

Report of the 10th “Osaka Business Networking Club”

On February 18th, O-BIC held the 10th lecture/networking meeting of the “Osaka Business Networking Club” in cooperation with the Osaka Foreign Business Networking Club. The meeting was attended by approximately 80 people from economic organizations, foreign government offices, companies in Osaka and companies that are expanding into Osaka, in order to strengthen their exchanges.

The theme of this seminar was “Umekita” (North Umeda) which is scheduled to open this spring. Ms. Yamaguchi, Director for Science and Technology Affairs at the Osaka City Planning and Coordination Bureau explained the efforts of Osaka City to become a city of innovative creation centered on Knowledge Capital. She indicated that, in the following 3 years, a global human resource network of 100,000 people will be formed and that support will be given to the creation of 100 international projects.

Next, Mr. Takahashi, General Manager at Knowledge Capital Association, introduced the universities/research institutions and companies that take a part in the planning of each facility, while explaining the characteristics of each facility. He appealed to the attendees that “this will be a place where new values will be made. I hope you will use it well.”

This was followed by enthusiastic exchanges between the companies during the networking meeting.

<Event Outline>

Date and time: February 18th 2013 (Monday) 14:30-17:30

Location: Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry 6F, Suehiro Hall

Organizer: Osaka Business and Investment Center (the O-BIC consists of: Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry), JETRO Osaka



■Seminar

Speech by the organizer Mr. Tadashi Nishiu, Director General for International Affairs, Office of the Mayor, Osaka City

“Creation of Umekita, a base for global innovation”

Ms. Aoi Yamaguchi, Director for Science and Technology Affairs, Planning and Coordination Bureau, Osaka City

“The opening is finally upon us: Umekita/Knowledge Capital”

Mr. Toyonori Takahashi, General Manager, Knowledge Capital Association

■The networking meeting

