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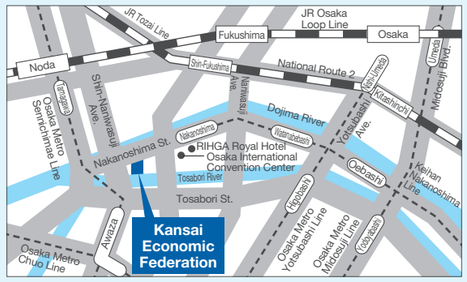
Kankeiren's Logo

- Designed in 1988 based on the initial letters of Kankeiren's English name, "Kansai Economic Federation"
- Representing dynamism and sense of speed through the design based on the form of a bird so as to impart the image of the rapid development toward the future

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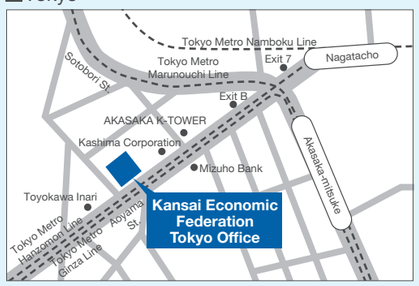
Indigo blue has the special property of resistance to color change or fading.
Kankeiren adopted indigo blue as its symbol color to convey the impression that Kankeiren is an organization that holds to firm principles and timeless values, while remaining responsive to changing times.

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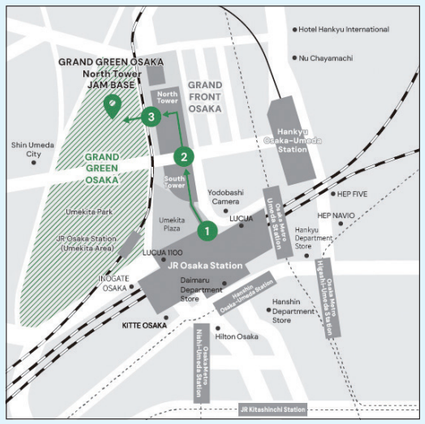
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2026- 2027

THE FLOWER OF JAPAN
KANSAI

July 2026

Greetings



Masayoshi Matsumoto
Chairman, Kansai Economic Federation

Channeling the Momentum Generated by the Osaka-Kansai Expo into Sustainable Growth for Kansai

The Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren) was established in October 1946 as a comprehensive economic organization. Its original mission was to represent the Kansai business community's views on economic revitalization, thereby helping to rebuild Japan's economy, which had been ravaged by the Second World War. Today, Kankeiren has approximately 1,300 members, including companies, organizations, and universities.

Since its establishment, the Kankeiren has contributed greatly to the economic development not only of the Kansai region but all of Japan by engaging in a wide range of activities: for instance, promoting projects such as the Kansai International Airport, Kansai Science City, and international expositions; promoting international exchange and interaction primarily with the Asia-Pacific region; and formulating policy proposals to strengthen industrial infrastructures and encourage the self-reliance and development of local communities.

Looking at global affairs, concerns about the international order persist amid Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine, circumstances in the Middle East, and US foreign policy, requiring us to closely monitor effects on the global economy and security.

Against this backdrop, the Osaka-Kansai Expo held last year broadened the scope of interaction and co-creation, and its success once again demonstrated Kansai's potential both in Japan and around the world. The question now is whether the momentum that the Expo generated in Kansai can be sustained and channeled into the region's next stage of development.

Under "Kansai Vision 2030," the Kankeiren has been energetically promoting initiatives as we work to become "the front lines of new social models," "an economy that is open and creates original values," and "a stage that attracts people."

This fiscal year marks the midpoint of the process. Building on our efforts to date and looking ahead to Kansai's development in the post-Expo era, we will formulate a medium-term plan to bring Kansai Vision 2030 to fruition and shift our activities into an even higher gear.

To ensure the region's position at "the front lines of new social models," we will work to proliferate management philosophies based on multistakeholder capitalism and call on the government to enact or amend policies for application in decentralization reforms, building up a track record in regional administration in coordination with the Union of Kansai Governments. To create "an economy that is open and creates original values," we are promoting practical implementation of the innovations that will serve as lasting legacies of the Expo and advancing wide-area tourism, while also creating a startup ecosystem through the application of initiatives such as the AIST / Kankeiren Umekita Site, driving digital transformation as set forth in Kansai DX Strategy Next, and expanding the scope of international exchange through the Asia Business Creation Platform. In addition, to make Kansai "a stage that attracts people," we are working to realize the Kansai D&I Vision and Kansai Sports Promotion Vision, while also building momentum toward the success of the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai, now less than one year away.

Thanks to everyone's support and dedication, the Kankeiren will celebrate its 80th anniversary this October. While preserving the aspirations of our predecessors, the Kankeiren remains committed to embodying "Kansai: a pioneer region, with the spirit of the first penguin" as we make steady progress in unison with a broad range of other organizations and groups as "One Kansai."

Your ongoing understanding and cooperation regarding our activities are very much appreciated.

May 2026

About Kankeiren

Overview

Name: Kansai Economic Federation
(public interest incorporated association)

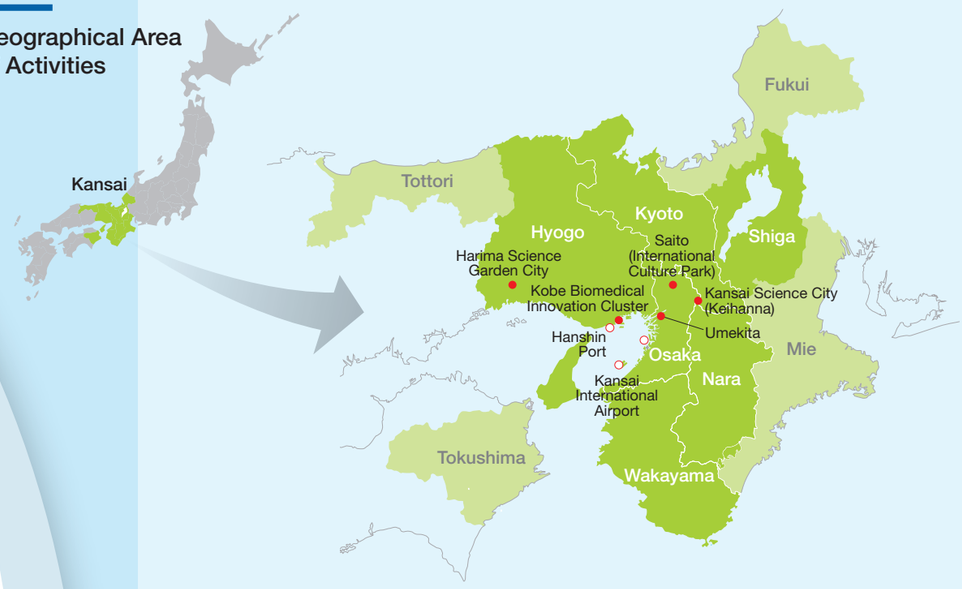
Members: Approximately 1,300 businesses, organizations, educational corporations and other entities that pursue economic activities mainly in the Kansai region.

Established: October 1946

Mission

To enhance Kansai's ability to contribute to the sound development of the Japanese economy, we carry out unique research studies that anticipate future trends, make policy proposals, and take practical actions based on the study results. We constantly maintain focus on the whole Kansai region, motivated by the active exchange of views among businesspeople at committee meetings and other gatherings.

Geographical Area of Activities



Establishment of the Kansai Economic Federation

The Kankeiren was established in 1946 with the aim of solving the pressing obstacles to recovery following the devastation of the war, and with the strong desire to have the independent voice of the Kansai economic region heard.

Founding Goals

- To promote workers' freedom of creativity and dynamic activity.
- To stimulate a healthy spirit of enterprise, based on workers' own subjective judgements, and to assist in bringing about the fruits of those collective ideas.
- To facilitate close cooperation between all workers, where opinions can be exchanged without reservation.
- To promote rational ways of thinking and improve members' ability to implement measures successfully.
- To propel free discussion and act as a neutral arbitrator.

(Excerpt)

Executive Members

Job titles are as of July 2026

Chairman



Masayoshi MATSUMOTO
Chairman & CEO,
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.

Former Chairmen

First Chairman/October 1946–
Keizo SEKI (Toyobo)

Second Chairman/February 1947–
Manji IIJIMA
(The Asahi Shimbun Company)

Third Chairman/September 1947–
Buichi NAKAHASHI
(Osaka Tatemono Co., Ltd.)

Fourth Chairman/October 1951–
Keizo SEKI (Toyobo)

Fifth Chairman/November 1956–
Shiro OTAGAKI
(The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.)

Sixth Chairman/October 1961–
Kojiro ABE (Toyobo)

Seventh Chairman/November 1966–
Yoshishige ASHIHARA
(The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.)

Eighth Chairman/May 1977–
Hosai HYUGA
(Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.)

Ninth Chairman/May 1987–
Osamu UNO (Toyobo)

Tenth Chairman/May 1994–
Tetsuro KAWAKAMI
(Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.)

11th Chairman/May 1997–
Yasuo SHINGU
(Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.)

12th Chairman/May 1999–
Yoshihisa AKIYAMA
(The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.)

13th Chairman/May 2007–
Hiroshi SHIMOZUMA
(Sumitomo Metal Industries, Ltd.)

14th Chairman/May 2011–
Shosuke MORI
(The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.)

15th Chairman/May 2017–
Masayoshi MATSUMOTO
(Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.)

(Company names are as of the time of inauguration)

Vice Chairmen



Akiji MAKINO
Chairman,
Iwatani Corporation



Kiyoshi OTSUBO
Representative Director,
Chairman & CEO,
RENGO Co., Ltd.



Masanori TOGAWA
Chairman and CEO,
Daikin Industries, Ltd.



Yoshinori KANEHANA
Chairman of the Board,
Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.



Hitoshi TSUNEKAGE
Senior Corporate Advisor,
SUMITOMO MITSUI TRUST BANK, LIMITED



Makoto INOUE
Advisor,
ORIX Corporation



Takuko SAWADA
Vice-Chair,
Shionogi & Co., Ltd.



Seiji NARAHARA
Chair of the Board,
Director,
TOYOBO CO.,LTD.



Mitsuyoshi KOBAYASHI
Executive Adviser,
NTT WEST, Inc.



Nozomu MORI
Director, Representative
Executive Officer, President,
The Kansai Electric Power Co., Inc.



Yuichi KITAO
Chairman and
Representative Director,
Kubota Corporation



Takashi TSUJI
Representative Director and
Chairman of the Board,
Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd.



Yasuo SHIMADA
President and
Representative Director,
Hankyu Corporation



Hajime TAMAOKI
Representative Director,
Member of the Board
Executive Vice President,
Panasonic Holdings Corporation



Goro YAMAGUCHI
Chairman,
Representative Director
KYOCERA Corporation



Naoki HORI
Senior Advisor
MUFG Bank, Ltd.



Yoshihiro NAKAI
Representative Director of
the Board,CEO,
President, Executive Officer
Sekisui House, Ltd.

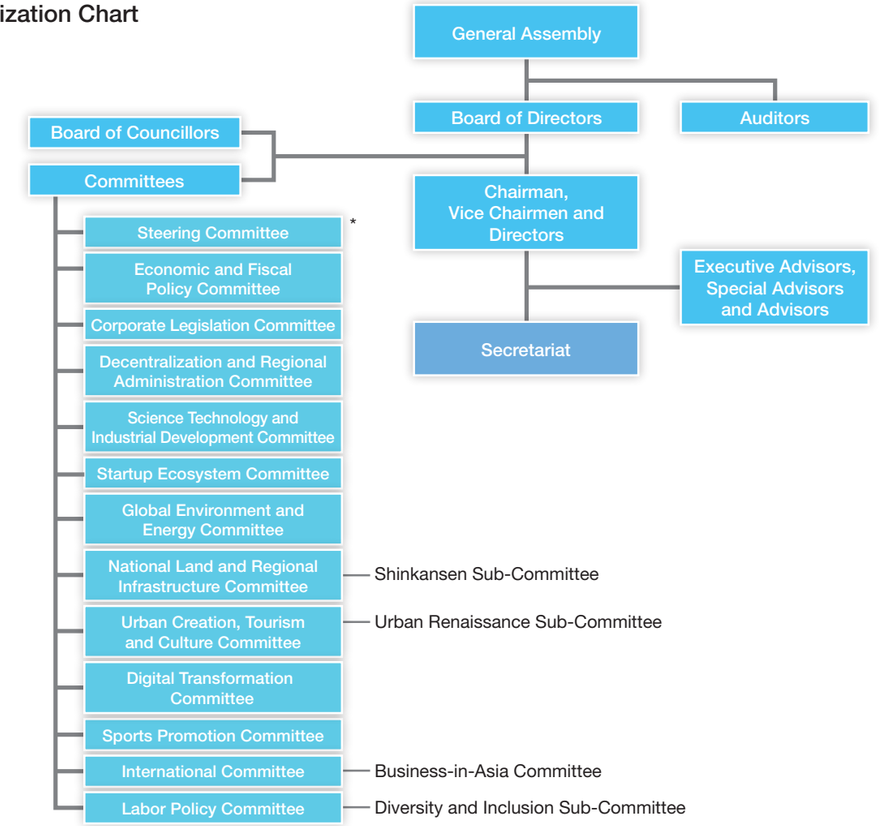
Chairman of the Board of Councillors

Ryuzo Sakamoto
Honorary Senior Advisor,
Toyobo Co., Ltd.

Member Categories

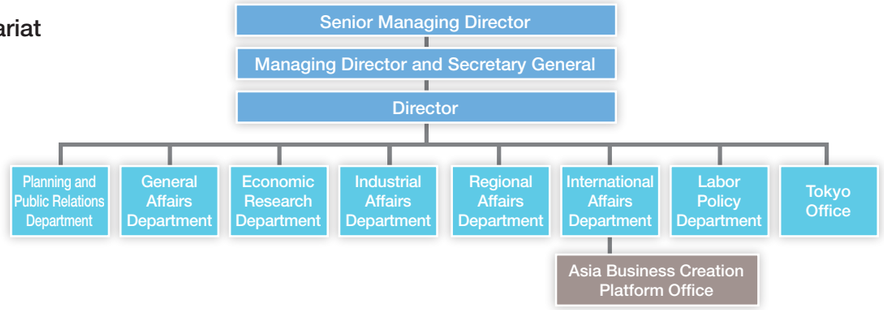


Organization Chart



*Primarily composed of presidents and vice presidents as well as the chairpersons and deputy chairpersons of each committee

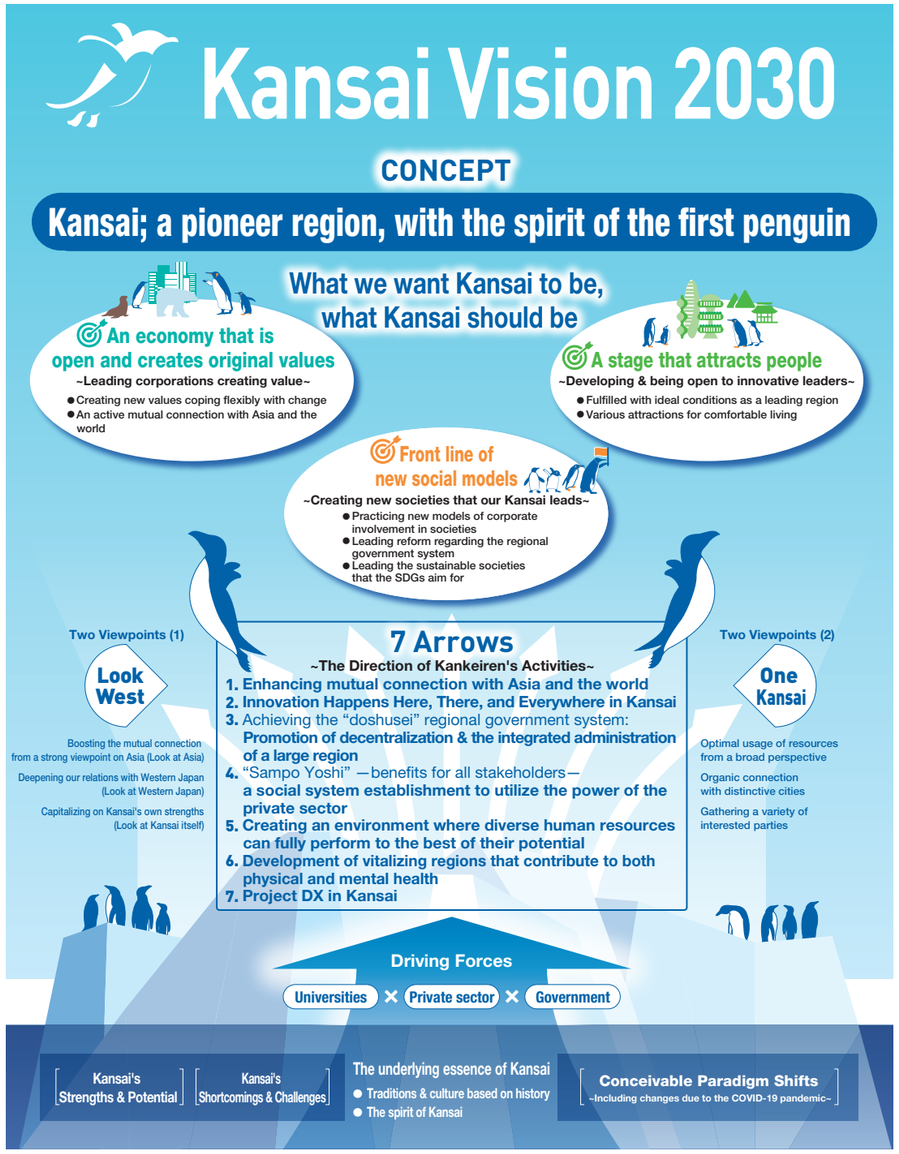
Secretariat



Key Elements

- The long-term vision (formulated in December 2020) defines what we want Kansai to be, what Kansai should be, moving toward 2030, and sets out the direction of Kankeiren’s activities to achieve it.
- The vision’s basic concept, which runs through the entirety, is “Kansai: a pioneer region, with the spirit of the first penguin.” It sets forth “an economy that is open ad creates original value,” “a stage that attracts people,” and “the front lines of new social models” as what we want Kansai to be, what Kansai should be in 2030, and to these ends, the Kankeiren will let fly 7 Arrows from the two standpoints of “Look West” and “One Kansai.”

Overview



Concept

Kansai; a pioneer region, with the spirit of the first penguin

Traditionally, Kansai has attracted people from inside and outside the country, and instigated new socio-economic models according to the times through groundbreaking initiatives and innovations.

Nevertheless, has that spirit faded in the so-called lost 30 years following the collapse of the bubble economy?

Now more than ever, in the spirit of the first penguin that plunges headfirst into uncharted water,Kansai will become a region that creates new value by attracting and fostering groundbreaking corporations and people. Moreover, Kansai will pioneer new ground, going on to demonstrate and practice new forms of socio-economics.

【The First Penguin】
The first penguin is the one that breaks away to plunge headfirst into uncharted water, where predators might be lurking, in search of food.
In turn, we call those who take the lead in pioneering into new territory are known as first penguins.

7 Arrows

~The Direction of Kankeiren’s Activities~

1 Enhancing mutual connection with Asia and the world

◆Advancing the Asia Business Creation (ABC) Platform
◆Enhancement of Kansai's role as an international exchange center
Improving & communicating Kansai's charms in the eyes of foreigners as well as proposing pioneering initiatives for inbound revitalization & expansion

2 Innovation Happens Here, There, and Everywhere in Kansai

◆Construction of an innovation ecosystem leading to collaboration with corporations & universities and the reinvigoration of R&D
◆Development of a structure that promotes the intermixing of diverse entities & cooperative industry for innovation & solutions to societal challenges across the Kansai region

3 Achieving the “doshusei” regional government system: Promotion of decentralization & the integrated administration of a large region

◆Initiatives for the enhancement of the Union of Kansai Governments' role
Proposals for bold transfers of the authority & financial resources necessary to implement measures deemed essential from a broad perspective
◆Promotion of decentralization including the regional government system & a decentralized society

4 “Sampo Yoshi” —benefits for all stakeholders— a social system establishment to utilize the power of the private sector

◆Advocacy of a structure for instilling the role corporations ought to play in a new age conscious of multi-stakeholders
◆Initiatives for enhancing corporate collaborations with government
Thematic examples: local reinvigoration & various societal challenges such as responses to natural disasters & infectious diseases as well as energy & environmental issues

5 Creating an environment where diverse human resources can fully perform to the best of their potential

◆Actualization of Kansai as the top region for attracting and fostering people who seek opportunities
People who want to play an active role on the corporate stage (especially women & foreign exchange students); people who lead the world in various fields (entrepreneurs, top athletes, academics, etc.); people who choose a work style unrestrained by a single organization or independent of employment
◆Initiatives for improving employment diversity & mobility
Introduction of pioneering issues regarding the state of the corporate employment system & university education as well as various legislative systems

6 Development of vitalizing regions that contribute to both physical and mental health

◆Advancement of data usage in health & medical fields
◆Initiatives for a developed region in sports
Development of a structure that reinvigorates sports as something to be played, spectated & supported as well as creates & succeeds the legacy of the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai
◆Initiatives for succeeding & developing culture as well as creating educational opportunities leading to a full life

7 Project DX in Kansai

◆Implementation of an effective roadmap to promote digital transformation in the Kansai region
~Kansai DX Strategy Next~

Kansai Vision 2030

FY2026 Project Plan Items

Decentralization and Regional Administration

Decentralization and Regional Administration Committee

Promoting decentralization and integrated regional administration to achieve a regional government system

The committee proposed and in 2010, brought into being the Union of Kansai Governments, the only regional administrative body in Japan that spans prefectures. We advocate to the Union of Kansai Governments regarding its future structure and the strengthening of its functions and organization, with a view to the eventual introduction of the “Doshu-sei” regional government system. Furthermore, in line with the Kansai Regional Collaboration Declaration, we are working together to utilize civil engineering and architectural professionals through public-private partnerships and strengthen the organizational framework of the KANSAI Industry Co-creation Platform in order to build a track record in regional administration.
To realize a decentralized and regionalized society, we examine the future of local autonomy and the need for a multipolar, decentralized national structure in light of changes in the social environment, including population decline, as well as national government developments. We also make requests to the national government and other relevant bodies and collaborate with economic organizations and other groups in other regions.



Announcement of the Kansai Regional Collaboration Declaration

Sanpo-Yoshi, Power of Private Sector

Corporate Legislation Committee

Initiatives to promote corporate management based on a multistakeholder approach

We conduct research and make recommendations on various corporate systems, and work to create mechanisms for effectively harnessing the power of the private sector based on the principle of shared benefit, in order to facilitate the full integration of the multistakeholder model in corporate management.
Specifically, based on the changes taking place in the socioeconomic environment, we consider and propose corporate systems that help raise corporate value in the medium to long term through surveys and research relating to corporate governance measures, quarterly disclosure systems, and various company and corporate-related systems, including the Companies Act, and make requests to the government, ruling party, and other related entities. We also work to widely publicize our positions, including expressing our opinions at national councils, such as the Follow-up of Japan’s Stewardship Code and Japan’s Corporate Governance Code, monitoring trends in the US and other countries, and holding symposiums in Tokyo.
In addition, to support the implementation of multistakeholder management in companies, we organize networking events such as The Sanpo-Yoshi.



Visiting Business Roundtable in the US

Global Asia

International Committee

Enhancing mutual connection with Asia and the world

We promote the activities of the Asia Business Creation (ABC) Platform, a mechanism for promoting mutual business creation with seven Asian countries*, and form networks overseas through human resources development programs like the Kankeiren ASEAN Management Seminar. We also work to strengthen relationships with foreign governments and business groups by dispatching overseas delegations and engaging in dialogue and exchange with various countries.

*Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam



5th General Meeting of the ABC Platform in Thailand

Innovation

Scinence Technology and Industrial Development Committee, Startup Ecosystem Committee

Building an ecosystem for generating innovation and accelerating industrial promotion

Under the Entrepreneur Crossroad Kansai Project, we work to match startups with other companies and promote the “Innovation Happens Here, There, and Everywhere in Kansai” project, which supports innovation through fresh initiatives leveraging the AIST / Kankeiren Umekita Site established in Grand Green Osaka and partnership agreements with Maizuru City and the Tamba region of Hyogo Prefecture. In addition, as part of the legacy of the Osaka-Kansai Expo, we are driving the social implementation of key themes such as next-generation air mobility. This includes expanding the activities of the KANSAI Industry Co-creation Platform, which provides seamless support for every step from research through to commercialization, as well as continuing efforts to enhance the Keihanna Science City as a hub for innovation.



Keihanna Expo in Yumeshima

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D X

Digital Transformation Committee

Pursuing DX with Kansai working collectively

In light of changes in the digital transformation landscape and the progress made toward 2030, we formulated Kansai DX Strategy Next as an actionable roadmap, and are working to create future value through a virtuous digital transformation cycle.
Specifically, to promote digital transformation, we have designated October as Kansai Digital Month to build momentum, organize KANSAI DX AWARD, operate the Kansai Network of DX Support Organizations to support companies and develop human resources, hold DX-Dojo meetings, offer a Digital Career Course, organize cybersecurity seminars for upper management, and work to benefit administration through future data co-creation working groups formed to create business opportunities through data utilization. We also explore the use of AI and the rollout of measures across the region.
In addition, we work to accumulate and consolidate the knowledge and data gained over the course of these initiatives through fixed-point monitoring of digital transformation in Kansai and recording the application of ICT, IoT, AI, and other technologies.



Kansai Digital Month closing event
(KANSAI DX AWARD 2025 award ceremony)

Environment, Energy, GX

Global Environment and Energy Committee

Strengthening the foundation for achieving GX

We collect information and call on the government and ruling party to take action regarding the GX-related policies necessary to achieve both carbon neutrality and economic growth with respect to the inexpensive and stable supply of energy, which is the foundation of consumer lifestyles and corporate activities, as well as energy policies based on safety, energy security, economic efficiency, and the environment (“S+3E”). We also accumulate knowledge through lecture meetings, on-site visits, and other methods in order to grasp trends in technological development and leading examples indispensable for realizing a decarbonized society, such as those relating to hydrogen and innovative next-generation reactors. We then use the findings to inform member companies and support policy recommendations.
In addition, we work to promote mutual understanding between regions that generate power and those that consume it to support a stable energy supply, and strive to raise awareness of environmental and energy issues among the next generation. These efforts are part of our commitment to building a sustainable energy society for the future.



Exchange of views with the Fukui Prefecture council of nuclear power plant host municipalities

Urban Creation, Tourism, and Culture

Urban Creation, Tourism and Culture Committee

Strengthening functions as an exchange center

Building on the heightened recognition and presence of Kansai generated by the Osaka-Kansai Expo as legacies of the Expo, we are working to promote domestic sightseeing activities including long-range excursions and to attract MICE events. In collaboration with the Agency for Cultural Affairs and other organizations, we are also advancing initiatives with the national government, local municipalities, and private companies to realize a virtuous cycle between culture and the economy while conveying the appeal of Kansai’s rich history and cultural heritage to an even broader audience.
In addition, we are working to establish appealing urban development and city branding while also exploring strategies to maximize the impact of development projects such as Yumeshima and Shin-Osaka. In areas designated by the national government as Super Cities—such as Yumeshima and the Umekita area—we are pursuing initiatives aimed at realizing next-generation cities through data integration and the creation of advanced services.



Visiting GLION ARENA KOBE

Employment, Labor, and D&I

Labor Policy Committee, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee

Creating an environment where diverse human resources can fully perform to the best of their potential

To help Kansai become a “stage that attracts people,” we work to develop employment and working environments that enable diverse workers to fully demonstrate their various abilities and values. This approach promotes the growth of both workers and companies, and by ensuring the fair distribution of the added value generated, we aim to achieve the sustainable development of both businesses and society through a virtuous cycle of growth and distribution.In particular, we conduct research and provide opinions relating to employment and labor policies aimed at enabling flexible working arrangements and smooth labor mobility and support corporate initiatives related to investing in personnel. In addition, based on the Kansai D&I Vision*, we conduct research and provide information to aid companies in promoting the engagement of women in the course of their D&I activities. We also engage in advocacy and research aimed at accepting foreign human resources, enabling them to thrive, and facilitating coexistence with local communities.

*Formulated and published in 2021. Presents the basic principles and actions for promoting corporate diversity & inclusion (D&I).



Submitting a request to Takayuki Kobayashi, Chairperson of the Liberal Democratic Party’s Policy Research Council

Sports

Sports Promotion Committee

Making Kansai a haven for sports through coordination among industry, government, academia and the sports world

We created the Kansai Sports Promotion Vision in the 2018 fiscal year to make people in Kansai healthier and the region livelier through sports. We have also established Kansai Sports Promotion Councils as a platform for industry, academia, government, and athletes in Kansai to discuss ways of promoting sports in the region. Based on this vision, we are cooperating with various stakeholders in improving participation in, interest toward, and support for sports in order to promote lifelong sports, support top athletes, attract sporting events, and promote the sports industry. We will continue dispatching corporate and former athletes to sports events organized by local governments across the Kansai region and supporting junior athletes through sports medicine. At the same time, as a key initiative during the 2026 fiscal year, we will also aid in fostering momentum for participation in the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai, to be held in May 2027.



World Masters Games 2027 Kansai kickoff event and commemorative symposium

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Economic and Fiscal Policy

Economic and Fiscal Policy Committee

Realizing economic and fiscal management for maintaining fiscal soundness and economic growth

With the aim of supporting economic growth while helping to restore fiscal health, we conduct integrated surveys and research in light of socio-economic changes and structural issues, in a manner that goes beyond any individual field and considers the tax code, fiscal policies, and social security as a whole.
Specifically, we explore means of strengthening national fiscal governance, such as by building a robust middle class through the introduction of refundable tax credits and other measures as well as by establishing independent fiscal institutions, and we review the balance of benefits and burdens in the social security system. We also compile recommendations on reforming the tax system and other matters to enhance corporate growth, and we call on the government, ruling party, and other relevant stakeholders to implement our recommendations.
In addition, to make Osaka and the Kansai region a distinctive hub for international finance, we conduct initiatives to help promote the strategies compiled by the Global Financial City OSAKA Promotion Committee.



Submission of a request to Itsunori Onodera, Chairperson of the Liberal Democratic Party's Research Commission on the Tax System

National Land and Infrastructure

National Land and Regional Infrastructure Committee

Forming a multi-hub structure, and developing and utilizing regional transportation and logistics networks

We are working to establish a multifaceted land development structure with multiple metropolitan areas driving growth by consolidating ideas and necessary measures and promoting them to the government. Regarding the development and use of broad-range transportation and logistics networks, we are engaged primarily in the following areas to revitalize international logistics in the Kansai region: (1) early completion of the Hokuriku Shinkansen and Linear Chuo Shinkansen lines, (2) strengthening and enhancement of Kansai's expressway network, (3) optimum utilization of three of the airports in Kansai, (4) enhancing the functionality of Hanshin Port. In addition, as part of our preparedness for large-scale disasters such as a potential Nankai Trough earthquake, we are engaged in activities aimed at strengthening corporate and regional disaster prevention and response capabilities, including submitting opinions to the national government and the Union of Kansai Governments, exploring and supporting efforts to strengthen collaboration between businesses and government agencies, and developing tools and providing information to promote the formulation of business continuity plans.



Submitting a request to Shunichi Suzuki, Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party

Business Activities Bases, etc.

Kansai Economic and Management Summit

A longstanding annual summit at which Kansai-based corporate managers meet to discuss national and regional issues and corporate management. The summit has been held every February since 1963, and since the 41st seminar in 2003, it has been co-sponsored by the Kansai Association of Corporate Executives and Kansai Economic Federation.



Plenary Meeting

West Japan Economic Council (Nishikeikyo)

The council was established in 1965 and consists of the six economic federations of western Japan (Kansai, Hokuriku, Chubu, Chugoku, Shikoku, and Kyushu). It establishes positions for western Japan as a bloc and makes requests to the government and ruling party. A resolution is adopted at the general assembly held every autumn.



The 67th General Meeting of the West Japan Economic Council

Connection Between FY2026 Project Plan and the SDGs

FY2026 Project Plan Items		Related SDGs
Decentralization, regional administration	(1) Promote decentralization and integrated regional administration to achieve a regional government system	
Sanpo-yoshi, power of private sector	(2) Initiatives to promote corporate management based on a multistakeholder approach	
Global Asia	(3) Enhance mutual connections with Asia and the world	
Innovation	(4) Build an ecosystem for generating innovation and accelerate industrial promotion	
D X	(5) Pursue DX with Kansai working collectively	
Environment, energy, GX	(6) Strengthening the foundation for achieving GX	
Urban creation, tourism, culture	(7) Strengthen functions as an exchange center	
Employment/labor, D&I	(8) Create an environment where diverse human resources can fully perform to the best of their potential	
Sports	(9) Make Kansai a haven for sports through coordination among industry, government, academia, and the sports world	
Economic and fiscal policy	(10) Realize economic and fiscal management for maintaining fiscal soundness and economic growth	
National land and infrastructure	(11) Form a multi-hub structure and develop and utilize regional transportation and logistics networks	

History

Major Events

HISTORY

- **1946** Kansai Economic Federation (Kankeiren) founded
- **1955** “Doshu-sei” administration system proposed
- **1965** West Japan Economic Council established
- **1971** Joint Delegation of Kansai Business Circle visited China
- **1972** Kankeiren reorganized into an incorporated association
- **1979** Promotion Council for Construction of New International Airport in Kansai established
- **1980** Kankeiren ASEAN Delegation dispatched
- **1983** Kansai Science City Construction Promotion Conference established
- **1990** Pacific Resource Exchange Center (PREX) founded
- **1999** Kansai Council established
- **2009** Kankeiren merged with Kansai Employers’ Association
- **2010** Union of Kansai Governments established
- **2011** Kankeiren transformed into a public interest incorporated association Asia Pacific Institute of Research founded
- **2013** Opening of earlier (Phase 1) development area of Umekita district
- **2017** KANSAI Tourism Bureau established
- **2019** Asia Business Creation Platform established
- **2024** Advance opening of the Umekita Phase 2 district
- **2025** Hosting of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan