

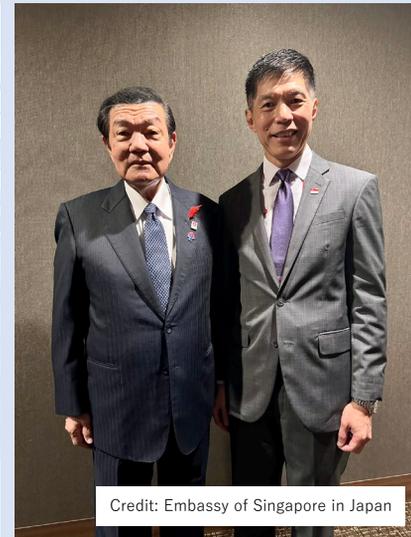
# WORLD EXPO 2025 NEWS 「KIZUNA –絆– News letter」

“Kizuna” is the Japanese word for “bond.”

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Singapore's pavilion at the World Expo 2025 is called “the Dream Sphere – Where Dreams Take Shape”. The Pavilion tells the story of our young nation's journey in overcoming the odds to realise our people's dreams. The Dream Sphere will also invite the world to dream and shape a better future together. This includes introducing Singapore to the Japanese people, connecting businesses, sharing sustainable solutions and, of course, bonding over Singaporean delicacies!

Singapore has participated in every World Expo hosted by Japan, including the 1970 Osaka Expo held less than five years after our nation's independence. Each time, Japan has kindly featured Singapore's Pavilion as a ‘must visit attraction’. Our pavilion this year will be even more exciting, enabling visitors to literally share their dreams with one another. I look forward to seeing you there.

**ONG Eng Chuan,**  
Singapore's Ambassador to Japan and  
Commissioner General of the Singapore Pavilion

## \*\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\* 【Contents of this week's report】 \*\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*

1. Movements of Participating Countries
  - October 22: Algeria, Angola, Gabon, and Tunisia unveil the exterior design and contents of their pavilions
  - October 24: Chile Pavilion (Type B pavilion) handed over to Chile from the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition
  - October 28: Hungary announces the details of its pavilion under construction
2. This week /last week's main events
  - October 22: Mr. Kerkentzes, BIE Secretary-General, visited Japan (October 22–25)(Expo site inspection, meeting with Mr. Yoshimura, Governor of Osaka Prefecture, and Mr. Yokoyama, Mayor of Osaka City, participation in the steering committee, etc.)
  - October 23: Osaka Healthcare Pavilion ceremony, preview, and lighting ceremony held in Yumeshima
  - October 25: MUFG “Oshi Pavi” Project launched (October 25–November 15)
  - October 25: Eight new projects chosen for the Cabinet Secretariat's Expo International Exchange Program
  - November 1: Hieizan Railway begins operation of cable cars with Expo design headmarks (November 1–October 2025)
  - November 1: West Japan Railway Company wraps cars in the Okayama area with Expo designs (until the end of the Expo)
  - November 3: Expo Classroom in Waseda University: Science and Engineering Exhibition
  - November 5: Expo Classroom in Aoyama Gakuin University
3. Ticket Sales Update
  - Tickets sold: 7,271,710 (as of October 23)



## Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Weekly Report (October 22- October 28)

~ 166 days to go!~



### 1. Official Participants

- October 22; Designs of contents of four African countries (Algeria, Angola, Gabon, and Tunisia) were disclosed on the BIE website.
  - **Algeria:** Initiatives related to the SDGs under the Expo subtheme "saving lives."
  - **Angola:** Improvement of educational standards to enhancement the quality of life".
  - **Gabon:** Experiences related to climate change, biodiversity and effective use of natural resources.
  - **Tunisia:** History of the nation starting from Carthage; scientists and medical professionals who have engaged in international cooperation.

Algeria Pavilion



Tunisia Pavilion



<https://www.bie-paris.org/site/fr/grand-angle/entry/visions-partagees-pour-lexpo-2025-osaka-kansai>

- October 24; Chile's pavilion space was handed over from the Association. The pavilion will showcase Chilean culture while also highlighting its efforts to address global challenges.



<https://www.instagram.com/expo2025chile/>

- October 28; Hungary announced details of its pavilion. The first floor will be the exhibition area, the second floor will house a restaurant and a wine bar and the third floor will be a business area to promote opportunities for Hungarian companies. Live performances of traditional music will be offered in a large dome designed to resemble a haystack.



<https://expo2025.hu/ja/>



### **Status of official participants as of October 24**

- Of 161 countries and 9 international organisations:

Those with official participation agreements:

133 countries and 6 international organisations

Countries where construction has not yet started: 1 countries

Countries with no construction contractor: 1 countries

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

- October 22 to 25; **BIE Secretary General Dimitri Kerkentzes** visited Japan. After inspecting the Expo site on October 24, he met with Governor Hirofumi Yoshimura of Osaka Prefecture and Mayor Hideyuki Yokoyama of the City of Osaka. On October 25, Mr Kerkentzes took part in the Steering Committee alongside representatives from official participants. In the press conference, he expressed his confidence that “a beautiful venue will open on April 13” and added that companies from around the world will come to Osaka during the world.



- October 23; The **Osaka Healthcare Pavilion** held a preview ceremony for stakeholders and the media at Yumeshima. Government officials, the Association, Myaku-Myaku and Osaka media personalities took part in the event.



<https://2025osaka-pavilion.jp/20241023-2/>

- October 25 to November 15; Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group is holding a promotional event titled MUFG's Find Your Favorite Pavilion on the ground floor of its headquarters in Osaka. The event will reflect on the Mitsubishi Group's pavilions from its debut in Expo 1970 to the planned Mitsubishi Future Pavilion in Expo 2025, featuring videos and panels. A side event featuring the Expo2025 digital wallet service was held at the same venue on October 28 and 29..

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20241025-06/>

<https://www.muic-kansai.jp/event/20241017.html>



- October 25; The Cabinet Secretariat's Expo Promotion Headquarters added eight new certifications to the Expo International Exchange Program, which promotes exchanges between local governments in Japan and official participants. This brings the total to 133 registered plans (from 87 local governments: 15 prefectures and 72 cities and towns). Newly registered local governments and their partner countries are as follows:

- Iwate Prefecture, Iwate Town (Ireland)
- Mie Prefecture (Brazil)
- Fukuoka Prefecture, Fukuoka City (United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia)
- Saga Prefecture (Netherlands)
- Oita Prefecture (United Kingdom)
- Okinawa Prefecture, Ginoza Village (Cameroon)

[https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo\\_suisin\\_honbu/topics/pdf/08\\_touroku.pdf](https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/expo_suisin_honbu/topics/pdf/08_touroku.pdf)



## Upcoming events

- From November 1 until October of next year, Hieizan Railway in Kyoto will operate cable cars displaying logos for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan.



Headmark of No.1 Car "En-go"



Headmark Image



Headmark of No.2 Car "Fuku-go"

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20241022-01/>



- From November 1 until the end of the Expo, Japan Railways (JR) West will run Expo-themed wrapping cars in the Okayama area.



<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20241025-01/>



- November 3; Expo Classroom in Waseda University, Tokyo - Science and Engineering

- November 5; Expo Classroom in Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo - Dialogue Series: Expo 2025, Empowering Youth

### **3. Ticket sales**

◇ Number of tickets sold: 7,271,710 (as of October 23, 2024)

### **4. O&As**

#### **Pre-visits for educational trips**

Will the Association allow teachers and school officials to conduct pre-visits of the Expo for them to better plan the educational trips for the students? Also in case the school decides not to proceed with the trip, will they be charged for the pre-visits?

- i. Given the large interest pre-visits for educational trips, it is difficult to meet all such requests, but the Association plans to accommodate pre-visits during the Test Run, which is planned around a week before the opening.
- ii. Admission tickets will not be charged for pre-visits even in cases where the school decides not to follow through with the educational trip.