

Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai

Overview

Expo 2025 is a World Exposition to be held in Osaka Prefecture, Japan. The event is organized and operated by the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition, a public interest incorporated association. It is classified as a Registered Expo, meaning it is a large-scale exposition that addresses a comprehensive theme.



Image 1: Nighttime View of the Entire Expo Venue

1. Theme: Designing Future Society for Our Lives
2. Concept: People's Living Lab – A Laboratory for a Future Society
3. Official Mascot: Myaku-Myaku
4. Duration: April 13 to October 13, 2025 (184 days)
5. Opening Hours: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
6. Organizer: Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition
7. Venue Area: Approximately 155 hectares (roughly three times the size of Universal Studios Japan)
8. Budget: ¥318.7 billion (¥235 billion for venue construction, ¥83.7 billion for operations)
9. Admission Fees:
Adults: ¥3,700 – ¥7,500
Youths: ¥2,000 – ¥4,200
Children: ¥1,000 – ¥1,800
10. Expected Visitors: 28.2 million

Purpose of the Expo

Contributing to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs) Realizing Japan's national strategy, Society 5.0

Society 5.0 refers to a fifth-generation society following the hunting, agrarian, industrial, and information societies. It is a "super-smart society" that maximizes the use of ICT to integrate cyberspace and physical space, aiming to enrich people's lives.

Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai is being held to promote a society that achieves the 17 goals of the SDGs, which were adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015. With only five years remaining until the target year of 2030, the year 2025 is considered a crucial time to accelerate efforts toward achieving these goals.

Initiatives Toward Expo 2025

#thinkexpo2025: A project aimed at spreading the significance and value of hosting the Expo in Japan as a venue for solving global challenges. It also encourages idea generation and collaboration with younger generations who will shape the future society.

WAKAZO.ONLINE: A platform created to amplify the voices of young people and empower them to take the lead in shaping Expo 2025. On the website, users can post ideas, opinions, images, and videos in a social media format based on periodically updated themes. They can also like and comment on posts freely.

Venue Structure

The Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai venue is divided into three main areas, taking into account land reclamation work and ground conditions. These area names were used during the planning phase, but during the actual event, the venue is subdivided into eight zones centered around the symbolic "Grand Roof Ring".

1. Pavilion World

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This lively area features the main attractions of the Expo, including national and thematic pavilions. A ring-shaped main street encircles the venue, above which the Grand Roof (Ring) is installed. The roof serves both as a sunshade and rain shelter, and also functions as an elevated promenade offering scenic views. In September 2021, the Osaka Prefecture Timber Federation proposed constructing the ring using domestic wood. At the center of the Grand Roof and the pavilions lies a tranquil space called the “Forest of Silence”, designed for visitors to relax.

2. Water World

Located on the southern side of the venue, this area utilizes waterfront scenery to create a relaxing environment. It symbolizes the world’s first Expo held on the sea. Dining facilities are placed along the water’s edge, and the area serves as a stage for water-based events such as the “Air and Water Spectacle Show” and drone performances.

3. Green World

Situated on the western side of the venue facing the sea, this green space offers an open and nature-rich environment. It includes an outdoor event plaza, a Best Practice Area, and a Mobility Experience Zone where visitors can try out advanced mobility technologies like flying cars. A bus terminal and the western gate are also located here.

Venue Location and Access

The Expo 2025 Osaka-Kansai is held on Yumeshima, an artificial island in Osaka Bay. As the first World Exposition in history to be held entirely on the sea, visitors must approach Yumeshima to enter the venue. Access to Yumeshima is available via various forms of public transportation, including railways, shuttle buses, express buses, airport buses, bicycles, ships, and taxis. In principle, private vehicles are not allowed on the island, except for those using designated parking for people with

disabilities. Visitors arriving by car must park at nearby Park & Ride (P&R) facilities and take a shuttle bus to the venue.



Image 2: Access map of EXPO2025

As part of the Expo’s concept of being a “People’s Living Lab”, the event features the Future Society Showcase Project, which allows visitors to experience near-future lifestyles. This includes the use of cutting-edge mobility technologies for transportation to the venue, such as electric buses capable of charging while in motion and hydrogen fuel cell-powered ships.

Table 1: Estimated Number of Visitors by Transportation Method

Gate	Transportation Method	Number of Visitors (Percentage)
East	Osaka Metro Chuo Line	133,000 people (58.6%)
West	P&R (Park & Ride)	35,000 people (15.5%)
West	Group Bus	30,000 people (13.2%)
West	Shuttle Bus	26,000 people (11.4%)
West	Taxi	2,000 people (0.9%)

(Source: <https://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025%E5%B9%B4%E6%97%A5%E6%9C%AC%E5%9B%BD%E9%9A%9B%E5%8D%9A%E8%A6%A7%E4%BC%9A>, accessed on August 7, 2025)