

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

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(in charge of  
International Exchanges)



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OBAYASHI CORPORATION



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Committee



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General Manager,  
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External Affairs  
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GM of ASEAN Farm and Industrial  
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Economic Research  
Department

**Yuichiro HORIBA**  
General Manager,  
Planning and Public Relations  
Department

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## Steering Committee

- Reports on and coordinates the important matters of each committee

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## Economic and Fiscal Policy Committee

- Comprehensively considers and makes (tax and fiscal) recommendations for medium- to long-term economic and fiscal management aimed at achieving both fiscal health and economic growth, and implements measures to realize these
- Monitors the economic climate and economic trends, and considers economic and monetary policies

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## Corporate Legislation Committee

- Conducts research and expresses opinions on corporate systems aimed at realizing the multistakeholder model, and creates 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

- Conducts research and makes recommendations aimed at realizing decentralization, the decentralized “doshusei” regional government system, and regional revitalization; supports the development of the Union of Kansai Governments; and promotes cooperation throughout the Kansai region

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## Science Technology and Industrial Development Committee

- Develops mechanisms that accelerate innovation and promotes industrial development in growth areas to create and foster industries that support the future of the Kansai region

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## Venture Ecosystem Committee

- Collaborates with Umekita, Keihanna, and other startup support centers serving the Kansai region, and works to promote collaboration and open innovation between large companies and startups
- Supports efforts to generate innovation throughout the Kansai region

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## Global Environment and Energy Committee

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

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## National Land and Regional Infrastructure Committee

- Establishes and enhances a multifaceted land development structure and a foundation for broad-range transportation and logistics (the Linear Chuo Shinkansen and Hokuriku Shinkansen lines, expressways, three Kansai airports, Hanshin Port, etc.), bolsters efforts to back up the capital’s core functions, and strengthens regional and corporate disaster response capabilities

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## Urban Creation, Tourism and Culture Committee

- Creates attractive urban centers by promoting tourism and culture through the dissemination of Kansai’s strengths as the “KANSAI Brand,” promoting Yumeshima and other development projects, and cooperating with area management activities

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## Digital Transformation Committee

- Enacts measures that contribute to the promotion of DX throughout the Kansai region (communities and companies), such as by building momentum as set forth under the Kansai DX Strategy 2025 and raising awareness among management

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## Sports Promotion Committee

- Considers policies to promote sports based on the Kansai Sports Promotion Vision; promotes implementation of specific measures through collaboration between industries, the government, and academia; builds momentum for the World Masters Games 2027 Kansai; and works to create a legacy

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## Labor Policy Committee

- Comprehensively considers employment and labor policies and labor-related legislation, and identifies and supports the resolution of personnel and labor issues at small- and medium-sized enterprises
- Promotes efforts to become a “stage that attracts people” who seek opportunities, as set forth in Kansai Vision 2030

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## 2025 EXPO Special Committee

- Cooperates with the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition / Provides information to committees related to the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, Kansai