



## NEWS RELEASE

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Japan Association for the International  
Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama

# AIPH Inspection Team has visited Japan

Confirmed the steady preparation at the 2 years before inspection

The Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama (Chairman: Masakazu Tokura; Office: Naka-ku, City of Yokohama) accepted an inspection team from the AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers; Headquarters: Oxfordshire, United Kingdom) on 4 and 5 June.

Our association reported on the current status of preparations for the GREEN×EXPO 2027 (International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama, Japan) to the inspection team.

\*The AIPH is an organisation with the authority to approve International Horticultural Expos.

### ■ Overview of the Inspection

Date 4 & 5 June, 2025

Visitors 5 members from AIPH led by Mr. Bill Hardy (the Vice President)

Contents

- Inspection of the GREEN×EXPO 2027 site (the former Kamiseya Communications Facility).
- Report on the preparation status of the GREEN×EXPO 2027 and discussion.



Inspection team striking “blooming pose”



Meeting between the inspection team and the association's representatives including Secretary General Mr. Komura



Expo Site Inspection



Report on the Preparation Status

## ■ Comment from Vice President Mr. Bill Hardy



Please refer to the attached document for comments.

## ■ AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers)

An international non-profit organisation established in 1948 to promote the interests of horticultural producers and improve horticultural techniques at an international level. It is the body responsible for approving international horticultural exhibitions. As of May 2025, it consists of 91 horticultural and landscaping organisations from 39 countries. In Japan, the Japan Landscape Contractors Association is a member. Its headquarters are in Oxfordshire, United Kingdom.

## ■ Blooming RING Action

Please refer to the following web page. (Japanese only)

<https://bloomingring.expo2027.jp/>

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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

## **【Attached document】**

### **■ Comment from Vice President Mr. Bill Hardy**

On behalf of the International Association of Horticultural Producers, I would like to thank you warmly for your generous hospitality here in Yokohama. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be with you today as part of our inspection visit for Expo 2027.

This moment marks an important milestone—just under two years from the grand opening of what promises to be a truly world-class A1 International Horticultural Exhibition. We are inspired by the commitment, energy, and vision that your team is bringing to this endeavour. Expo 2027 Yokohama is not just an event for Japan—it is a gift to the world.

The theme you have chosen—“Scenery of the Future for Happiness”—resonates deeply with us at AIPH. It captures the urgent need to reconnect people with nature, to green our cities, and to build a sustainable and joyful future through the power of plants. This is more than a theme; it is a mission we share.

As the world’s champion for the power of plants, AIPH is committed to supporting you every step of the way. We understand the immense effort and dedication required to deliver an A1 Expo. The next 22 months will be challenging—but they will also be filled with opportunity: to inspire, to innovate, and to lead the global conversation on how horticulture can transform lives, societies, and the planet.

We are here not just to inspect, but to stand beside you—to listen, to advise, and to partner with you in bringing this vision to life. Your success is our success. And together, we will show the world how plants can shape a happier and more hopeful future.

Once again, thank you for the warm welcome we have received. We look forward to continuing this close collaboration, confident that Expo 2027 Yokohama will set a new benchmark for excellence in international horticultural exhibitions.

Thank you.