

The 17th Osaka Business Networking Club

Challenge and Innovation: Osaka's Entrepreneurship at Its Best

Staying flexible to sustain prosperity: Pioneering businesspersons in Osaka, past and present

Godai Tomoatsu, who was catapulted into fame when he was featured on the NHK morning television drama series *Asa ga Kita* (2015-2016), is remembered for his outstanding contributions to the industrial development of Osaka after the Meiji Restoration of 1868. As "Osaka's benefactor," he founded the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), laying the groundwork for many successful businesspersons who would later help to modernize industry not only in Osaka, but also throughout the entire country. The 17th Osaka Business Networking Club proudly invites you on an enlightening tour of places noted in connection with the pioneering individuals of Osaka's business circle. This event has been designed to help you to understand how Osaka has established itself as a city of commerce and to learn about some of the city's unique businesses.



Osaka's benefactor –
Godai Tomoatsu
(First Chairman of OCCI)

The first destination is the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation, where you will witness the achievements of 105 entrepreneurs who played active roles in Osaka and learn about hit products developed in Osaka. It promises to be an excellent opportunity to gain a feel for those individuals' enterprising spirit of challenge and ingenuity.

The tour will then take you to the Takara Belmont Corporation, founded in 1921 by Yoshikawa Hidenobu, one of the entrepreneurs introduced at the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation. This time-honored business began as a foundry and then branched out to manufacturing of chairs for barbers, beauty salons, and dental clinics. Having continued on to become a leading player in the global beauty and health businesses, this corporation will share with us its secrets for sustaining prosperity and commitment to *monozukuri* manufacturing.

This is a great opportunity that you won't want to miss.

DATE & TIME: Thursday, 15th September 2016, 13:30-17:30 (Registration begins at 13:00)

VENUE: The Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation

(B1 Floor, Business Innovation Center Osaka, 1-4-5 Hommachi, Chuo-Ku, Osaka)

TAKARA BELMONT CORPORATION, "TB-SQUARE" (2-13-22 Shimanouchi, Chuo-ku, Osaka)

PROGRAM:

13:30 Assembly at the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation

13:30-13:40 Greetings from the organizer

13:40-14:50 Guided tour of the museum

15:00-15:15 Transportation by car

15:15-15:45 Introduction to Takara Belmont Corporation

"Secrets for Sustaining Prosperity – Flexible Approaches to Business and Commitment to *Monozukuri* Manufacturing that Adds New Value to Regular Items" (provisional title)

Mr. Nobuo Hanahata, Executive Officer, TAKARA BELMONT CORPORATION

Mr. Keisuke Kobayashi, General Manager Global Hairdressing & Beauty Salon Business Division, Hairdressing & Beauty Salon Business Department, TAKARA BELMONT CORPORATION

15:45-16:30 Tour of "TB-SQUARE," Takara Belmont's "world-class beauty landmark" (also functioning as a showroom)

16:30-17:30 Networking Meeting @TB-SQUARE ※ End of tour

LANGUAGE: Japanese-English (Simultaneous translation)

FEE: Free

CAPACITY: 40 (First-come-first-served basis) *Registration will close when we reach capacity.

Eligible parties: Companies which Osaka Prefecture, the City of Osaka (IBPC Osaka), OCCI and JETRO Osaka have supported to settle in Osaka, foreign diplomatic establishments and economic organizations in Osaka

ORGANIZED by: Osaka Prefecture, the City of Osaka, and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI)

SUPPORTED by: JETRO Osaka



TAKARA BELMONT CORPORATION
TB-SQUARE

BOOKING

Please fax or email the booking sheet. <Deadline: Friday, 9th September>

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INQUIRIES

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<The 17th Osaka Business Networking Club Booking Form>

Company Name			
Title/Department			
Name			
Address		(〒)	
TEL		FAX	
E-mail			
Please select the language you can use		<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Participation in the networking meeting		<input type="checkbox"/> Will be present	<input type="checkbox"/> Will not be present

***1 We will send a confirmation email (or fax if you don't have the email address) to all the applicants a week before the event. Please bring the printout on the day. If you don't receive the confirmation, please contact O-BIC.**

*2 The information about you will be used for future correspondence of information from the organizers. It will also be printed on a list which will be distributed to presenters.

*3 In case of an excess number of applicants, we may have to ask companies to limit the number of participants from their company.

*4 We reserve the right to not allow the participation of any individual due to certain circumstances. We also may ask participants to leave the venue if their conduct hampers the event or disturbs other participants.

*The Osaka Business Networking Club

The network was established in October 2008 by Osaka Prefecture, the City of Osaka (IBPC Osaka), the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and JETRO Osaka to facilitate networking among companies which have been investing in Osaka and to provide them with further opportunities for business expansion.

<Secretariat: Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC)>