The Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau (OCTB) provides various support services for organizers of MICE events in Osaka.
We provide various support services to allow attendees to enjoy themselves in Osaka.

- Offering the Osaka Tourist Map and Guidebook
  Offering up to 500 copies of the Osaka Area Map and up to 200 copies of the Tourist Guidebook for free (only in Japanese or English) * Up to 50 copies of their Korean, traditional Chinese or simplified Chinese versions available for free.

- Arranging a display of a welcome message in the arrival lobby at Kansai International Airport
  Displaying event information on the welcome board at Kansai International Airport to extend a hearty welcome to attendees

- Introducing volunteer interpreters
  Sending volunteers who provide language services in English and/or other languages at event organizers’ request

- Providing special welcome services at receptions and parties
  Allowing attendees to enjoy Osaka’s unique attractions by sending Fukumusume (Daughters of Happiness) from Imamiya Ebisu-jinja Shrine or Japanese-drum performers, holding a barrel-opening ceremony, or other activities
International conferences

- **Subsidy for inviting and operating international conferences** *(financial assistance)*
  - Periodic conferences with an attendance of over 300
  - Total attendance including over 50 attendees from outside Japan
  - Attendees from five or more countries, including Japan
  - Conferences lasting three or more days
  - Other municipalities competing with Osaka to host the conferences
  - A subsidy of this type cannot exceed 20% of the total cost of holding the conference.
  - Domestic academic conferences are not covered by this grant in principle, regardless of their fulfilment of the above-designated requirements.

- **Assistance in inviting and operating international conferences** *(material assistance)*
  - Conferences with an attendance of over 100
  - Total attendance including over 20 attendees from outside Japan
  - Attendees from three or more countries, including Japan
  - Conferences lasting two or more days
  - The amount of assistance of this type cannot exceed 20% of the total cost of holding conference.
  - This assistance program only provides a conference with an item that can be provided within the upper limit of the amount of assistance.

- **Introducing various assistance systems**
  - Introducing the donation collection system of the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) and various other assistance systems

National conferences

- **Subsidy for inviting and operating national conferences** *(material assistance)*
  - Conferences with an attendance of over 1,000
  - Conferences expected to attract many attendees from outside the Kansai region
  - Conferences lasting three or more days
  - A subsidy of this type cannot exceed 20% of the total cost of holding the conference.
  - This assistance program only provides a conference with an item that can be provided within the upper limit of the amount of assistance.

* The grant (financial aid) system for domestic conferences will be abolished on January 1, 2020.

International incentive tours

- **Assistance in offering incentive tours** *(material assistance)*
  - Tours with over 100 participants
  - Tours with participants from outside Japan accounting for over 90% of all participants
  - Tours involving a stay of two or more nights AND a ceremony or gala dinner in Osaka Prefecture
  - This assistance program only provides a tour with an item that can be provided within the upper limit of the amount of assistance.

* This revision will apply to applications to be accepted on January 1, 2020 or later. The revision does not affect the applications already approved unofficially at any level as eligible for aid.
* Applications are approved in the process of circulating the application forms within the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau. For details, consult the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau.
* Financial aid and material aid cannot be received simultaneously.
* Aid recipients are requested to indicate the fact that they receive aid from the Osaka Convention & Tourism Bureau in the PR media they prepare concerning the conferences (websites, program brochures, prospectuses, reports, etc.).
Memorable, Unique Venues

Taiko-en

taiko-en.com/e

Along with the neighboring Fujita Art Museum and the Garden Oriental Osaka, Taiko-en boasts a history of over 100 years as part of the former Amijima Palace, which was an estate of epoch-making businessman Baron Denzaburo Fujita. Enjoy a party while admiring the vast Japanese-style garden.

Capacity
- Diamond Hall: 1,000 people
- Golden Hall: 600 people
- Garden Hall: 700 people

Osaka City Central Public Hall

osaka-chuokokaido.jp/english

The bronze-roofed Osaka City Central Public Hall in the Taisho-era Neo-Renaissance style is a symbol of Osaka. You can host dramatic parties immersed in the European-style refinement of the Medium Assembly Hall on the third floor.

Capacity
- Large Assembly Hall 1st fl.: 810 people / 2nd fl. 350 people
- Medium Assembly Hall: 500 people
- Small Assembly Hall: 150 people

Former Sakuranomiya Kokaido

produce.novarese.jp/smk

This is an Important Cultural Property clad in new beauty, some 140 years after its construction. The main dining area is the height of modern design, brilliantly reproducing the historic space with advanced architectural techniques. The gorgeous chandeliers and symbolic stage prepare you for a moving experience. Enjoy a gracefully relaxed party for adults in the hall adorned with playful but modest detail.

Capacity
- Buffet: 150 / Seated: 120 people

Dotonbori

RIVERSIDE PARTY

www.ipponmatsu.co.jp

You can hold an authentic meat dish party at Del Sole Dotonbori, a meat wholesaler's meat bar, capitalizing on the landscapes of Dotonbori Riverwalk along the Dotonbori River. In front of the restaurant is a cruise ship which is always available. A jazz band on board the ship will liven up your party and cruise with a pleasant live performance.

Minimum attendance: 20 people
Minimum attendance for restaurant reservation: 30 people

Ryotei Tenno-den

tennouden.com/en/index

This traditional Japanese-style restaurant boasts extensive private rooms (banquet halls) each with a capacity of about 100 people, rarely found in Osaka City. The roofed passageway wreathed in greenery leads to each completely separated room with a garden. In such a quiet atmosphere, savor the luxuries of Japanese cuisine lavishly made with high-grade ingredients. All rooms are installed with floor heating equipment.

Capacity
- Fuji Hall: 180 / Tsurukame Hall: 140

The Garden Oriental Osaka

www.gardenoriental.com

The Garden Oriental Osaka building was originally the Osaka City Mayor’s Office and was used to show hospitality to many guests from around the world. The garden, with splendid lawns and rich greenery, boasts an area of about 13,200 m² in the Osaka Castle area, featuring beautiful views of seasonal changes. The building is illuminated at night, creating an elegant atmosphere. Here, you can not only savor meals but also enjoy unparalleled experiences, such as strolling around the garden and cruising.

Capacity
- Buffet: 200 people
- Seated: 160 people
Memorable, Unique Venues

Sumiyoshi Taisha Kissho-den
www.sumiyoshitaisha.jp

Sumiyoshi Taisha Kissho-den features an exterior design in traditional Japanese architectural style and an interior structure built with advanced technologies. Equipped with movable walls, the interior space can be arranged in different ways to serve banquets with various attendances. The arrangement of the venue can also be flexibly changed as you like according to the type of cuisine served—Japanese or Western—as well as the attendance.

Capacity (buffet style)
Akashi Large Hall: 700 people
Akashi Hall: 300 people
Suma Hall: 350 people

GLION MUSEUM
glion-museum.jp

This open-air museum reproduces back alleys of New York and London in olden times, making the most of the nostalgic nearly-100-year-old red-brick harbor warehouses valuable as a legacy of Japanese modernization. Vintage cars displayed in the museum serve as an artistic backdrop, adding a chic touch to your themed party.

Capacity (buffet style)
Indoors: 100 people
Outdoors: 400 people

Yamamoto Noh Theater
www.noh-theater.com

This historic three-story wooden structure is nationally designated as a Tangible Cultural Property. Modeled after a National Treasure-designated Noh stage, the stage housed in the Cultural Property is a good choice for enjoying various traditional Japanese performing arts, such as Noh, Bunraku puppet theater, and rakugo story telling, with the help of multilingual commentaries and subtitles. The Noh theater can be used as a party or reception venue, where you can enjoy food and beverages while watching a Noh performance. Here you can also have hands-on experience of Noh performance, a tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, kimono dressing, and other traditional activities.

Capacity
Buffet: 150 people / Seated: 30 people

MIRAIZA OSAKA-JO
en.miraiza.jp

A historic building next to Osaka Castle, which once served as the Headquarters of Division No. 4 of the former Imperial Japanese Army and later as Osaka City Museum, has recently been remodeled into MIRAIZA OSAKA-JO. At the facility, ideally located in front of the castle tower, enjoy a memorable time you cannot experience elsewhere, feeling the story of the past, present and future.

Capacity
Rooftop terrace: 400 people (seated)
Lotus Hall: 150 people (buffet)

Osaka Castle Nishinomaru Garden
Osaka Geihinkan
www.osakacastle.jp

Located in Osaka Castle Historic Site Park with an area of about 65,000 m², this genuine traditional Japanese-style building offers a wonderful view of Osaka Castle in front of you. The ideally located building was originally constructed as the venue of the APEC Osaka 1995 summit. Here you can enjoy natural, seasonal features: Yoshino cherry blossoms in spring; azalea flowers in early summer; colored leaves in fall; and winter camellias in winter.

Capacity
Seated: 90 / Buffet: 120 people

Nakanoshima LOVE CENTRAL
love-central.jp

Across the river from Osaka City Central Public Hall, this facility was created as the culmination of the Nakanoshima Festive Forest Project promoted by Osaka Prefecture. The facility, with an area of about 3,000 m², unites various unique attractions, including an Italian restaurant, several banquet halls, a BBQ lounge, and a river cruise pier.

Capacity
Seated: 120 people
Entire facility reserved: 300 people
Special Welcome Services

**A wide variety of programs unique to Osaka**

A welcome party heralding a convention, spouse programs and sightseeing tours offered during the convention, a closing ceremony—a convention is invariably accompanied by many auxiliary social programs. We help you organize such social programs by taking advantage of our various local networks, providing you with many happy, unforgettable memories of Osaka.

**Examples of support plans**

- Sending Fukumusume (Daughters of Happiness) from Imamiya Ebisu-jinja Shrine
- Sending Japanese-drum performers
- Osaka specialty products (cask sake, wine, etc.)
- Osaka mementos

You can select one of the support plans if your event meets major requirements.

**Excursion**

**The appeal of Osaka lies in its location.**

Osaka boasts easy access to many other enticing cities. Within a distance of a 30-minute train ride from Osaka are several attractive cities, including the former capital of Kyoto, Nara with its many World Heritage Sites, and Kobe featuring the mountains and an exciting port. Himeji and the Buddhist sanctuary of Mount Koya are also easily accessible from Osaka. If you are ready to venture further, you can make day trips from Osaka to various other cities, including Tottori well known for its sand dunes, and Hiroshima renowned as the city of peace. These places are ideal destinations for day excursions or post-convention activities.
We are introducing pleasant programs for hands-on experience with traditional Japanese culture.

### Hands-on experience programs

**Beginner-friendly Noh experience lesson and Noh theater tour**

You can enjoy a Noh experience at the Yamamoto Noh Theater designated as a National Cultural Property. Wearing a Noh costume, you can enter the dressing room and backstage area, which are usually closed to the general public.

Length: 90 min. 2,500 yen/person (minimum attendance: 10 people)

**Ninja experience**

You can transform into a ninja by changing your clothes into a ninja suit. Hands-on experience is provided, including how to hold a shuriken or a sword. This program is available in English.

Experience delivery: 5,000 yen/person

* Venue preparation is required, and the cost of the venue must be covered separately.

**Origami experience**

You can make cranes or chopstick rests using origami paper as a traditional cultural item in Japan. The origami you make can be taken back home with you as mementoes.

From 2,000 yen/person

* The instructor’s travel expenses must be covered separately.

**Team building**

This program is aimed at increasing participants’ teamwork ability and participation awareness by having them tackle problems together in a game-like style. Expert facilitators lead participants in an original program designed according to the number of participants, purpose, length of time available, venue, budget, and other factors.

**Appreciation of traditional Japanese performing arts**

**Bunraku**

Bunraku is a representative Japanese puppet theater art that originated in Osaka. As one of the world’s greatest forms of puppet art, Bunraku is inscribed on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. You can appreciate Bunraku performances at the National Bunraku Theater, where an English audio guide is available for a fee.

**Noh & kyogen**

Established in the 14th century, Noh and kyogen embody Japanese aesthetic taste and spirituality. Torchlit Noh performed in the still of the night exudes a marvelously illusory atmosphere.

* Noh and kyogen performances can be viewed at the Yamamoto Noh Theater or the Otsuki Noh Theater. When entirely reserved, the Yamamoto Noh Theater can provide subtitled performances for certain designated programs.

**Traditional Kamigata performing arts night**

To allow visitors from inside and outside Japan to enjoy the essence of Osaka’s traditional performing arts, four programs from rakugo, Noh, kyogen, Bunraku, Kamigata-mai dance, etc. are performed with a rakugo storyteller serving as MC and commentator.

* Some programs are subtitled.
mice.osaka-info.jp