

WORLD EXPO 2025 NEWS

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The Expo is not just a project for Osaka and Kansai; it's a national event involving the whole of Japan.

The Expo's theme, "life," is a profound one. The Expo also serves as an opportunity to unite our diverse world. With only around 300 days to go until its opening, we are feeling more determined than ever to make it a success. We will exert our utmost efforts to make it an event that can present the world with hope for the future.



TOKURA Masakazu,
Chairman of Board, Keidanren

The attractions of an Expo are to learn about today's world, talk and interact with people from around the globe, and build a better future together. We will devote our best efforts to ensure that visitors can enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience through the Grand Roof (Ring), one of the world's largest wooden structures, pavilions and National Days of more than 150 countries, a diverse range of events and gastronomic experiences, beautiful scenery unique to a maritime Expo, and much more.



ISHIGE Hiroyuki,
Secretary General,
Japan Association for the 2025
World Exposition



[Above(Signature Project Producer)]From left: Mr. MIYATA Hiroaki / Mr. ISHIGURO Hiroshi / Ms. NAKAJIMA Sachiko / Mr. OCHIAI Yoichi / Mr. FUKUOKA Shin-Ichi / Mr. KAWAMORI Shoji / Mr. KOYAMA Kundo / Ms. KAWASE Naomi
[Below]From left: TOKURA Masakazu, Chairman of Board, Keidanren / SAITO Ken, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry / JIMI Hanako, Minister for the World Expo 2025 / ISHIGE Hiroyuki, Secretary General, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition / HANEDA Koji, Commissioner General of the 2025 World Exposition in Japan (Ambassador)

【The week's report】

1. Overseas Pavilions Construction Status
May 30: Bahrain unveils the design for its National Pavilion
2. Last week's main events / Schedule for this week and beyond
May 28: 4th TEAM EXPO 2025 MEETING
May 28: Selection of Co-Design Challenge 2024 projects
May 30: Unveiling of conceptual drawings of facilities designed by up-and-coming architects
June 1: Booking starts for the "Venue Construction Work Tour" for the general public
May 31: Announcement of projects chosen in the Expo International Exchange Program's third call for projects
May 31: Second call begins for applications for events organized by the general public
June 2: Unveiling ceremony of JAL's second MYAKU-MYAKU jet plane
3. Sales / Applications
Tickets sold: 2,227,063 (as of May 29)
Volunteers recruited: 55,634 (final figures)



Committed to
Expo preparations!

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Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Weekly Report (May 28 - June 3)

~ 313 days to go ! ~

**1. Official Participants**

- May 30; Bahrain unveiled the design of its pavilion. Embodying the country's maritime tradition, and its role as a gateway to the Gulf region, the design is inspired by traditional Bahraini ships. The pavilion plans to utilize recycled materials and Japanese wood processing technology.



Bahrain Pavilion

<https://www.bna.bh/en/BahrainannouncesitsparticipationinExpoOsaka2025.aspx?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwIzON1%2bDvMVSpkgkcNucJnlRMtVwIU%3d>

- Following pavilion presentation and groundbreaking ceremony were held in May.
 (Groundbreaking Ceremonies) May 10 - Thailand; May 15 - Czech Republic
 (Pavilion Presentations) May 9 - Spain; May 15 - Czech Republic

Status of participating countries as of May 29

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| - Number of countries with official participation agreements: | 101 countries |
| - Countries where have been decided their construction companies: | 39 countries |
| - Countries where already handed over the site: | 42 countries |
| - Countries where construction has started: | 31 countries |

2. Reports from the past week and plans for the upcoming week

- May 28; The 4th TEAM EXPO 2025 Meeting was held in Osaka. Approximately 600 participants, engaged in various TEAM EXPO 2025 voluntary co-creation activities, attended. based on the theme of the Expo attended. Opportunities for networking and mutual learning were provided through presentations and exhibitions at booths.



TEAM EXPO 2025 Meeting

https://x.com/expo2025_japan/status/1795756975868838178?t=zTaIvHTIGN_UnbMIIG6w1A&s=19

- May 28; The Association launched the Co-Design Challenge 2024, the second phase of a design project that will showcase innovative, community-based products and services at the Expo. A total of 11 projects were selected from 36 proposals. The projects will receive advice from designated veteran designers in product development with the Expo as the target. Factory tours are also being planned.

(Examples of selected projects)

- Furniture made from debris from space rockets
- Rubbish bins made from unused wood and bamboo
- Sign stands made by collecting and refining waste materials from natural disasters
- Bench made from discarded scallop shells
- Display stand made of cardboard waste paper
- Stools made of Shigaraki ceramics, aged wooden building materials and offcuts



Presentation in Suminoe Ward, Osaka



Space Tank Bench using space rocket waste

- May 30; The Association released images for the 20 facilities specially designed by young architects, which include rest areas and toilets, amongst others. Expos are generally seen as launching pads for architects, as was the case in Expo 1970 Osaka, and these facilities are expected to similarly serve as opportunities for the young architects to showcase their works globally.



Toilet facility



Rest area

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20240530-05>

- June 1; The Association started accepting reservations from the general public for the Expo Construction Tour. Visitors will be able to view the construction scenery from inside and the top of the Grand Ring. As of June 3, all 18 available tour sets have been sold out, but private tours remain available. Fee is 1,000 yen per person.



View of the Grand Ring, as of April 19

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20240530-01/>

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20240603-02/>

- May 31; The Cabinet Secretariat announced that 14 projects from 9 local governments have registered been registered under the third round of solicitations fro the Expo International Exchange Program. The total number including past rounds is 74 projects from 44 local governments.

Newly registered projects

- Australia (Yamatotakata, Nara Prefecture)
- Belgium (Gifu Prefecture)
- Bolivia, Ghana, Kenya and Rwanda (City of Osaka)
- China and Micronesia (Ganraku, Gunma Prefecture)
- Guinea (Mishima, Kagoshima Prefecture)
- Lithuania (Fukuyama, Hiroshima Prefecture)
- Philippines (Sennan, Osaka Prefecture)
- USA (Gifu Prefecture; Tondabayashi, Osaka Prefecture)
- Vietnam (Kyoto Prefecture)

https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo_suisin_honbu/topics/pdf/03_touroku.pdf

- May 31; The Association has started accepting secondary applications for General Participation Events. Applicants will be selected at any time during the recruitment period. The schedule and eligible facilities are to the below:

	Application Period	Notification of Recruits
1 st Period	May 31-July 31, 2024	September 2024 ~
2 nd Period	Aug.1 - Aug. 31, 2024	October, 2024~
3 rd Period	Sep.1 - Sep. 30, 2024	November, 2024~
4 th Period	Oct.1 - Oct. 31, 2024	December, 2024~
5 th Period	Nov.1 - Nov. 30, 2024	January, 2025~
6 th Period	Dec.1 – Dec. 31, 2024	February, 2025~

Facilities eligible for recruitment

○Pop-up Stage East Outside



○Pop-up Stage East Inner



○Pop-up Stage West



○Pop-up Stage North



○Pop-up Stage South



○EXPO Arena "Matsuri"



<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20240531-01>

- June 2; Japan Airlines unveiled Myaku-Myaku JET No.2 at Haneda Airport. The first aircraft has been operating on domestic flights since November 2023. This second aircraft is expected to operate on international flights to Asian routes with destinations including Bangkok, Dalian, Ho Chi Minh City, Manila, Seoul, Shanghai and Taipei.



Minister Hanaoko Jimi at the unveiling ceremony



Myaku-Myaku Jet No. 2

<Upcoming Events>

- June 18: BIE general meeting (online)

3. Ticket sales and volunteers

- Number of tickets sales: 2,227,063 as of May 29
- Total number of volunteers applicants: 55,634 (confirmed figure)
 - * Registration will be expanded from 20,000 initially planned to 30,000