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Japan Association for the International
Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama

United States Becomes First G7 Country to Participate in GREEN × EXPO 2027

- Strengthening the Bonds Between Japan and the United States
Through the Exhibition of America's Diverse Flora and Public Gardens

The United States has confirmed its participation in GREEN×EXPO 2027 (International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama, Japan), making it the first G7 country to sign a participation contract.

Mr. KOMURA Masato, Secretary General of the Association for the 2027 International Horticultural Expo (GREEN×EXPO Association) and Mr. Thomas E. AUSTIN, Architect of the Capitol (AOC), who will serve as Commissioner of Section for the United States, signed the participation contract on January 14, 2026. Ambassador KOSHIKAWA Kazuhiko, the Commissioner of the Exhibition, countersigned the participation contract.

The EXPO will take place at the site of the U.S. Navy's former Kamiseya Communication Facility, a radio communications station that operated from the 1950s until the late 1990s, after which the facility was closed and the site was returned to the Japanese Government. U.S. participation at this historically significant site will highlight Japan's and the United States' enduring friendship for visitors to the EXPO.

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG), a historic botanic garden under the purview of the AOC, will lead U.S. participation at the EXPO, with the full cooperation of the American Public Gardens Association (APGA).

Mrs. Mary Glass, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Japan George Glass, will serve as the Commissioner General of the U.S. Exhibit. In this capacity, Mrs. Glass will draw on her strong expertise in U.S. horticulture and landscape design and deep interest in and respect for Japan's time-honored appreciation of nature to showcase the best of U.S. horticulture, innovation, and cooperation.

On January 15, 2026, Dr. Susan K. Pell, USBG Executive Director, together with the U.S. exhibit design team from APGA, visited the EXPO site in Yokohama to begin preparations for the U.S. exhibit.

The U.S. exhibit's theme, "The Pursuit of Happiness," will combine the unique diversity of American plants and public gardens with the aim of connecting EXPO visitors across cultures and generations. The U.S. theme also reflects the EXPO's overarching theme, "Scenery of the Future for Happiness," which conveys to the world a vision of a sustainable and happy future.



Photo 1



Photo 2

Photo 1: Mr. KOMURA Masato, Secretary General of the Association for the 2027 International Horticultural Expo, welcomes Dr. Susan K. Pell, Executive Director of the United States Botanic Garden, together with Ambassador KOSHIKAWA Kazuhiko, Commissioner of the Exhibition for GREEN×EXPO 2027.

Photo 2: The U.S. delegation during an inspection visit to the planned Expo site.

■ Official Participants / 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.

■ 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.

■ About the United States Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) is the oldest continuously operating public garden in the United States, established by Congress in 1820. The U.S. Botanic Garden inspires people to appreciate, study, and conserve plants to enrich society locally and globally. With over a million visitors annually, the USBG strives to demonstrate and promote sustainable practices.

■ About the American Public Gardens Association

Rooted in over eight decades of dedication, the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) champions and advances public gardens as global leaders in plant conservation, education, and appreciation.

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	https://expo2027yokohama.or.jp/en/



Official Mascot
Tunku Tunku