

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Kansai Bureau

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Dear consulate general representatives:

Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan will finally begin next April. We look forward to welcoming many visitors from your country to Osaka and the surrounding areas. We are steadily preparing in anticipation of business exchanges between companies from your country and companies in the Kansai region during and around the EXPO.

We are pleased to inform you that we have recently set up two new schemes to encourage more business exchanges.

## 1. The Kansai Companies Profile

The Kansai Companies Profile provides a comprehensive overview of promising companies in the Kansai region, highlighting their strengths, areas of expertise, initiatives related to social contributions, and benefits for companies located around the world.

You can find information about these companies that we confidently recommend for international business opportunities at the following link: <a href="https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/2kokuji/glocal\_PT/English/kansai\_companies.html">https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/2kokuji/glocal\_PT/English/kansai\_companies.html</a>

Companies and researchers from around the world can easily find the most suitable companies for their business needs by filtering through categories, company names, industries, locations, and keywords at the following link: <a href="https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/2kokuji/glocal\_PT/English/kansai\_companiess">https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/2kokuji/glocal\_PT/English/kansai\_companiesss</a> search.html

## 2. Osaka One-Stop Business Service Desk

To support effective planning of business delegations from countries around the world, public organizations in Osaka, including METI-Kansai, have jointly launched a one-stop service desk from April 2024.

The service desk provides valuable assistance if your country is holding business events, visiting companies and industrial facilities, or researching business information in and around Osaka.

To better understand the service and to further facilitate access from around the world, a website has just launched in August. You can find more information at the following link: <a href="https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/osaka\_bsd/">https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/osaka\_bsd/</a>

By filling out the form on the website with the information regarding your inquiry, specialized staff will respond promptly to your request. When your country considers business delegations, please feel free to contact the service desk to make the best plan.

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If you have any interest in these two schemes mentioned above, we would greatly appreciate your cooperation in providing this information to the relevant people in your country with the necessary information. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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