

Our Gift to Future Generations The 808 Bridges of Naniwa

There are many old bridges in Osaka that are familiar to and loved by its citizens. These include bridges that have shared in the development and history of local areas, bridges that form an important part of the urban landscape, and bridges that are precious examples of civil engineering technology.

In 2008, the City of Osaka conducted a public survey to identify the bridges that its citizens like and admire the most. We received responses from 538 people living inside and outside the city.

We will conduct maintenance in a way that reflects citizen opinion as well as historical value.



Tenjin Bridge (Tenjin Festival)

Bridges That Osaka's Citizens Like and Admire

1st

Naniwa Bridge

169 people

This bridge connects Kitahama and Nishi-Temma, passing over Nakanoshima Island as well as the Dojima River and the Tosabori River on either side. There are four lion statues at the ends of the bridge, affectionately referred to as "Lion Bridge" by the local citizens.



2nd

Ebisu Bridge

93 people

This bridge, which passes over the Dotombori River, is a symbol of Osaka's Minami area. It was originally built in 1925 and was reconstructed in 2007.



3rd

Suisho Bridge

91 people

This bridge crosses the Dojima River on the northern side of Osaka City Hall. It is illuminated at night to highlight its beautiful design.



4th

Toyosato-Ohashi Bridge

59 people

5th

Yodoya Bridge

56 people

6th

Tenjin Bridge

52 people

7th

Temma Bridge

47 people

8th

Korai Bridge

35 people

9th

Sakuranomiya Bridge

30 people

10th

Hommachi Bridge (and one other)

29 people
each

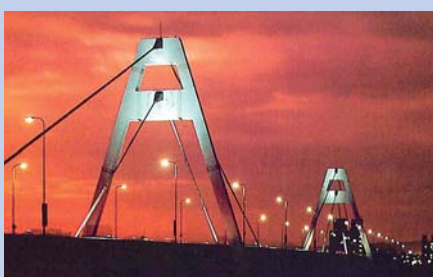
* Multiple responses permitted. Total figure does not necessarily equal the number of respondents.

Source: public questionnaire (conducted in November 2008)

Other Bridge-Related Activities

Illumination

By lighting up bridges at night to create beautiful scenery, we strive to increase the level of pride, emotional attachment, and affection that Osaka's citizens feel towards their city, and also give visitors beautiful nightscapes to enjoy.



Toyosato-Ohashi Bridge
illuminated at night

Monuments

Monuments provide descriptions of the origin of bridges that have a close relationship with history, culture, and peoples' lives. In this, they reinforce the relationship between bridges and the people. In so doing, they encourage people to reflect on history and increase awareness of local areas.



Monument on Naniwa Bridge

Bridge Cleaning

Local people take the lead in cleaning bridges, which are a symbol of the Osaka spirit. These bridge-cleaning activities help to bring people together and invigorate local areas.



Nakanoshima Garden Bridge
Cleaning