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Significance of the Expo

Springboard for Achieving the SDGs and Beyond

The Expo's activities under the theme, *Designing Future Society for Our Lives*, are aligned with the United Nation's SDGs whose ultimate objective is to realise a diverse, inclusive and sustainable society backed with the pledge to ensure "no one will be left behind".

The Expo will be held in 2025, five years before the target year for the SDGs in 2030. Thus, the Expo will be an ideal opportunity to take stock of the progress made so far and to accelerate initiatives towards reaching the goal.

The Expo in 2025 is expected to present not only ideas toward achievement of SDGs but also future goals going beyond the SDGs as the Expo facilitates discussion of future society from the mid to long-term perspective.

In addition to the exhibitions at the pavilion, the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition ("Organiser") will offer opportunities for discussion among experts and visitors from around the world on efforts towards achieving the SDGs and beyond. The outcome of the discussions will be compiled and communicated to the world.



Overview

Title

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

Theme

Designing Future Society for Our Lives

Subthemes

Saving Lives
Empowering Lives
Connecting Lives

Concept

People's Living Lab

Venue

Yumeshima Island, on the waterfront of Osaka City

Period

From Sunday, 13 April to Monday, 13 October 2025
184 days

Projected Number of Visits

Approximately 28.2 million
(of those, 3.5 million from overseas)

Location of the Expo

Japan, Osaka and Kansai

Japan's population is approximately 127 million, tenth in the world, with a GDP of approximately USD 5 trillion, third in the world. It is also the gateway to the massive Asian market: China, which has the world's largest population of approximately 1.4 billion and a GDP of approximately USD 14 trillion, second in the world; and ASEAN countries, with a combined total population of approximately 700 million and total GDP of approximately USD 3 trillion (source: World Development Indicators database, World Bank).

Osaka and Kansai area has been the nation's centre of politics, economy, and culture for over 1,600 years. It has a rich heritage with multiple ancient cities as well as a variety of shrines, temples, historical buildings, traditional performing arts, and Japanese *washoku* cuisine. In fact, approximately half of Japan's historical tourism resources are concentrated in the Kansai area. At the same time, Osaka and Kansai area is advanced in the fields of life sciences, cuisine, sports, entertainment, and other sectors that synchronise perfectly with the proposed theme of the Expo, *Designing Future Society for Our Lives*. The world's leading bio medical clusters, comprised of a number of research institutes and corporations, as well as a variety of the most advanced research and development facilities, including, for example, the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application, Kyoto University, are located in this area.

Site: Yumeshima Island

The site for the Expo is located in Yumeshima, an artificial island located on the waterfront in Osaka that commands a beautiful view of scenery of the Seto Inland Sea.

The venue reflects the vision of future society through its key concept of decentralisation. Randomly placed pavilions represent individual citizens living across the globe, making the Expo reflective of future society as created by all eight billion people on the Earth.

The Organiser will promote the use of virtual technology on- and off-site for the Expo's purpose of designing future society. The Organiser will develop means to create exhibitions that inspire future society along the following two methods: (1) diverse exhibitions and events using latest virtual technology at the Expo site on Yumeshima Island (on-site) and (2) mechanisms that allow people from all around the world who are unable to visit the Expo in person to experience the Expo using its website and/or in other ways (off-site and online).

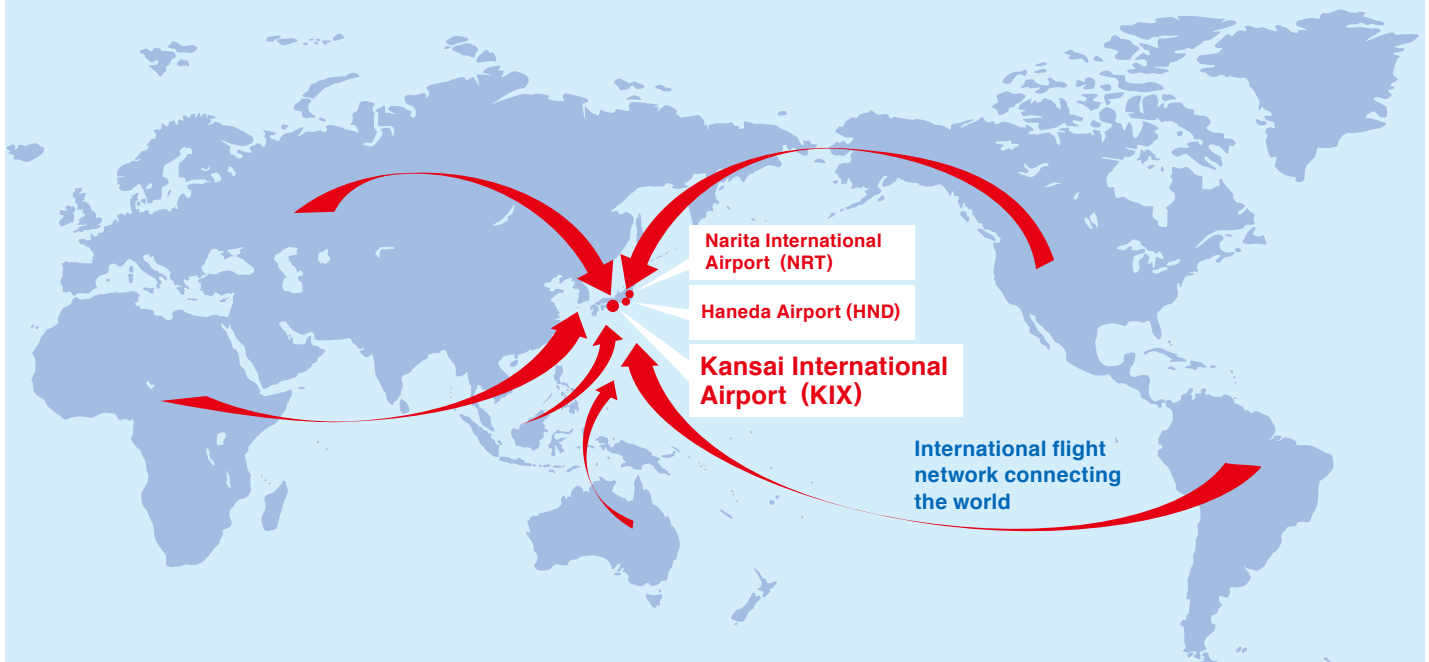
Yumeshima Island and the Site Area



Access to the Venue

Easy access to the venue is critical for any event attended by people from all over the world. Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolitan area, has advanced transport infrastructure, which will offer visitors easy access not only from Tokyo but also from anywhere in the world by air or sea. Osaka also boasts a world-class public transport system comprised of subways, railways, buses and others.

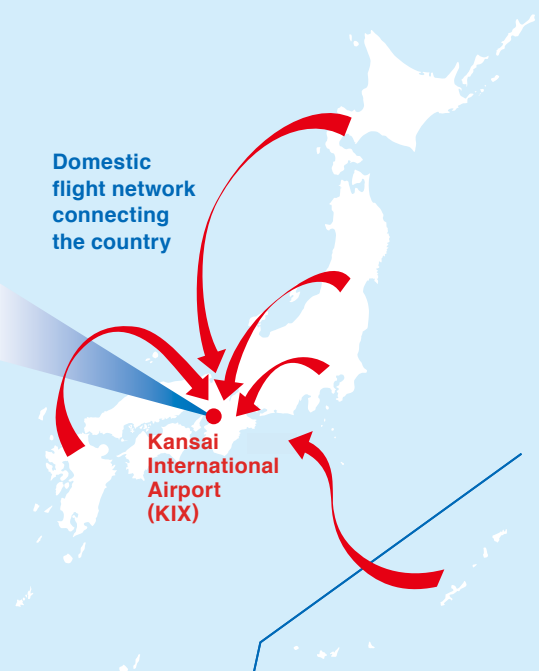
Easy Access from the World and Gateway to Asia



Osaka, Kansai Connected with Highly Advanced Network of Domestic Transportation



Domestic flight network connecting the country



Participation

Exhibition Style

The Organiser will provide different types of exhibition facilities to the participants so that they tailor their exhibition to meet their objectives within their budget.

Participants will choose a set of exhibition facilities depending on their exhibition plans. The expenses necessary to complete their exhibition shall be covered by participants themselves.

Participating Countries and International Organisations

Participating countries and international organisations may select an exhibition style from among the options of a Self-Built Pavilion, Module Pavilion, and Organiser-Built Shared Pavilion based on their financial and operational resources.

Type A Pavilion (Self-Built Pavilion)

The Organiser will provide a plot to participants and the participants will construct their pavilions there. Participants are responsible for dismantling and removing their pavilions after the closure of the Expo to return the plot to the same condition as it was initially handed over.

Utilities will be made available to the boundary of each plot by the Organiser and participants assume responsibilities for connecting to utilities and for setting up utility facilities in their plot. (Water and electricity that are required for the construction may be provided initially in the form of tentative construction infrastructure.)

Type B Pavilion (Module Pavilion)

The Organiser will build pavilions for participants to rent. Participants will rent modules to create exhibitions by completing facilities and the interior.

At the time of the hand-over, the Module Pavilions are equipped with utilities including sewage and rainwater drainage, water, electricity and telecommunications. Participants assume responsibilities to connect their exhibition facilities to the utilities provided. Participants who choose this option are required to pay module rent to the Organiser.

Type C Pavilion (Organiser-Built Shared Pavilion)

Seven shared pavilions will be built onsite and participants will rent a space inside one of the pavilions to create their own exhibition by completing exhibition facilities and interior. Participants are able to choose a layout of their choice from a variety of plans. At the time of the hand-over, the shared pavilions are equipped with utilities including sewage and rainwater drainage, water, electricity, and telecommunications. Participants assume responsibilities to connect their exhibition facilities to utilities provided. Participants who choose this option are required to pay rent to the Organiser, except for the eligible countries for assistance programme who are exempted from such rent.

Other Participants

We expect participation from local governments in the Kansai area, leading private-sector companies from Japan and overseas, and NGOs, NPOs, citizen's groups, SMEs and individuals.

Assistance Programme for Developing Countries

The Government of Japan is committed to offering comprehensive support to developing countries, in addition to its commitment to cover the site construction and operating expenses. The eligible countries are encouraged to make exhibitions in the Module Pavilions or the Organiser-Built Shared Pavilion. They are able to choose one Organiser-Built Shared Pavilion they prefer among seven pavilions in accordance with the zoning decided by exhibition theme. Should they wish to make exhibitions in one of the Module Pavilions, they will be offered rent at a favourable rate.

Accommodation Plan for Participants

To accommodate pavilion staff of overseas participants and other foreign participant staff, the Organiser will consider securing 990 residences for 2,100 people. To ensure a comfortable and safe stay in Japan for overseas participant staff, the public and private sectors will work together to provide facilities for long-term stays. The Organiser will consider ways to support the daily activities of the participants.

The Organiser will introduce shuttle buses for commuting between lodging facilities and the Expo site, in addition to the use of public transport.

In addition to providing the housing, the Organiser will set up a section at the Association to help staff members find a rental housing in the city and suburbs upon request.

Measures Against Infectious Diseases

The Organiser has established a committee comprised by experts in the fields of infectious diseases and other areas to consider the appropriate measures to take, both tangible and intangible, that correspond to the various phases, from before the opening to the closure, of the Expo.

The Organiser

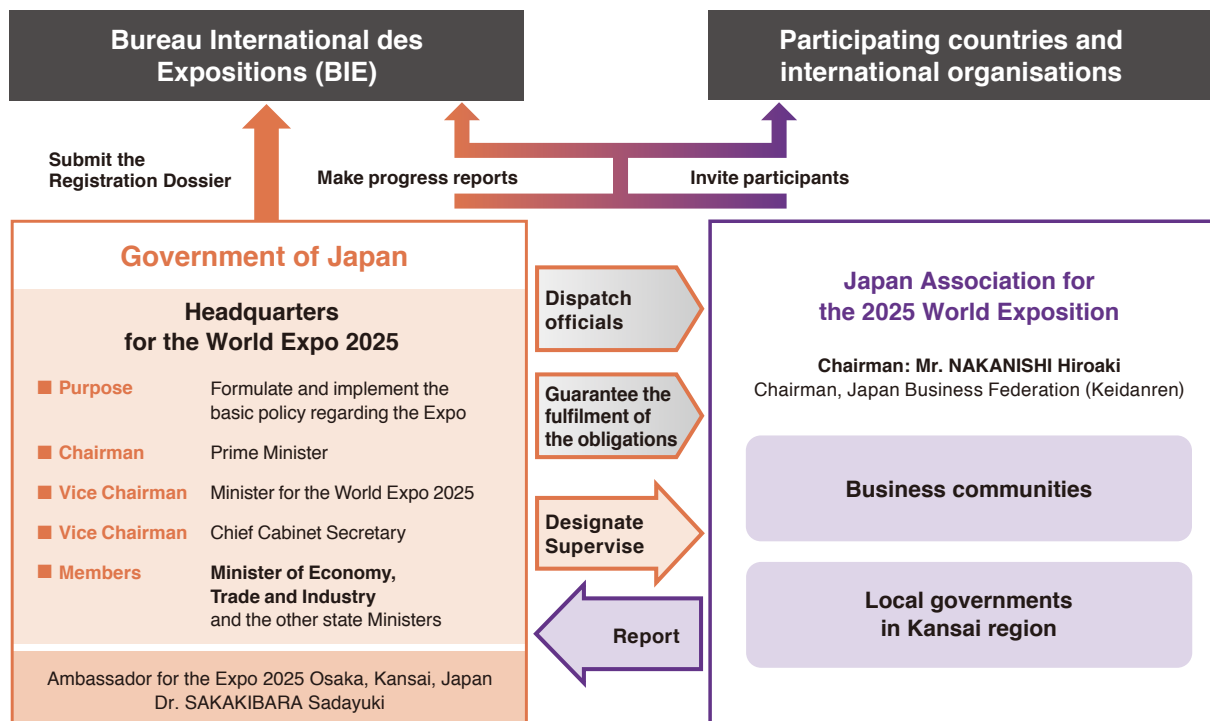
The Organiser and Organisations

In accordance with the Act on Special Measures Necessary for Preparing for and Managing the International Exposition in 2025, the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) designated the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition as the legal entity to organise the World Expo in 2025.

The Government of Japan will extend funding assistance, dispatch national government officials and provide other necessary support to the Organiser. The Organiser will be supervised by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry.

The Headquarters for the World Expo 2025 has been established in the Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister. The Headquarters will be responsible for overall coordination of government measures that will require coordination among different ministries and agencies, including special measures for participating countries.

Organisations for the World Expo 2025



Schedule

Main Future Schedule

From December 2020

The Government of Japan sends out official invitations to governments and international organisations to participate in the Expo. Governments and international organisations confirm participation

13 April 2023

Hand-over of plots (Type A pavilion)

13 July 2024

Hand-over of exhibition space (Type B and C pavilions)

Deadline for completion of construction work by official participants (Type A pavilion)

From 13 November 2024

Entry of items to be shown

13 January 2025

Deadline for completion of internal conversion and finishing work by official participants

13 March 2025

Deadline for the completion of the installation of exhibits by official participants

13 April 2025

Opening of EXPO

13 October 2025

Closing of EXPO



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