

## International Committee

### Chairperson



**Hiroyuki SUZUKI**  
Chairman and CEO,  
MARUICHI STEEL TUBE LTD.

### Functions

Supports mutual business creation through cooperation with Asian economic organizations, strengthens relationships with Asian countries through human resource development projects, dispatches overseas delegations and research teams, receives foreign dignitaries, and conducts research and disseminates information on international affairs

### Chairperson (in charge of International Exchanges)



**Takeo OBAYASHI**  
Chairman of the Board  
OBAYASHI CORPORATION



**Michiko OGAWA**  
Director,  
Panasonic Holdings Corporation

### Chairperson of Business-in-Asia Committee



**Nobuhiro YOSHIDA**  
General Manager for Japan Region,  
General Manager,  
Kansai Office  
Sumitomo Corporation

### Acting Chairperson of Business-in-Asia Committee



**Tetsuya OTA**  
Managing Executive Officer,  
Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.

### Vice Chair



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Audit &  
Supervisory Board Member,  
Daikin Industries, Ltd.



**Koji YANAGIDA**  
Senior Managing  
Executive Officer,  
AZUSA SEKKEI CO., LTD.



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Executive Officer,  
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GM of Farm and Industrial Machinery  
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HOLDINGS INC.



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Kansai Region,  
General Manager,  
Osaka Branch  
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General Manager,  
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Managing Executive Officer  
Sojitz Corporation



**Atsuko KAKIHARA**  
Executive Office &  
General Manager Marketing &  
External Affairs Division  
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Corporate Functional Officer,  
Business Development for  
Japan(Concurrently)  
General Manager,  
Kansai Branch,  
Mitsubishi Corporation



**Toshiyuki SUZUKI**  
Executive Officer for Osaka,  
Industry Finance Group,  
Japan Bank for  
International Cooperation.



**Masahiro IMAI**  
Ambassador Senior  
Vice Representative for  
External Affairs  
ITOCHU Corporation



**Kumi NAKAMURA**  
Executive Officer,  
Chief Corporate  
Development Officer  
Nippon Sheet Glass  
Company, Ltd



**Tsuyoshi INOUE**  
Director,  
Member of the Board,  
Senior Adviser,  
DAIICHI KIGENSO KAGAKU  
KOGYO CO., LTD.



**Satoshi OKUDA**  
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OKUDAYA GIKEN CO., LTD.



**Katsumi OGAWA**  
President,  
Yodogawa Hu-Tech Co., Ltd.

### Secretariat



**Takatsugu ABE**  
Managing Director &  
Secretary General

**Ichiro KUME**  
Managing Director,  
General Manager,  
Industrial Affairs  
Department

**Manabu NOJIMA**  
Director & Deputy  
Secretary General

**Takeshi INOUE**  
Director, International  
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**Masashi FUKUI**  
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Planning and Public  
Relations Department

**Akira KANDA**  
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Regional Affairs Department

**Tota SASAKI**  
Director

**Hiroshi NAKAJIMA**  
Director, General Manager,  
Economic Research  
Department

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## Steering Committee

- Reports and coordinates the important matters of each committee

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## Economic and Fiscal Policy Committee

- Discusses and makes proposals (tax and finance) on medium- to long-term economic and fiscal management in a comprehensive manner to achieve both fiscal soundness and economic growth, and implements measures to realize these goals
- Discusses economic and monetary policies while understanding the actual situation of the economic climate and trends

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## Corporate Legislation Committee

- Discusses, makes proposals relating to, and raises awareness of business systems (e.g., corporate governance, quarterly disclosure systems, accounting systems, competition policies) that contribute to corporate management from a medium- to long-term perspective, and conducts research on mechanisms for effectively harnessing the power of the private sector, based on the principle of shared benefit

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## Decentralization and Regional Administration Committee

- Performs surveys and makes proposals toward regional revitalization, decentralization, and the decentralized “*Doshu-sei*” regional government system, supports the development of the Union of Kansai Governments, and promotes wide-area cooperation in the Kansai region

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## Science Technology and Industrial Development Committee

- Comprehensively promotes industrial innovation toward the realization of Society 5.0, including cluster formation, science and technology, industrial policy, and human resource development in fields that lead to the promotion of next-generation growth industries such as aircraft, environment and energy, bioeconomy, as well as IoT, AI, and robotics, which are the Kansai region’s strengths

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## Venture Ecosystem Committee

- Promotes open innovation and cooperation between big companies and startups, and links startup support hubs throughout Kansai, such as Umekita and Keihanna
- Supports efforts to generate innovation throughout the Kansai region

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## Global Environment and Energy Committee

- Expresses opinions and takes specific actions regarding the policies necessary for the inexpensive and stable supply of energy, which is the foundation of consumer lifestyles and corporate activities, and for economic growth through GX and energy policies that are based on safety, energy security, economic efficiency, and the environment (“S+3E”)

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## National Land and Regional Infrastructure Committee

- Promotes the formation of a multi-hub national land structure, the construction and consolidation of wide-area transportation and logistics infrastructure (e.g., Linear Chuo Shinkansen Line, Hokuriku Shinkansen, expressways, three Kansai airports, Hanshin Port), the establishment of a backup base for central functions of the capital, and works to improve regional and corporate crisis response capabilities

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## Urban Creation, Tourism and Culture Committee

- Promotes tourism and culture by advertising Kansai’s strengths under the “Kansai” brand, and works to develop an attractive city center through development projects such as Yumeshima and coordination with area management activities

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## Digital Transformation Special Committee

- Promotes digital transformation throughout Kansai (region and corporations), including building momentum as set forth in the Kansai DX Strategy 2025 and raising awareness among management

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## Sports Promotion Committee

- Discusses sports promotion measures based on the Kansai Sports Promotion Vision, promotes concretization through collaborations among industry, academia, and government, and works to build momentum and create a legacy for the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai

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## Labor Policy Committee

- Discusses employment policies, labor policies, and labor laws in a comprehensive manner, supports organizing and solving the human resource and labor problems faced by small-and-medium-sized enterprises, and promotes efforts to become a “stage that attracts people” seeking opportunities to play an active role, as indicated in the Kansai Vision 2030

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## 2025 EXPO Special Committee

- Coordinates with the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition, and distributes information to committees related to the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Kansai