



## NEWS RELEASE

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Japan Association for the International  
Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama

# The first official participation contract for GREEN×EXPO 2027 has been signed

Held a signing ceremony with the State of Qatar, the host country of the  
previous Expo, as the first international participant

Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama (Chairman: TOKURA Masakazu, Office: Naka-ku, City of Yokohama) signed a first official participation contract for GREEN×EXPO 2027 (International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama, Japan) with the State of Qatar at *Sanbancho Kyoyo Kaigisho* (Sanbancho Shared Meeting Hall) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. With this signing, Qatar has become the first international participant in the Expo.

Qatar is the host country of the previous A1 International Horticultural Expo (Expo 2023 Doha Qatar). Now that the contract has been signed, we will begin concrete preparations for the exhibition to inherit the spirit and success of Expo 2023 Doha Qatar for our GREEN×EXPO 2027.



Signing



Commemorative photo after the signing

### ■ Overview of the Signing Ceremony

Date	Tuesday, 13 May, 2025
Venue	<i>Sanbancho Kyoyo Kaigisho</i> (Sanbancho Shared Meeting Hall) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Signatories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>H.E. Ambassador Jaber Jaralla M. A. AL-MARRI</b>, Ambassador of the State of Qatar (Commissioner of Section of the State of Qatar)</li><li>● <b>Mr. KOMURA Masato</b>, <b>Secretary General</b>, Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama</li><li>● <b>Ambassador KOSHIKAWA Kazuhiko</b>, Commissioner of GREEN × EXPO 2027</li></ul>

## ■ Comments from Signatories (Summary)



### 【Ambassador AL- MARRI】

Qatar is honored to be the first country to sign a participation contract for the International Horticultural Expo 2027 in Yokohama, reaffirming its strong commitment to sustainability, innovation, and cultural exchange. This participation reflects Qatar's dedication to sharing its experiences, fostering global partnerships, and contributing to a brighter, more hopeful future for all.



### 【Secretary General KOMURA】

It is very symbolic that the State of Qatar is the first country to sign the contract. We have studied various things from Expo 2023 Doha, not only the way of organising the Expo and its ceremony, but also broad theme setting focusing on environmental issues and agriculture. I am confident that the Qatari Exhibition will be an emblematic one, passing the baton from Doha to Yokohama. Our association, together with the Government of Japan, will do our best to support the Qatari Exhibition to make it attractive.



### 【Ambassador KOSHIKAWA】

Qatar's participation will be a great opportunity to further deepen the long-standing friendship between Japan and Qatar since 1972. Gulf and Arab countries, including Qatar, have launched ambitious green initiatives such as large-scale reforestation and promote various policies that contribute to tackling climate change. It is very meaningful to showcase them at GREEN×EXPO 2027. I look forward to Qatar's fascinating exhibition in Yokohama.

## ■ Comments received upon signing

**Mr. Dimitri S. Kerkentzes,**

**Secretary General of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE)**

The BIE warmly welcomes the State of Qatar as the first International Participant in the International Horticultural Expo 2027 Yokohama. This milestone marks the beginning of international engagement in an Expo that places sustainability and innovation at its core. Qatar's commitment, following its successful hosting of Expo 2023 Doha, sets the stage for meaningful global participation in Expo 2027 Yokohama.

**Mr. Tim Briercliffe**

**Secretary General of the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)**

I am very pleased to hear that Expo 2027 Yokohama Japan will be signing its first participation agreement with the State of Qatar. We are confident this Expo is developing well and promises to provide an amazing experience for visitors. In previous Expos, the participation from Qatar has always been very high quality and I know that visitors will enjoy the cultural experience and innovative thinking from a country that is looking seriously at a sustainable future for horticulture. Qatar is the first of many countries that will have the opportunity to showcase a world of horticultural wonder to all those that will visit.

## ■ Commissioner of the Expo

The Commissioner of the Expo is the position appointed by the Government of Japan under the Temporary Measures Act and represents the Government of Japan with respect to GREEN×EXPO 2027.

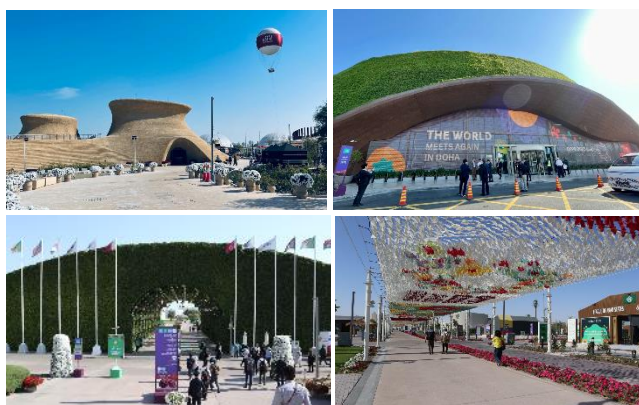
## ■ Commissioner of Section

Official Participants are those foreign governments and international organisations that have accepted an official invitation from the Government of Japan to participate in the Expo. Each Official Participants in the Expo will be represented by a Commissioner of Section.

## ■ Expo 2023 Doha Qatar

An A1 Class International Horticultural Expo held in Doha, Qatar from 2 October 2023 to 28 March 2024 under the main theme of "Green Desert, Better Environment".

At the Japanese government exhibition, which is jointly organised by MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) and MLIT (Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism), the indoor exhibition won the Gold Award and the outdoor exhibition won the Bronze Award. The exhibition also promoted GREEN×EXPO 2027. At the closing ceremony, the flags of the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) and the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) were handed over from Qatar to Japan, the next host country.



Expo Site



Flag handover  
at the closing  
ceremony

Japanese  
Government  
Exhibition



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## Overview of the GREEN×EXPO 2027

Name	International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama, Japan
Abbreviation	GREEN×EXPO 2027
Site	City of Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan
Duration	Friday, 19 March 2027 – Sunday, 26 September 2027
Theme	Scenery of the Future for Happiness
Expo Site	Approx. 100 hectares (Exhibition Area is 80 hectares)
Expo Class	A1 (Highest) (AIPH Approval and BIE Recognition)
Participants	15 million (Admission Paying Visitors: over 10 million)
Website	<a href="https://expo2027yokohama.or.jp/en/">https://expo2027yokohama.or.jp/en/</a>



Official Mascot  
Tunku Tunku