



**Part
III**

EXPO 2025 CHRONOLOGY

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About the Editorial Work of the EXPO 2025 Chronology

- This EXPO 2025 Chronology was written by the Chronology Group of the APIR.
- The data below were last checked on November 30, 2022 (exceptions noted).
- EXPO 2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN is referred to as “Osaka-Kansai EXPO” and The Japan Association for the International Exposition, 2025 is referred to as “Expo Association” due to space limitation.

1. Chronology

○On November 23, 2018, Osaka is chosen to host the 2025 International Exposition. However, due to the spread of COVID-19 infection in 2020, face-to-face events and other activities were restrained. In 2022, three years before the opening of the Expo, the Expo Association and other organizations outside Osaka have been active in holding events related to the Expo.

Table 1 Movements related to the Expo:2018-22

year	Movements related to the Expo	
2018	11/23	Japan (Osaka) selected as the host country for the 2025 International Exposition at the BIE General Assembly
2019	1/30	The Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition (hereinafter referred to as the Expo Association) is established.
2020	2/14	Announced ambassadors for Osaka-Kansai Expo
	7/13	Osaka-Kansai Expo producer selected
	8/25	Brandnew Expo logo revealed
	12/1	Japan's registration dossier concerning Osaka-Kansai Expo approved by the BIE general assembly
	12/25	Master plan for Osaka-Kansai Expo formulated
2021	12/15	Event planning producer decided for Osaka-Kansai Expo
2022	1/28	Canada announces its participation, and all G7 members decide to join
	2/28	Osaka prefecture and city establish new city-linked metaverse "Virtual Osaka"
	3/22	Brandnew Expo character design revealed
	4/8	Participation reached a total of 100 countries/regions
	4/18	Osaka-Kansai Expo thematic project master plan of the "Brilliance of Life Project"
	4/27	"EXPO 2025 Green Vision" released
	5/13	Tokushima Prefecture opens "Tokushima Virtual Pavilion"
	6/17	Osaka prefecture and city of Osaka released an image of the exterior of the "Osaka Pavilion"
	7/18	Osaka-Kansai Expo Official character nickname "MYAKU-MYAKU" decided at 1000 days to go events
	9/25	Fireworks display held on Yumeshima to promote momentum for Osaka-Kansai Expo
10/25~26	International Planning Meeting held"	

Source: Prepared by APIR based on press materials from various sources

2. Participating Countries, Regions and International Organizations

○As of November 30, 2022, 142 countries/regions and 8 international organizations have announced their participation (Table 2 and Table 3). As shown in Figure 1, many countries and regions in the African region have announced their participation recently.

Table 2 Changes in International Organizations Declaring Participation

cumulative number	Date	corporate body
1	2021/2/10	International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)
2	2/10	International Sorar Alliance (ISA)
3	4/7	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
4	5/28	African Union Commission (AUC)
5	7/2	European Union (EU)
6	2022/1/7	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat
7	4/8	Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Secretariat
8	7/5	United Nation

Note: As of November 30, 2022.

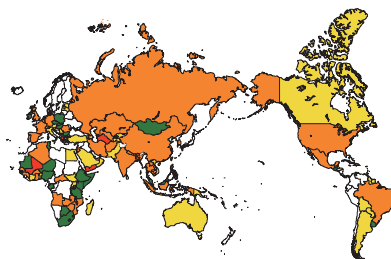
Source: Prepared by APIR based on Expo Association press release.

Table 3 Countries/regions that have announced their participation

cumulative number	Date	Country&Region
7	2021/2/10	Republic of Yemen, Republic of Greece, Republic of Djibouti, Turkmenistan, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Kingdom of Bhutan, Republic of Mali
14	3/12	Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Republic of Senegal, Kingdom of Bahrain, Federative Republic of Brazil, Burkina Faso, Kingdom of Lesotho
18	4/7	Qatar, Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Republic of Zimbabwe, Nepal
19	4/13	Kingdom of Thailand
25	4/21	Democratic People's Republic of Algeria, Republic of India, Federal Republic of Germany, French Republic, Jordan, Russian Federation
29	5/14	Republic of Angola, Republic of Zambia, Swiss Confederation, Lao People's Democratic Republic
34	5/28	Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Guinea, People's Republic of China, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
43	6/15	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Cuba, State of Kuwait, Union of the Comoros, Central African Republic, United Mexican States, Republic of Mozambique, Romania
46	7/2	United Arab Emirates, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kingdom of Spain
48	7/16	United States of America, Republic of Korea
49	7/27	Portuguese Republic
54	8/20	Republic of Indonesia, Arab Republic of Egypt, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Suriname, Socialist Republic of Vietnam
57	9/28	Argentine Republic, Dominican Republic, Republic of Burundi

58	10/15	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
63	11/17	Republic of Italy, Republic of Uganda, Republic of Tajikistan, Brunei Darussalam, Republic of South Sudan
64	11/24	Republic of Paraguay
67	12/14	Republic of Austria, Sultanate of Oman, Kingdom of Tonga
72	2022/1/7	Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Estonia, Commonwealth of Australia, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Turkey
78	1/28	Republic of Armenia, Canada, Saint Lucia, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Republic of Honduras, Republic of Rwanda
86	3/4	Republic of The Gambia, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Belgium, Republic of Madagascar, Republic of Latvia
87	3/11	Republic of Slovenia
100	4/8	Antigua and Barbuda, Republic of El Salvador, Republic of Guyana, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Tuvalu, Republic of Togo, Republic of Vanuatu, Palestine, Republic of Benin, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Republic of Marshall Islands
105	4/19	Ireland, Eastern Republic of Uruguay, Republic of Guatemala, Republic of Kosovo, Malaysia
106	5/10	Mongolia
115	5/31	Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Kenya, Independent State of Samoa, Republic of Singapore, Solomon Islands, Republic of Niger, Republic of Haiti, Republic of Bulgaria, Federated States of Micronesia
119	6/7	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Niue, Republic of Poland
120	6/14	Republic of the Philippines
126	7/5	United Republic of Tanzania, Czech Republic, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Republic of Palau, Belize, Montenegro
130	7/29	Hungary, Republic of Fiji, Republic of Mauritius, Islamic Republic of Mauritania
137	9/9	Kingdom of Eswatini, Republic of Gabon, Federal Republic of Somalia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Nauru, Democratic Republic of East Timor, Republic of Botswana
142	10/25	Slovak Republic, Republic of Tunisia, Republic of Panama, Republic of Malta, Republic of South Africa

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 Source: Prepared by APIR based on Expo Association press release.



- Countries that have announced their participation for the first time: as of February 10 2021
- Over 50 participating countries/regions: as of August 20 2021
- Participating countries exceed 100 countries/regions: as of April 8 2022
- Countries with most recent participation announcement: as of October 25 2022

Figure 1 Map of countries/regions that have announced their participation






Note: As of November 30, 2022.
 Source: Prepared by APIR based on Expo Association press release.

3. Comparison with Previous International Expositions

○The table below compares the most recent international expositions (registered expositions) . A comparison of the themes of the three Expos shows that they are focused on soft themes such as “Feeding,” “Mind,” “Future,” and “Lives”.

Table 4

Comparison with Previous International Expositions

	2020 Dubai International Expo	2025 Japan International Expo(Osaka, Kansai Expo)	2015 Milano International Expo
Holding period	October 1, 2021 ~ March 31, 2022	April 13, 2025 ~ October 13, 25	May 1, 2015 ~ October 31, 15
Number of days	182 days	184 days	184 days
main theme	Connecting Minds, Creating the Future	Designing Futur Society for Our Lives	Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life
logo mark			
Total Visitors Target Number	25 million people	28.2 million people	20 million people
Total number of visitors	24.1 million people	—	21.5 million people
Venue Scale	438 ha	155 ha	110 ha
Number of participating countries, regions and international organizations	192 countries/regions, 10 organizations	150 countries/regions, 25 organizations (target)	145 countries/regions, 3 organizations
ticket price	1-day pass (adult) ¥2,850 Multi-pass (30 days) ¥5,850 Pass during the exhibition ¥14,850 Free for Under 18, students, over 1 dirham = ¥30	1-day pass (18-64 years old) ¥6,000 1-day pass (12-17 years old) ¥3,300 1-day pass (4-11 years old) ¥2,000 1-day pass (65-80 years old) ¥5,000 Free for children under 3 and over 80	1-day pass Adult (14-64 years old) ¥5,300 1-day pass students (14-25 years old) ¥4,420 1-day pass (4-13 years old) ¥2,140 1-day pass (Over 65) ¥3,750 Free for children under 3 1 Euro = ¥134
Logo and Symbol of the Japan Pavilion		—	
Theme of the Japan Pavilion	Where ideas meet	Between Lives	Harmonious Diversity

* Nihon Keizai Shimbun, “Osaka-Kansai Expo admission fee considered at 6,000 yen” (June 20, 2022).
Source: Prepared by APIR based on press releases from various sources.

4. Introduction of the initiatives for hosting the EXPO 2025

- In addition to Yumeshima, the site of the Expo, various activities are underway in the Kansai region with the aim of building momentum for the Expo and revitalizing local communities in the wake of the Expo. The following is an introduction to some of the most characteristic activities.
- There are programs and events organized by the Expo Association to promote the momentum of the Expo (①~⑤), and programs focusing on regional revitalization supported by the METI-Kinki Bureau (⑥,⑦).

① Junior EXPO 2025



This educational program is designed to encourage children, who will be responsible for the future, to participate in the Osaka-Kansai Expo before the event is held, and to increase their interest in the event so that they will want to visit the Expo site. In 2020, the program will be implemented in elementary and junior high schools in Osaka Prefecture, in 2021 in the Kansai region, and in 2022 and thereafter, the program will be expanded to cover all of Japan.

Implementing entity: Expo Association

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/overview/education/>

② TEAM-EXPO 2025



A participatory program in which a diverse group of people team up to take on the challenges of the Osaka-Kansai Expo and the future through a variety of activities.

Co-Creation Challenges: Activities for an exciting future for all participants, achieving the theme of the Expo "Designing Future Society for Our Lives".

Co-Creation Partners: Corporations and organizations that create and support multiple Co-Creation Challenges.

Implementing entity: Expo Association

<https://team.expo2025.or.jp/>

③ Cyber Expo



The program is different from the one at the Expo site, and will be presented in an online space. Under the theme of "Action for Lives," this is another Expo that transcends national borders, race, and culture to take action to sustain the lives of humans, living creatures, and the Earth. It aims to build on the legacy of the Osaka-Kansai Expo as a platform that can run on its own even after 2025.

Implementing entity: Expo Association

https://www.expo2025.or.jp/overview/expo_pll_talks/cyber/

④ People's Living Lab Promotion Conference



The People's Living Lab (PLL) Promotion Conference was held to promote the participation of a wide variety of companies in "demonstration experiments that can be conducted in the special city of Expo. Experts from various fields were invited to the conference to discuss what can be realized at the Expo site as a "testing ground for the society of the future.

Implementing entity: Expo Association

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

⑤ EXPO PLL Talks



The "People's Living Lab" is a concept for realizing the theme of the Osaka-Kansai Expo, and this online talk event will allow a variety of practitioners and experts to communicate their efforts related to the theme to people in Japan and abroad before the Expo period, and to work together to create the Expo.

Implementing entity: Expo Association
<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/pll/>

⑥ Regional revitalization strategy utilizing Expo



Activities to revitalize the entire Kansai region by expanding the concept of the Expo and utilizing the power of the Expo. Specifically, the "Project for Creating Future Innovations" will promote the creation and acceleration of innovation, and the "Regional Expo Utilization Project" aims to promote regional development by utilizing the power of the Expo, including regional branding and attracting visitors to the area.

Implementing entity: the METI-Kinki Bureau
https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/1-2_2025next/index.html

⑦ 360° EXPO Extended Map



This map summarizes the activities of the Kansai region that are expected to make great strides during and after the Osaka-Kansai Expo in order to convey the attractiveness of the Kansai region to the many people and businesses that will visit the Osaka-Kansai Expo, viewing the entire Kansai region as a pavilion. The map has been updated every six months since 2021.

Implementing entity: the METI-Kinki Bureau
https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/1-2_2025next/360expomap_detail.html

Source: Prepared by APIR based on the Expo Association and the METI-Kinki Bureau website.

5. Infrastructure Map

○The Headquarters for Promoting International Expositions, Cabinet Secretariat, released an infrastructure development plan on August 27, 2021. The five pillars of the infrastructure development plan are “Infrastructure planning around the venue,” “Improvement of accessibility to the venue,” “Improvement of safety,” “Enhancement of liveliness and attractiveness,” and “Development of wide-area transportation infrastructure. Figure 2 is an excerpt from the main development plan. Based on this development plan, Osaka City has requested approximately 450 billion yen for infrastructure projects.¹⁾

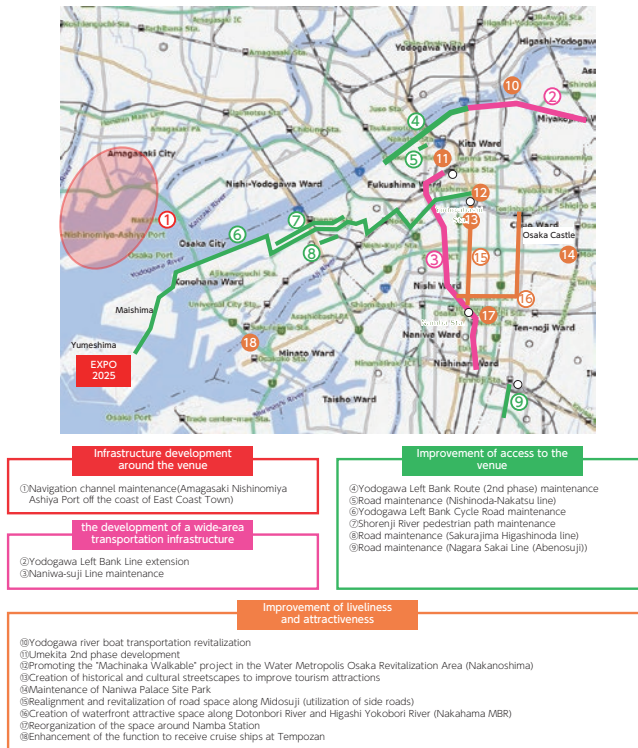


Figure 2

Expo-related infrastructure map

Note: Unfilled numbers indicate the relevant line, filled indicates the relevant spot.

Source: Prepared by APIR based on the Infrastructure Development System Plan of the International Exposition Promotion Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat

1) Nihon Keizai Shimbun, “Expo-Related Infrastructure, Osaka City’s Project Cost 450 Billion Yen” (September 2, 2021)

