

# **Memorandum of Understanding on a Business Partner City Affiliation**

between

Hamburg Chamber of Commerce

and

Osaka Business Partner City Council

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the City of Osaka have encouraged mutual cooperation in economic activity, cultural and technological exchange by entering a friendship city affiliation in May 1989.

Under the umbrella of this affiliation, Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and Osaka Business Partner City Council intend to promote economic cooperation between Hamburg and Osaka in order to substantiate ties between both cities and their larger metropolitan areas, as well as contribute to bilateral relations between Germany and Japan.

It is hereby agreed on this 23rd day of September 2019 between the representatives of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and Osaka Business Partner City Council that the two parties shall enter into a Business Partner City Affiliation. Under this affiliation, joint efforts will be carried out to further promote economic exchange in the fields of trade, investment, high technology and innovation, with a focus on strengthening ties between small and medium sized companies on both sides.

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## **Attested:**

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