these rising stars.

The exhibition is planned and operated by the OCCI. The first half theme is around “Achieving Wellness through Innovative Technology and Space: How ‘Wellness Offices’ Can Help You Achieve Physical Health and Beauty.”

When: April 29 - May 5, 2025

Exhibitors: 23 startups and SMEs

The second half of the exhibition is themed around “Achieving Wellness through Innovative Technology and Space: Office Environments Conducive to Mental Health.”

When: May 6-12, 2025

Exhibitors: 20 startups and SMEs

The Reborn Challenges area of the pavilion will reward repeat visits, with weekly exhibitions on different themes. Pre-bookings are not required, so be sure to drop in. (NB:

Pre-bookings are required for the Reborn Experience Route and Mirai Entertainment attractions.)

Find out more at the official Osaka Healthcare Pavilion website: 2025osaka-pavilion.jp/en/

More information (in Japanese) at the OCCI's 2025 Osaka Healthcare Pavilion site:

https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/expo2025_osaka_pavilion/

[Expo-themed Menu Items Bring New Buzz to Local Eateries]

In a new initiative, restaurants offering menu items themed around the 2025 World Expo will be featured in special listings on Google Maps. Users who search with (Japanese) keywords like “life and health,” “diversity,” and “local Osaka ingredients” will see participating eateries in their search results. If you’re looking for Expo-relevant dining options, here’s the perfect feature for you.

[OCCI's Support for Expo 2025]

In addition to being a once-in-a-generation thrill, the 2025 World Expo is also a fine opportunity for building ties with foreign public institutions, and the Osaka One-Stop Business Service Desk serves as a handy advisory service where we can meet those institutions’ needs. If you’re interested in interacting with Osaka-based enterprises, holding seminars, and the like, contact the Osaka One-Stop Business Service Desk today.

Find out more at the JETRO website:

<https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/news/announcement/2024/036390f7dffec1b4.html>

Meanwhile, why not turn your OCCI courtesy visit into a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding of

Osaka's business environment and corporate community? Letting us show you around relevant places like the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation is a great way to transform your visit into something special.

Read all about the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation at

<https://www.kigyoka.jp/e/index.html>

If you are interested in paying a courtesy visit to the OCCI, reach out to us at

intl@osaka.cci.or.jp

[OCCI to Set Up Shop at the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion Outdoor Event Space]

On April 21, 2025, the OCCI will set up shop in the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion's outdoor event space. Be sure to drop by, pick up some Expo merch, and learn more about Osaka's tourist destinations and other attractions.

["Expo Bars" Now a Permanent Fixture]

"Expo Bars," watering holes designed to use the 2025 World Expo as a platform for social interaction, will take up residence in two locations: Lucua Osaka and Shinsaibashi Parco. This development comes after

Demoexpo, an Osaka-based event planning organization, held 75 Expo Bar events nationwide attracting more than 5,100 customers. The permanent Expo Bars are scheduled to open on April 11, 2025, two days before the

first day of the Expo.

Find out more (in Japanese) about the Expo Bars at <https://www.exposakaba.jp/>

[OCCI's pre-Expo Business Exchange Event a Success]

The OCCI's mixer event at Noriba10 in Umeda on March 25, 2025, bringing together Osaka-based businesses and representatives of countries and regions participating in the 2025 World Expo was a roaring success, with 10 national pavilions present and a total attendance of 44. The opening of the Expo (April 13) is just days away now, and we at the OCCI are determined to keep generating these opportunities for business exchange.

Find out more (in English and Japanese) at:

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/seminar/202503/D11250303018.html>

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[“KUUZO~Expo? More like Eatspo!”]

In the run-up to the 2025 World Expo, the OCCI is showcasing Osaka many, many, oh-so-many dining options on Instagram.

Whet your appetite at the OCCI Instagram account, and give us a follow while you're there! https://www.instagram.com/osaka_cci/

[Tickets for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai]

Firstly, you need to register yourself to Expo2025 website and get your Expo ID.

You can buy the ticket, reserve your entry date, and enjoy various services with EXPO ID Admission tickets.

You can purchase them with a smartphone or PC.

In addition to the ticket, you need to reserve the entry date in advance.

[Click here to purchase admission tickets]

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/tickets-index/>

[Check out the OCCI's 2025 World Expo website at]

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/expo2025/pavilion>

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3. MAJOR UPCOMING PROJECTS IN OSAKA

It's April 2025 and we're looking forward to the opening of the 2025 World Expo with eager anticipation. Beyond that, though, Osaka is still one of Japan's foremost hubs for investment and human resources from throughout Japan and around the world, and there are a number of major projects lined up for the post-Expo future.

2025: Osaka hosts the World Expo

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

2027: Full opening of Grand Green Osaka, the big redevelopment of the precinct north of Osaka Station

A Google translation of the official website:

https://umekita-com.translate.google/?_x_tr_sl=ja&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=ja&_x_tr_pto=wapp

2030: Osaka to get Japan's first integrated resort facility

Find out more (in Japanese) at:

<https://www.city.osaka.lg.jp/contents/wdu220/osakair/>

The Expo and the steady stream of major projects and developments have been the catalyst for many companies - Japanese and foreign - to set up in Osaka. Meanwhile, the OCCI is working to facilitate such investment through a variety of initiatives, including business matching-and-meeting events, showcases to highlight the unmet needs of the life science segment, and help those looking to find new owners for their existing businesses.

If you are interested in investing in one of Japan's most attractive business destinations, O-BIC is your first port of call. Contact O-BIC as directed below with any questions you may have.

For more on O-BIC and how it can help your business invest in Osaka, check out the official website at <https://o-bic.net/>

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4. COURTESY VISIT (1ST MARCH-31ST MARCH)

(Chairman of China Council for the promotion of international trade) 2nd March

- Mr. Ren Hongbin

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And finally, some Osaka trivia.

Question: Which is the correct configuration of main thoroughfares ("suji" such as Midosuji and "dori" such as Nagahoridori) in central Osaka?

1. “Suji” run east-west and “dori” run north-south
2. “Suji” run north-south and “dori” run east-west

Answer: 2

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[O-BIC as one-stop service center for creating a foothold in Osaka]

<http://o-bic.net/>

[Information about scheduled events (in Japanese only)]

<https://www.osaka.cci.or.jp/event/index.php>

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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/osaka-o-bic-2025/recent-activity/all/>



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