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EXPO 2025: Osaka's International Student Efforts Recognised as an Official EXPO Co-created Project!

The Osaka Global Student Support Association's (OGSA) efforts to build Osaka as the No.1 international student destination in Asia by 2030 have gained official recognition in March 2021 as a "TEAM EXPO 2025 co-created challenge project". With the Osaka World Expo 2025 in sight, OGSA's efforts to achieve an even more dynamic and diverse Osaka gain traction.

About the Osaka Global Student Support Association

The Osaka Global Student Support Association, founded in April 2020, is an initiative spearheaded by the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau and consists of the joint cooperation by Osaka's prefectural and municipal governments, educational institutions, and both public and private organisations. With the central concept of making Osaka a place that international students love to 'live', 'study', 'work', and 'visit', OGSA aims to achieve the highest international student satisfaction rate of any city in Asia by 2030 and strives to be a model case for the rest of Japan to follow.



About the TEAM EXPO 2025 Co-created Challenge Programme

The TEAM EXPO 2025 Programme was launched by the Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition in October 2020. It aims to bring together ambitious project teams that fit in with the EXPO 2025's main theme of "Designing Future Society for Our Lives". Uniting participants in their efforts to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the initiative hopes to inspire further action that contributes to the creation of an ideal future society.



The Osaka Global Student Support Association's Activity

In order to develop a strategy that is in line with the needs of international students, OGSA conducted an international student survey between December 2020 and January 2021. This survey, which gathered approximately 1000 unique responses, was an eye opener to the desires, needs, and concerns of international students and was the inspiration for the creation of 16 plans of action spanning 4 different fields (International student: promotion, support, engagement, career development). These 16 action plans were announced in March and can be found at www.studyinosaka.com.

Gaining official recognition as part of the TEAM EXPO 2025 Programme serves to further accelerate OGSA's work and its efforts to develop Osaka as a first-class international student destination.

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