

The 7th Meeting of “Osaka Business Networking Club”



On June 2nd 2011, Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) conducted the 7th Meeting of “Osaka Business Networking Club”, with the lecture on “Impacts of TEPCO Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS Accident to Japan and World Economy” drawing intense interest from about 70 participants mainly the club members from those foreign countries who set up an operation base in Osaka as well as representatives of Kansai-based foreign Consulates General, Consulates, trade offices etc.

In his address on behalf of the sponsors, Mr. Masahiro NADAMOTO (President, Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry) emphatically expressed the determination held by Osaka /Kansai that “Now is the time for us in Osaka/Kansai, completely unaffected by the Great Earthquake, to support the whole of Japan,” and earnestly requested representatives of the foreign countries to particularly “emphasize only such correct information in dispatching home all the news”.

In the lecture that followed, Mr. Yasuhisa NAKAO (Deputy Director-General for International Trade-Policy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) introduced the latest information on the current status of Fukushima Daiichi NPS and the tasks for reconstruction with abundant data/materials and announcements by international organizations. In particular, he emphasized how completely unaffected the whole Osaka/Kansai region is concerning the radiation indexes or showing after the accidents at the nuclear power plants, according to the data concerned. At the same time, he expressed expectations for the roles to be fulfilled by the Osaka/Kansai companies in increasing the proportion of natural (renewable) energies in the total energies required.

At the Networking following the address by Mr. Yasushi SUGIMOTO (Dept. of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Osaka Prefectural Government), active exchanges were conducted particularly among those from companies.

[Outline of Program]

Date & Time: Thursday, June 2, 2011; 14:00-17:00

Place: ‘Suehiro-no-ma’, New Kokusai

Sponsors: Osaka Prefecture, City of Osaka, OCCI, JETRO OSAKA

Co-sponsor: Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry



Lectures:

- “Impacts of TEPCO Fukushima Dai-ichi NPS Accident to Japan and World Economy”
by Mr. Yasuhisa NAKAO, Deputy Director-General for International Trade-Policy,
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
- Presentations by Osaka Prefecture, City of Osaka, JETRO, on their undertakings for reconstruction from the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake.

Networking:

- Address by Mr. Yasushi SUGIMOTO, Director General, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor Osaka Prefectural Government
- Free networking

