



Celebratory Event for the opening of the Expo2025, Osaka, Kansai, Japan!

Tuesday 27th May 2025, Embassy of Japan in the UK, 101-104 Piccadilly, London W1J 7JT

Programme Agenda

Prelude

9:45 - 10:00 am Arrival / Security checks / Guest Registration **Doors Open**

Programme

Part 1 Presentation and Panel Discussion (Large Conference Room)

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| 10:00 am (3 mins) | Opening Address (Speaker: Minister (Economic) Kawakami, Embassy of Japan) |
| 10:03 am (3 mins) | Presentation: (Speaker: Ms Yuki Tanabe, Counsellor (Economic), Embassy of Japan in the UK) |
| 10:06 am (3 mins) | Presentation: (Speaker: Ms Rie Hamaguchi, Special advisor to Osaka) |
| 10:10 am (15 mins) | Presentation: UK Pavilion at the Expo 2025
Department for Business and Trade, UK Govt. (Speaker: TBC, Expo 2025 Osaka team) |
| 10:25 am (20 mins) | Panel Discussion 1: Expo 2025 as a Springboard for Japan-UK Business Opportunities
[Panelists]
Mr Hitoshi Ota (Secretary General, The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry in the United Kingdom)
Dr Indranil Nath (Chair of Japan Business Group, Institute of Directors)
Ms Masako Eguchi-Bacon (Head of Japan Desk, Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce Group) |
| 10:45 am (20 mins) | Panel Discussion 2: Leaving London: Developing Wider Economic Relations between Japan and the UK (Panelists: devolved governments (Scotland and Wales)) |

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and Manchester City (Expo delegation team))

Part 2 Social gathering and Networking (at Ball Room)

- 11:10 am (3 mins) **Welcome Address** from HE Ambassador Hiroshi Suzuki, Embassy of Japan
- 11:15 am (3 mins) **Remarks** from TBC, Department for Business and Trade, UK Govt.
- 11:20 am (15 mins) **Performance 1: Wadaiko (Japanese Drumming) Solo Performance by Takuya Taniguchi**
- 11:35 am (10 mins) **Performance 2: Rap/Anime Fusion Performance by Shao Dow**
- 11:45 am (20 mins) **Networking**
- 12:05 am (10mins) **Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai - Official Theme Song and Bon Dance with Expo Official mascot; MyakuMyaku!!**
- 12:15 pm **Close** (Guests Depart)



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