

## Report on “The 4th Osaka Business Networking Club” Event



On February 9th 2010, O-BIC conducted the above event, attended by about 150 participants including not only the Osaka Business Networking Club members, mainly those of the companies that set up new operation bases in Osaka, but Consuls-General based in Osaka representing the U.S., Germany, Italy and the Netherlands and other representatives of foreign consulates, trade offices and economic organizations as well as some OCCI members and other companies, all brought together for further exchange or networking activities.

In the opening address on behalf of the sponsors, Ms. Teruyo Funakoshi (Director for Business Development, Office of the Mayor, Osaka City Gov.) emphasized the bright prospect for the Osaka Bay Area spotlighting Yumeshima currently being developed. At the briefing on the regional governments' services to support small and medium enterprises, officials from the Osaka Prefecture and the City of Osaka introduced the latest information on consultations on business management and finance.

At the lecture that followed, Mr. Yukihiro Gentsu (Vice President, Group General Manager, Greenfront Sakai Group, SHARP Corporation) introduced the company's undertaking to expand business compatibly with preservation of environment based on the company's "Eco-Positive Strategy", with emphasis on their 'aspiration for realization of an enterprise without burden from global warming'.



Participants were seen engaged in active exchanges at the PR Corner and Company Introduction Corner both set up for the occasion.

Event held on: February 9, 2010 (14:30-18:30); at New Kokusai “Suehiro-no-ma”  
Sponsored by: O-BIC (Osaka Prefecture, City of Osaka, OCCI) and JETRO Osaka

### <Briefing/Seminar>

Address representing the sponsors by Ms. Teruyo Funakoshi,  
Director for Business Development, Office of the Mayor, Osaka City Government

Briefing “Osaka Municipal/Prefectural Governments’ Support Programs for SMEs”

by Mr. Shinichi Higuchi, Manager for Business Innovation and Promotion, Economic Affairs Bureau,  
Osaka City Government

by Mr. Tadayoshi Hanada, Chief Senior Staff, Financial Support Division,  
Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Osaka Prefectural Government

Lecture “Outline of Green Front Sakai and its Environmental Efforts  
for Creation of the Green Society”

by Mr. Yukihiro Gentsu , Vice President, Group General Manager,  
Greenfront Sakai Group, SHARP Corporation



### <Networking Meeting>

- Free exchange of views
- PR Corner for companies newly based in Osaka
- Company Introduction Corner

