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The International Conference of Aquapolises (ICAP), proposed by the Osaka Municipal Government to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Osaka municipal administration, was held for the first time in 1990. ICAP assembles delegates from cities around the globe that are dubbed aquapolises, each city possessing its own unique characteristics relating to water and greenery. Participants exchange information such as urban development expertise featuring effective use of water. They also discuss various subjects, such as the ideal form of a 21st century aquapolis.

ICAP has been held every three to five years. Recently, the 5th ICAP was held in Busan Metropolitan City in Korea, in May 2008. With the participation of mayors, experts and other delegates from 41 aquapolises in 15 countries around the world, the 5th ICAP was held under the main theme "For a Sustainable Aquapolis". The participants exchanged such information as know-how of urban development featuring water and greenery. They also discussed subjects such as the ideal form of an aquapolis for the future.

Currently, in an effort to continue ICAP, the ICAP Secretariat is seeking a host city for the 6th ICAP. Accordingly, we would like to ask your city to consider becoming the host city for the 6th ICAP.

We would very much appreciate it if you could fill out the attached "Response in regard to hosting the 6th ICAP" and send it back to the ICAP Secretariat.



The 2nd Conference in Shanghai



The 4th Conference in Osaka



The 5th Conference in Busan

■ Past ICAP

ICAP	Host City	Month and Year	Participating Cities
1st	Osaka (Japan)	July 1990	33 Cities (210 people)
2nd	Shanghai (China)	November 1993	28 Cities (110 people)
3rd	Piraeus (Greece)	March 1997	22 Cities (80 people)
4th	Osaka (Japan)	March 2003	55 Cities (900 people)
5th	Busan (Korea)	May 2008	41 Cities (150 people)

■ Osaka Pavilion at Expo 2010 Shanghai China

■ Overview of Expo 2010 Shanghai China

Theme:	Better City, Better Life
Period:	May 1 (Sat.) to October 31 (Sun.), 2010 (A period of 184 days)
Venue:	Central Shanghai's waterfront areas on both sides of the Huangpu River between Nanpu Bridge and Lupu Bridge
Participants:	Approx. 240 countries and international institutions
Number of visitors:	Approx. 70 million (Average: 400,000 per day)
	* The number of visitors is expected to be the largest ever, exceeding that of Osaka Expo in 1970, which was 64 million.

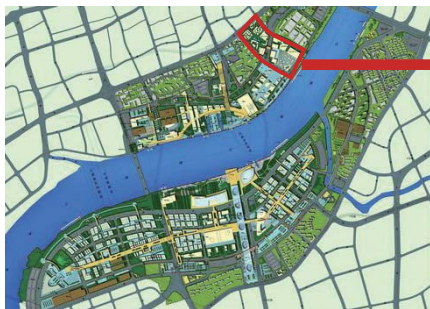
■ About exhibition of Osaka

Throughout the continued 1400-year history of Osaka, her citizens have taken advantage of the abundant presence of water to develop advanced water transport systems, which brought about Osaka's prosperity as Japan's greatest center for trade, commerce and industry. In order to achieve a safe and comfortable lifestyle, the people of Osaka have had to learn to manage and prevent flood damage, as well as overcome water, air and other pollution problems. Moreover, great efforts have been made to promote further development of environment-related technology and eco-friendly urban development to bring about "Osaka: An Environmentally-Advanced Water Metropolis." These experiences and technologies possessed by the local governments and private sectors of Osaka will be displayed for the people of the whole world to see. Along with contributing to a better city environment, the charms of Osaka/Kansai region's life, cities and industry will be showcased. Osaka will hold an exhibition at the Urban Best Practices Area, as the only Japanese city to do so.

■ Overview of the Urban Best Practices Area

First Ever! In the Urban Best Practices Area, Cities are the Exhibitors.

- The world's prominent cities participate in Expo and exhibit their advanced practices.
- Osaka will exhibit in a common hall (Hall B4-1) in the south area, with Paris, Geneva, Bilbao, Malmo, Prague, etc.



■ Overview of Osaka Pavilion

Theme: Environmentally Advanced City - The Challenge of Water Metropolis Osaka

Osaka Pavilion Highlights

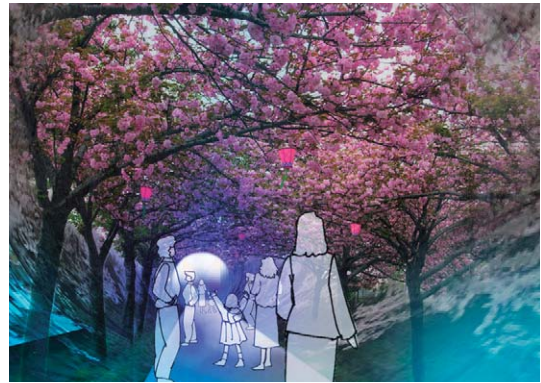
- Facade

A 30-meter-wide wall painting delicately and charmingly depicts Osaka's culture, seasonal events and scenery.



- Spring in Osaka: Cherry Blossom Tunnel Promenade

Images of cherry blossom trees will be projected on the inner walls of a replica of the Great Naniwa Water Discharge Channel, which is an underground facility for the prevention of large-scale flooding, running deep underground below Osaka. Visitors can experience a beautiful spring in Osaka through this lovely cherry blossom walkway.



- Water Corridor

The entire exhibition space is used to depict the impression of Water Metropolis Osaka. A corridor is created on a water surface covering the entire floor. Fountains create a refreshing, cool atmosphere.



- Naniwa (Osaka) Space-Time Theater

Images projected on four sides of the theater surround visitors, imparting a sense of travel beyond space and time in Water Metropolis Osaka, a city that has flourished through the grace of water.



- Special Exhibition

Reproduced using the latest printing technology, *Toyotomi-ki Osaka-zu Byobu* (a folding screen depicting Osaka in the Toyotomi Period), which portrays daily life in Osaka's waterfront areas around the 16th century, is displayed. There are also replicas of gold coins called *Tensho Naga Oban* and the golden *Shachi-hoko* of Osaka Castle's Main Keep.

- Advanced Environmental Technologies

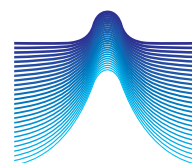
Exhibition of Osaka and Kansai's "water and energy related" advanced environmental technologies, necessary for realizing a sustainable city. Cutting-edge technologies are introduced through easy-to-understand exhibits, such as an enjoyable interactive exhibit.



- Charms of Cities in the Kansai Region

Charms of the Kansai region are introduced, such as ancient capital Kyoto, the modern cities Osaka and Kobe, the beauty of the four seasons, histories, cultures and World Heritage sites.

■ Official Website:
Osaka Pavilion at Expo 2010 Shanghai China
<http://expo2010-osaka.jp/>



**OSAKA
PAVILION**
EXPO 2010 SHANGHAI CHINA

■ Report on Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009

Under the theme "Osaka, living with Rivers," Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009 was held last year at venues such as Nakanoshima Park, Hachikenyahama Pier Area and the Water Corridor, a square "corridor" formed by rivers. Featuring art and public participation, the event was held from August 22 to October 12, offering various programs each day. Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009 also cooperated with many other events organized by public and private sectors. As a result, the total number of visitors reached about 1.9 million, exceeding initial expectations. Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009 fulfilled its role as the kick-off event for the revitalization of Osaka as a water metropolis.



Night Program

[Period] August 22 (Sat.) to October 12 (Mon. /Holiday), 2009 (A period of 52 days)
*There was an interlude from October 7 (Wed.) to 9 (Fri.), due to a typhoon.

[Keywords] Cooperation, Inheritance and Continuity

[Basic concepts]

- Create attractive features of Aqua Metropolis Osaka, and communicate them to the world.
- Create a livelier and more beautiful Osaka based on public initiatives.
- Contribute to urban development so that the effects of this event will be sustained and the accumulation of urban assets and mechanisms promoted.

[Overview of the programs] - **Art Programs: (August 22 to October 12)**

Total 650 programs

Participating artists: 171 individuals or groups

- **Civic Participation Programs: (September 19 to 23)**

Total 87 programs

Participating organizations: 41 organizations

- **Port Attractions (August 8 to October 12)**

18 programs

Participating organizations: 5 organizations

- **Night Program (Water Corridors: Bridging Time and Space)**

(A period of 44 days) Performed a total of 201 times

- **Rediscover the Attractions of Osaka**

Number of submitted photos: 841

Displayed for 43 days at River Station Hachikenyahama, located at the Hachikenyahama Pier Area venue

- **"Osaka Tabi Megane" Cruise and Walk**

Tour participants 1,681 persons

Local cooperators About 100 persons

"Area Coordinators" 20 persons

"Area Crew" 58 persons



Lucky Dragon



*Collaboration Project
Rubber Duck

[Total number of visitors] About 1,896,000

■ Information from the ICAP Secretariat

We are pleased to issue Aquapolis No. 12, reporting to each member the information, including an invitation to be the host city for the 6th ICAP, announcement of Osaka's exhibition at Expo 2010 Shanghai China, and a report on Aqua Metropolis Osaka 2009.

We would like to ask your continued support for ICAP.

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