



WORLD EXPO 2025 NEWS

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The Expo is a “compass for future society” through which participating countries and companies present cutting-edge technology and directions for addressing global challenges. Osaka Prefecture and Osaka City are organizing the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion. Together with universities and industries, we are making preparations to create a pavilion where visitors can meet their “Future Myself” from 25 years in the future and experience city life in 2050. We will devote our utmost efforts to make the Expo a success.

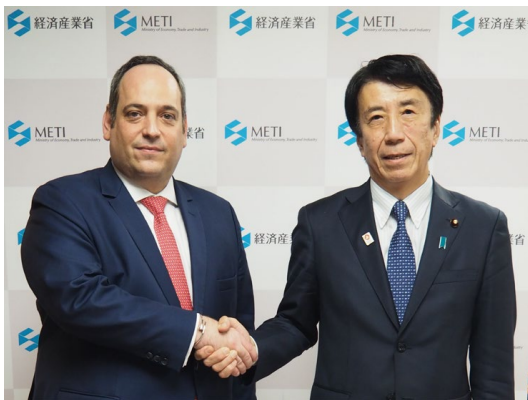
YOSHIMURA Hirofumi,
Governor of Osaka



From right: ISHIGE Hiroyuki, Secretary General, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition / YOSHIMURA Hirofumi, Governor of Osaka Prefecture / JIMI Hanako, Minister for the World Expo 2025 / YOKOYAMA Hideyuki, Mayor of Osaka

Children and youths will come to the Expo venue that gathers the wisdom of as many as 160 countries, interacting with diverse cultures and values, and experiencing a glimpse of future society. This will serve as a guide for them to tackle their own challenges in the future. For the sake of the children who will lead the next generation, Osaka Prefecture and Osaka City will work as one with all those involved to make it a successful Expo.

YOKOYAMA Hideyuki,
Mayor of Osaka



Dimitri S. Kerkentzes, The Secretary General of the BIE and SAITO Ken, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry



Construction of the Osaka Healthcare Pavilion underway



Meet your “Future Myself” from 25 years in the future



Hands-on exhibitions of the “Future City”

【The week's report】

- Overseas Pavilions Construction Status
May 20: Groundbreaking of the joint Nordic Pavilion for the Nordic Region
- Last week's main events / Schedule for this week and beyond
May 20: Grand Roof (Ring) light-up
May 23: Announcement of introduction of NEC face recognition technology for in-store payments, etc.
May 24: Announcement of results of the second public offering for food/drink and merchandise facilities
May 24: Kyoto National Museum and Nara National Museum announce a National Treasure exhibition during the Expo period
May 27: 3rd Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Budget Execution Monitoring Committee held
May 27: Hydrogen fuel cell ship launching ceremony held

- Sales / Applications
Tickets sold: 2,188,781 (as of May 22)
Volunteers recruited: 55,634 (final figures)



See you at the EXPO!

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Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan Weekly Report (May 22 - May 27)

~320 days to go!~

**1. Official participants**

- May 20; The five Nordic countries (Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland) have started construction of their joint Type A pavilion, a wooden building designed so as to allow the reuse of the wood after the Expo. The pavilion, which will feature a café on the rooftop, will introduce the Scandinavian model of the relationship between humans and nature.

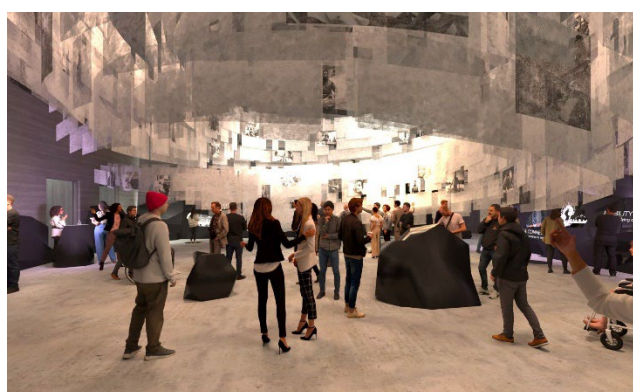


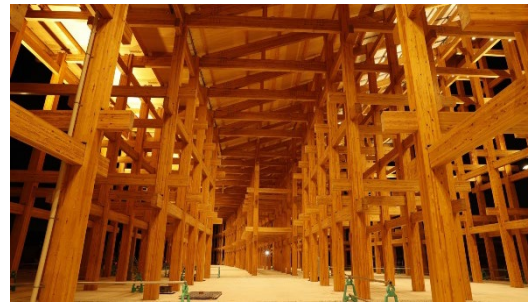
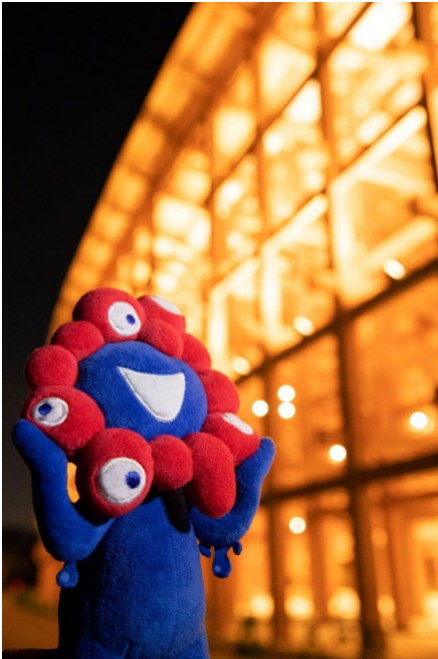
Photo: Scandinavian Pavilion

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Status of participating countries as of May 23

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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: | 41 countries |
| ▪ Countries where construction has started: | 29 countries |

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

- May 21; The Grand Roof was lit up at night for the first time, with the press in attendance. Approximately 90% of the structure has already been completed.



https://x.com/expo2025_japan/status/1792898597077283247?t=NjsI2g-sr6Uub7L7cVQ_yw&s=19

- May 23; The Association announced that it will adopt facial recognition technology from NEC Corporation for in-store payment and admission management. It will be the largest payment system operation in Japan for electronic money and face recognition. The system will allow visitors to shop empty-handed with advanced registration for facial and payment information. It will also prevent the use of fake tickets and passes at the entrance gate.

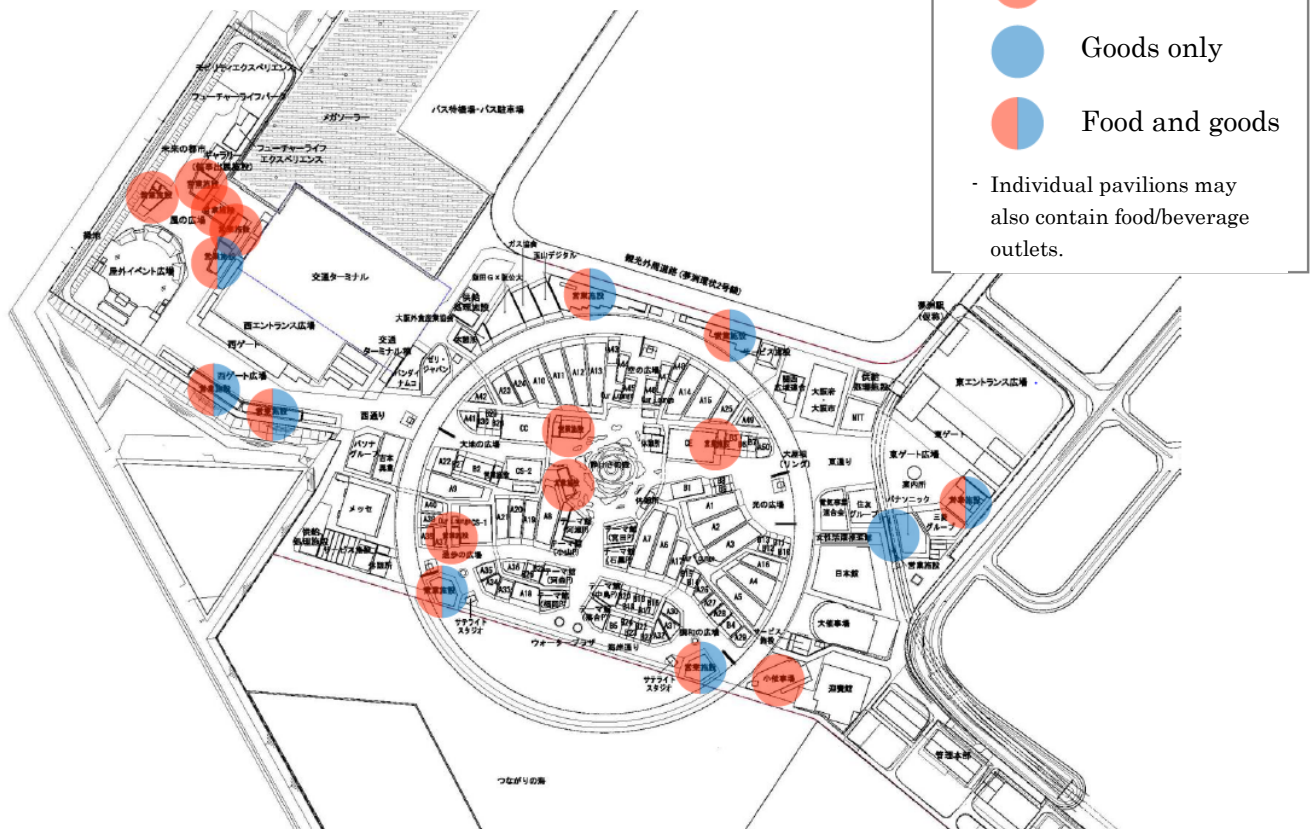


In-store payment using face recognition

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20240523-02/>

- May 24; The result of the second round of selected candidates for food/beverage and merchandise facilities were announced. 32 new outlets were selected in addition to the six stores selected in the first round. Further 18 undecided plots and food trucks (24 slots) will be open to a subsequent public offering.

Layout of food/beverage and merchandise outlets



Examples of selected food/beverage outlets

- Restaurants/cafeteria (ramen, curry, tonkatsu, Korean, African, International)
- Earth Table – the Cafeteria of the Future
- Cafes and fast food (rice balls, udon noodles, ethnic food, Chinese, Turkish)

Examples of selected merchandise outlets

- Japan Marche (regional snacks and craftwork)
- Convenience stores

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/news/news-20240216-01>

- May 24; Kyoto National Museum and Nara National Museum announced that they will be holding a two-month national treasure exhibition event between April 29 and June 15, 2025 at the Expo venue. A number of national treasures will be exhibited, including as Katsusika Hokusai's "Kanagawa Oki Namura", Tawaraya Sotatsu's "Wind God and Thunder God Drawing Screen" and a half-kneeling statue of a bodhisattva (Dennyo Yin Kannon).

Nara National Museum https://www.narahaku.go.jp/news/20240524_11311

Art Exhibition Navi <https://artexhibition.jp/topics/news/20240524-AEJ2079643>

- May 27; The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) held the 3rd meeting of the Expo Budget Execution Monitoring Committee. Based on the points raised by previous committee members, the Committee was briefed by METI and the Association on the monitoring of construction and operating expenditure.

Upcoming events

- June 17; General Assembly of the BIE

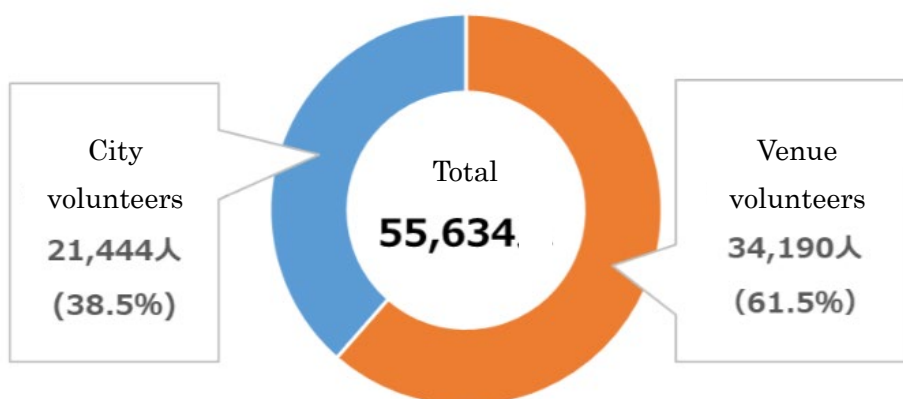
3. Ticket sales and volunteers

- Number of tickets sales: 2,188,781 as of May 22
- Total number of volunteers applicants: 55,634 (final figure)

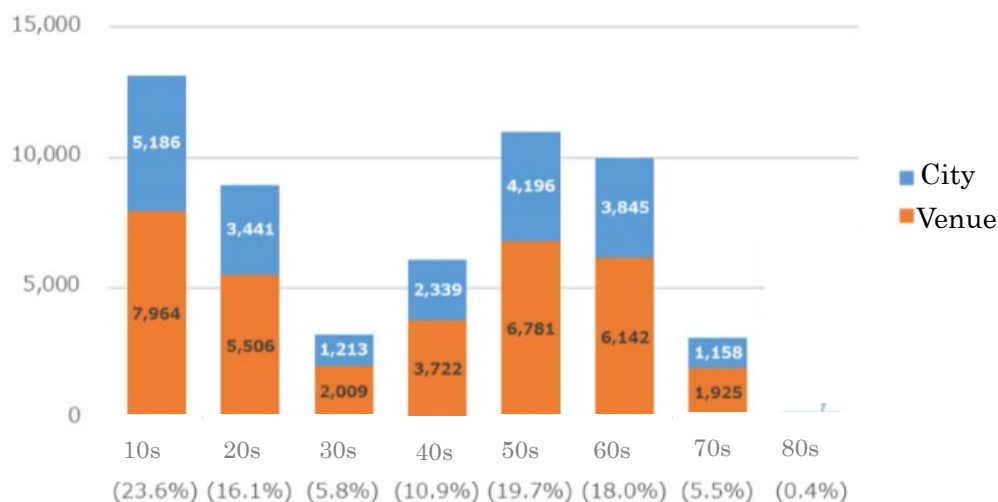
Given the large number of applicants, the number of registrations will be expanded from the 20,000 initially planned to 30,000. Of these, 14,000 volunteers will be deployed in the Expo venue and 16,000 will be engaged as city volunteers outside the venue.

Compositions of applicants

- By preferred option:



- By age:



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