

Establishment of Sister Cities Agreement
between
Greater Manchester Combined Authority, England, United Kingdom
and
City of Osaka, Japan

The United Kingdom and Japan have long maintained amicable relations as global strategic partners.

Both Greater Manchester, England, United Kingdom, and the Osaka City, Japan have promoted exchanges and deepened their relationship in the fields of economy, environment, education and culture.

Guided by mutual aspiration toward the strengthening of understanding and goodwill between Greater Manchester Combined Authority, England, United Kingdom, and the City of Osaka, Japan, a formal relationship between the two localities is to be established.

Hereinafter, both parties, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and the city of Osaka collectively referred to as the “two Sides”, have reached the common understandings as follows:

1. The two Sides will, within their authorities and to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, cooperate with each other to promote mutual prosperity and development on the basis of equality and mutual benefits.
2. The two Sides will cooperate with each other to foster economic links, and connections on environment, innovation, science and technology, education, tourism, culture, sports, and any other areas of interest that benefit both communities compatible with their respective Governments' policies, domestic laws, and international obligations.
3. The two Sides will consult with each other regarding the modalities and contents of cooperation in implementing this Sister Cities Agreement to ensure concrete results and mutual benefits.

Signed in duplicate (English and Japanese) in Manchester.

This Agreement will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect until one Side gives the other Side six months prior written notice of its intention to terminate this Sister Cities Agreement .

Date: 5 September, 2025

Mayor of Greater Manchester

Mayor of Osaka

Mayor Andy Burnham

Mayor Hideyuki Yokoyama

