

Report on “The 2nd Osaka Business Networking Club” Event (2009 Osaka Economic Seminar & Business Networking Meeting)

On February 19th 2009, O-BIC held the above event where active exchanges were conducted by about 150 participants comprising the Club members mainly those of the companies that set up new operation bases in Osaka, foreign consulates general/consulates, trade offices, economic organizations etc, as well as OCCI member companies.

Representing the sponsors, Mr. Makoto Kato (OCCI Vice Chairman) expressed, in his address, expectations for the Osaka/Kansai-led economic recovery with emphasis on “turning crisis into a chance for change”. In the lecture that followed, Mr. Shinobu Takeda (Editorial Board Member, The Nikkei Shinbun) further brought up the bright future of the Osaka/Kansai region citing, as an example, the environment-friendly energy industries (including production of solar cell batteries, LCD panels etc) concentrated in the Osaka Bay Area.

At the Networking Meeting, representatives of participating companies were busily engaged in active exchanges centering on the PR and Company Introduction Corners organized on the site.

Event held on: February 19, 2009 (14:00-17:00); at New Kokusai “Suehiro-no-ma”
Sponsored by: O-BIC (Osaka Prefecture, City of Osaka/IBPC Osaka Investment Promotion Center, OCCI) and JETRO Osaka

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Address representing Sponsors, by Mr. Makoto Kato,
Vice Chairman OCCI,
Senior Corporate Advisor, Itochu Corporation

Lecture

“Main Source of Strength for Economic Growth in Osaka/Kansai
–Rise of Environment-friendly Energy Industries and ‘Panel Bay’-”
by Mr. Shinobu Takeda, Editorial Board Member, The Nikkei Shinbun



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Director General, JETRO Osaka

Networking Meeting -informal talk
-PR Corner (for companies newly based in Osaka)
-Company Introduction Corner

