

Sustainability Policy of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

The theme of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Expo") is "Designing Future Society for Our Lives" (hereinafter referred to as "the Theme"). The Expo is an opportunity for the world to come together in one "place" and aims to facilitate interactions between people with diverse values from around the world, resulting in opportunities to build new human connections and create value.

Through the preparation and operation of the Expo, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") will return to 'life' as a starting point, continue to build awareness of each other's lives (and associated challenges), to take a careful look at life in diverse forms around the world and hold an Expo that provides new solutions for the challenges of sustainability.

The Association operates under the four governing principles of stewardship, inclusivity, integrity, and transparency.

1. Stewardship :

Strive to appropriately manage environmental and social impacts from the planning stage to execution of the Expo to ensure positive outcomes following the Expo.

2. Inclusivity :

Ensure the inclusion of diverse stakeholder views from the perspective of sustainability, notably the Sustainable Development Goals (hereinafter referred to as "SDGs") of the UN "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

3. Integrity :

Equitably undergo the process of value creation for a future society by acting with integrity toward visitors, participants (corporations, educational and research institutions, national governmental agencies, international organisations, local governments, NGOs/NPOs, grassroots bodies, etc.) and many other stakeholders.

4. Transparency :

By setting goals from a diverse range of perspectives and verifying the appropriateness of the operation, the Association will create a mechanism for disseminating information to many people.

The Association understands the needs and expectations of its stakeholders and ensures its compliance and/or adherence to legal and other requirements.

To elaborate further on the discussion of 'life' as the central piece of the Theme, three subthemes have been established: Saving Lives, Empowering Lives and Connecting Lives. Based on these sub-themes, the Association sets the following five major goals to guide our activities.

1. People (Life, People, Health and Wellbeing) :

The Expo promotes the importance of protecting and nurturing all 'life' that makes up our ecosystems.

[Direction to pursue]

The Expo has adopted the concept of "People's Living Lab" as an approach to realizing the Theme with the aim of realizing Society 5.0 and solving social issues. The Expo also strives to be a place for creating value in diverse forms, including livelihoods, diet and learning.

2. Planet (Ecosystems and Environment) :

The Association aims to develop and operate venues that contribute to the realization of international agreements (such as the Paris Agreement and Osaka Blue Ocean Vision).

[Direction to pursue]

- ① The Expo strives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by introducing CO₂ emissions reduction technology, energy conservation technology and renewable energy.
- ② The Expo shall use resources effectively by actively leveraging the 3R initiatives (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and procuring renewable materials.
- ③ The Expo shall conserve and restore the natural environment and ecosystems around the venue where there are important ecological hubs in the coastal zone in the Osaka region. In addition, the Association will closely monitor the negotiations process of the "Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework" and consider

appropriate application of initiatives.

3. Prosperity (Supply chain and Value chain) :

The Expo fosters knowledge about society and the environment that enriches not only tangible commodities but also livelihoods. This knowledge expands the scope of possibilities and shall be passed on to the next generation as a legacy.

[Direction to pursue]

- ① The Expo shall establish a supply chain in compliance with the Sustainable Procurement Code and take account of sustainability throughout the value chain, including the process of cyclical use and disposal of resources.
- ② The Expo shall contribute to the revitalization of local industries by collaborating with private companies in the preparation and operation of the Expo site.

4. Peace (Peace, Justice and Inclusiveness) :

The Association creates a favourable environment for diverse people to actively and safely participate in the Expo, and aims to operate the Expo in an inclusive manner which respects each person so that the Expo will be a place for sharing diverse values based on the Theme.

[Direction to pursue]

- ① The Association shall operate the Expo in accordance with the UN "Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights".
- ② The Association shall ensure a sound and favourable working environment for the diverse people involved in the preparation and operation of the Expo.

5. Partnership (Collaboration) :

The Association provides the opportunity for everyone to participate in the Expo, freely exchange ideas and create communities where they can connect with each other.

[Direction to pursue]

Together with corporations, educational and research institutions, national and governmental organisations, international organisations, local governments, NGOs/NPOs and grassroots bodies, the Association shall promote Japan, particularly the Osaka and Kansai region, to the world. In addition, the most distinctive characteristic of

the Expo will be the endeavour to give a realistic picture of a future society not just through thought but also through action. In this regard, the Association shall invite diverse participants to come together before the Expo and connect with various initiatives in their respective positions and tackle challenges with a view to support achievement of the SDGs at or outside the Expo site.

In order to realize this policy, the Association shall establish an Event Sustainability Management System (ESMS) within the organisation, based on the international standard ISO20121. Specifically, the Association will set key issues and goals, develop a sustainability plan that each entity will be responsible for implementing, carry out continuous monitoring and evaluation of results and improvements, and provide regular reports to relevant stakeholders.

The Association shall work together to implement this policy by continuously improving the ESMS as necessary, deploying appropriate resources and a diverse workforce (inclusive of a diversity in age, gender and nationality) and providing adequate training.

The Association shall strive to inspire each stakeholder through its own efforts to realize this policy, which will lead to a change in their thought processes and subsequently, their actions after the Expo. In addition, as the plans for the Expo take shape, the Association shall ensure to provide an opportunity for the next generation (who will be leaders for future urban development) to continue to make impactful strides forward. The Expo is a national project for the new era, beyond COVID-19. The sustainability initiatives under the Theme are in alignment with the SDGs.

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(Signature)

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