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Information Note – For General Participants

Behavioural Insights for Better Waste Management Project

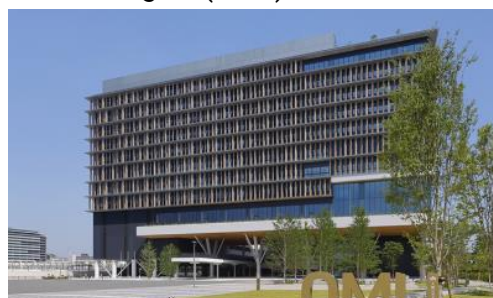
Mid-Term Workshop

14-16 September 2026, Osaka, JAPAN

1. Workshop Overview

- **Organizers:** UNEP International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP-IETC), Global Environment Centre Foundation (GEC), Osaka City, Osaka Metropolitan University (OMU), and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES).
- **Date:** 14-16 September 2026
- **Venue:** Osaka Metropolitan University, Morinomiya Campus – Event Hall, 4th Floor
- **Address:** 132-1 Morinomiya 2-chome, Joto-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 536-8525, Japan
- **Map:** <https://www.google.com/maps/place/omu>

Note: Indoor sessions will be held on 14 and 15 September, followed by full-day site visits on 16 September.



Source: [OMU's website](https://omu.ac.jp/en/)

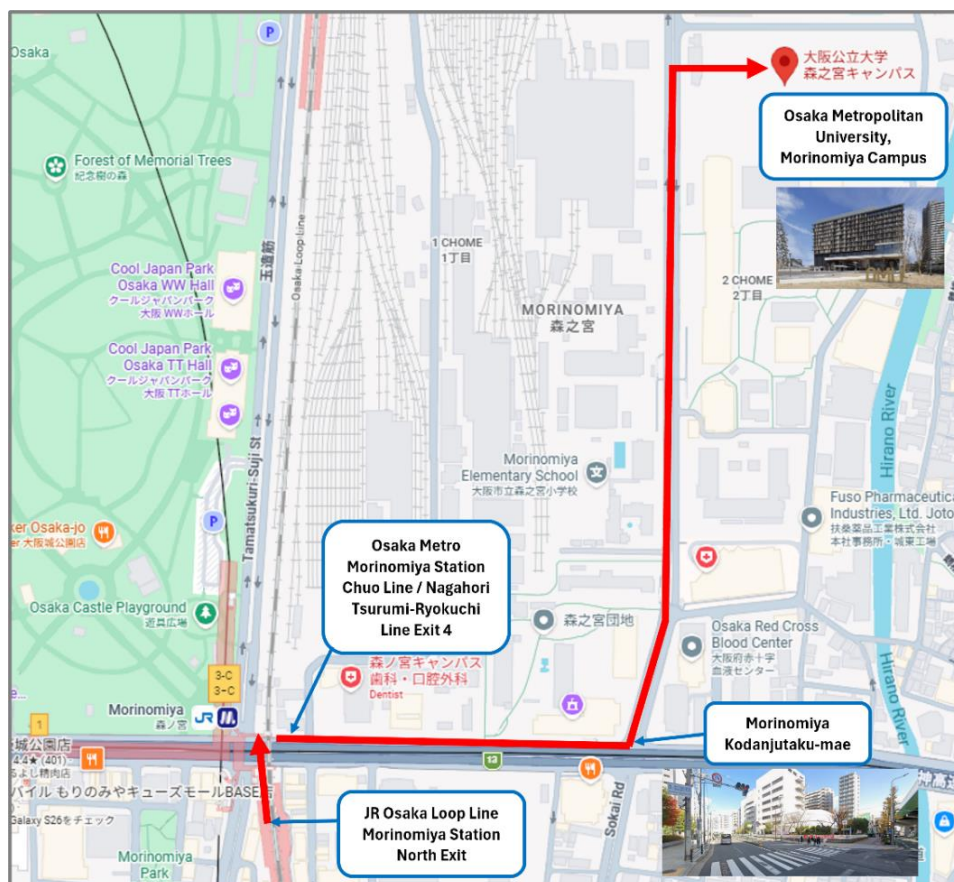
2. Venue and Access

- **Getting to the Venue from Morinomiya Station**

The campus is approximately a 13-minute walk from the following stations:

- Morinomiya Station (JR-O06) on the JR Osaka Loop Line – North Exit
- Morinomiya Station (C19/N20) on the Osaka Metro Chuo Line and Nagahori Tsurumi-Ryokuchi Line – Exit 4

Please see the map of the area around the venue below.



- **Getting to Morinomiya Station from Kyobashi Station**

By JR (Japan Railway):

Take the JR Osaka Loop Line from Kyobashi Station (JR-008) in the direction of Tsuruhashi and Tennoji. Get off at Morinomiya Station (JR-006), the second stop. The journey takes approximately 4 minutes and costs ¥150.

By Osaka Metro:

Take the Osaka Metro Nagahori Tsurumi-ryokuchi Line from Kyobashi Station (N22) in the direction of Taisho. Get off at Morinomiya Station (N20), the second stop. The journey takes approximately 3 minutes and costs ¥190.

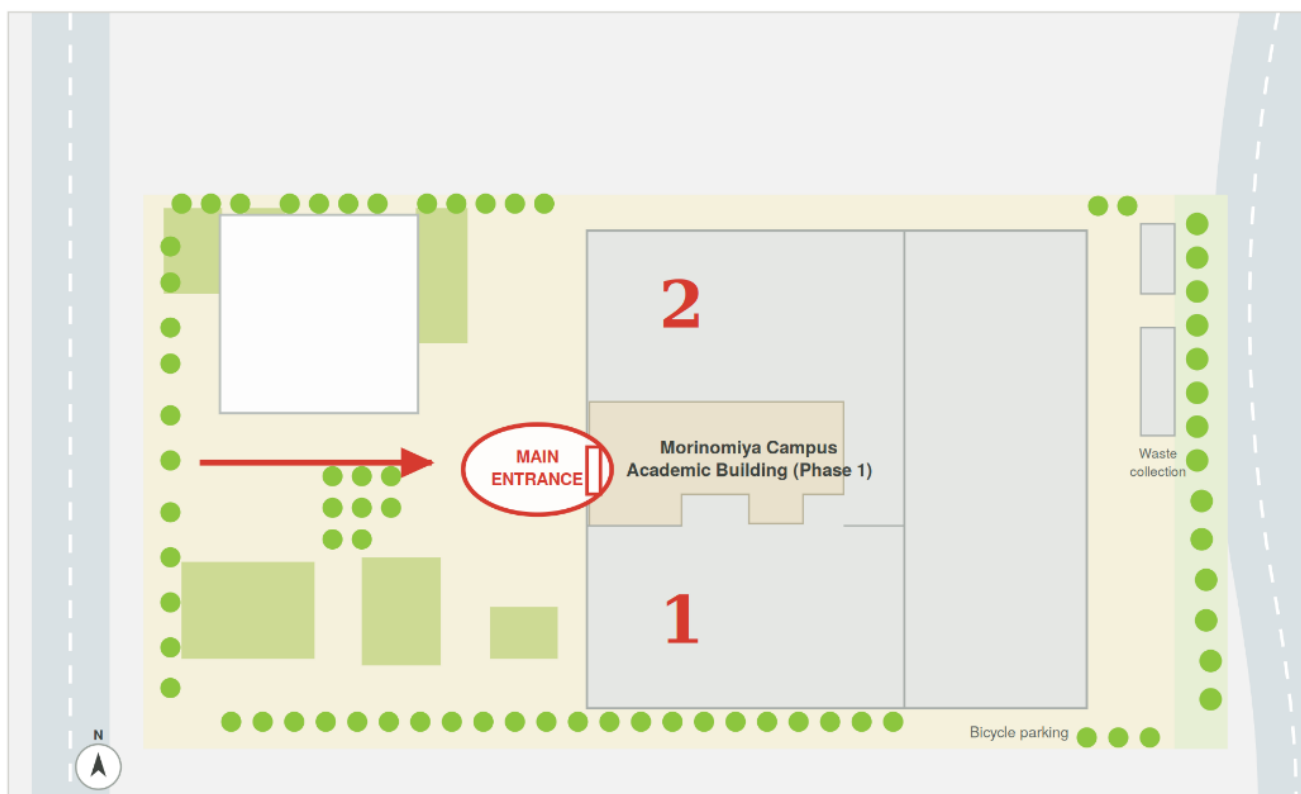
- **Upon Arrival at the Campus**

Please see the campus map below.

- Workshop venue: Building No. 1 (the main building). Please take the elevator to the 4th floor.
- Dining hall: the OMU dining hall on the 1st floor of Building No. 2.

Morinomiya Campus, Osaka Metropolitan University

大阪公立大学 森之宮キャンパス · English version of the campus map



Key

1 Workshop venue — south side of the building

Enter at the main entrance on the west side, then take the elevator to the 4th floor.

2 Dining hall — north side of the building, 1st floor

Lunch and dinner. 1 and 2 are two parts of the same building, not separate buildings.

Redrawn in English from the OMU campus map; simplified and not to scale. Two building labels were illegible in the source and are left blank.

3. Transport between Kansai International Airport and the Hotel

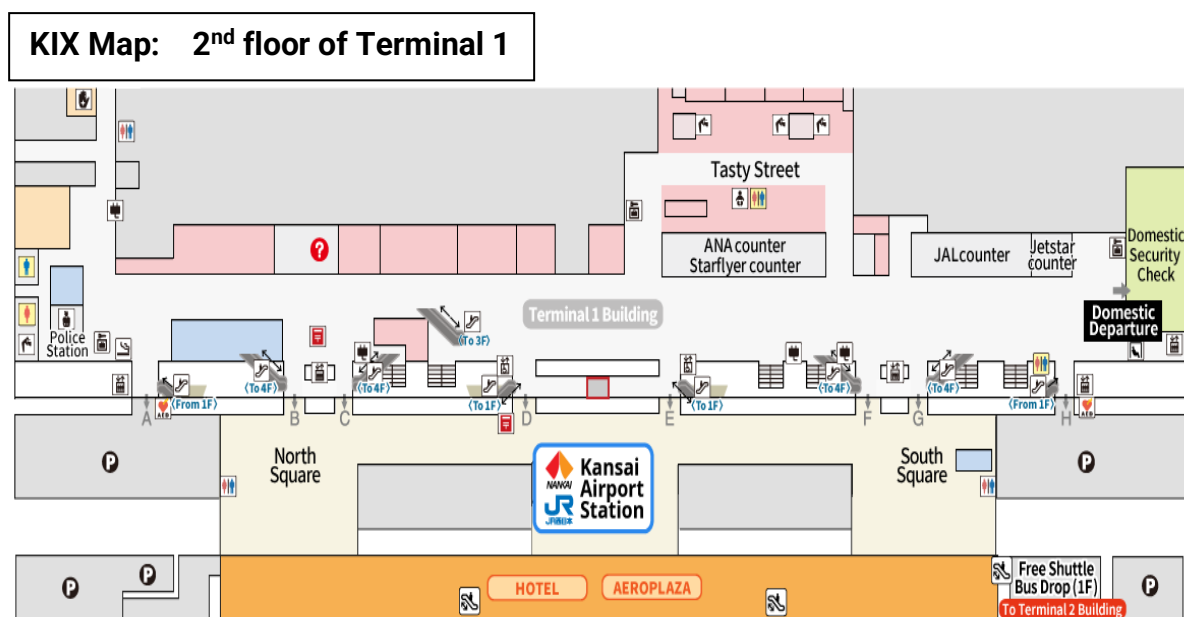
Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation between Kansai International Airport and their accommodation.

- **By Train**

Kansai Airport Station, served by JR and Nankai Railway, is directly connected to the 2nd floor of the Terminal 1 building. If your hotel is located in Kyobashi area, the easiest way is to take the JR (Japan Railway). JR has a special train called “Kansai Airport Rapid Service” (JR 関空快速・天王寺行) that goes directly to JR Kyobashi Station (京橋駅). This train departs approximately every 10 or 20 minutes, and no transfer is required. It takes about 80 minutes from the airport to JR Kyobashi Station (JPY 1,180). For more information, please use the KIX Access Route Search: [Train | Kansai International Airport \(kansai-airport.or.jp\)](http://Train | Kansai International Airport (kansai-airport.or.jp))

- **By Taxi**

Taxi stands are located outside the arrival lobbies of each terminal. For more information, please visit Kansai International Airport website. The taxi fare from Kansai International Airport to JR Kyobashi Station is approximately JPY20,000-25,000, and it takes around 50-70 minutes. The actual fare may vary depending on traffic conditions and the time of travel.



4. Accommodation

Participants are requested to arrange their own accommodation according to their own preferences and travel plans. For reference, below is a list of suggested hotels in the Kyobashi area, which is close to the venue.

- **Hotel Keihan Kyobashi Grande**

Address: 2-1-38, Higashinoda-cho, Miyakojima-ku, Osaka

Contact: +81-6-6353-0321

Website: <https://kyobashi.hotelkeihan.co.jp/#page>

Access: 2 min walk from the central exit of JR Kyobashi Station

- **Hotel Monterey La Soeur Osaka**

Address: 2-2-22 Shiromi, Chuo-ku, Osaka

Contact: +81-6-6944-7111

Website: https://www.hotelmonterey.co.jp/en/lasoeur_osaka/

Access: 2 min walk from the west exit of JR Kyobashi Station

- **VIA INN PRIME OSAKA KYOBASHI**

Address: 2-2-53, Katamachi, Miyakojima-ku, Osaka

Contact: +81-6-6353-5489

Website: <https://www.viainn.com/en/osaka-k/>

Access: 1 min walk from the west exit of JR Kyobashi Station

Meeting point for travel to the venue:

[Hotel Keihan Kyobashi Grande lobby \(7F\)](#) at 8:00 a.m. on 14 and 15 September.

Participants who wish to travel to the venue together may meet there.

5. Visa Requirements (Important)

Participants are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate visa before entering Japan, EXCEPT for nationals of [countries and regions eligible for visa exemption](#). **Participants are responsible for confirming whether they require a visa and, where applicable, completing their own visa application procedures before departure.** Participants who are not eligible for visa exemption are required to obtain a visa from the Embassy, Consulate-General or Consular Office of Japan with jurisdiction over their place of residence before travelling to Japan.

To apply for an appropriate visa to Japan, participants should contact the Embassy, Consulate-General or Consular Office of Japan with jurisdiction over their place of residence for the latest information regarding visa application procedures and required documents. A list of websites of Japanese embassies, consulates and permanent missions can be found [online](#). Please review the information on visa application procedures and required documents [available online](#).

Participants are urgently requested to verify whether they require a visa for Japan through the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan website](#). Please carefully review all applicable conditions, as visa requirements may vary depending on nationality and passport type. Participants who require a visa are strongly advised to begin the application process as soon as possible.

6. General Information

- **Travel and Medical Insurance**

Each participant is strongly encouraged to obtain adequate travel and medical insurance covering the entire duration of their stay in Japan. Please note that GEC does NOT provide travel, accident or medical insurance.

- **Transportation between Participants' Accommodation and the Venue**

GEC will not provide transportation between participants' accommodation and the workshop venue. Participants are requested to use public transportation. Please refer to Section 2 for detailed instructions.

- **Meals and Coffee Breaks**

On 14 September, lunch and the welcome reception will be provided, and on 15 September, lunch and dinner will be provided. These meals will be served at the OMU

cafeteria and Sky Lounge. Coffee breaks will also be provided during the workshop. Participants are responsible for arranging all other meals.

- **Food and Drinks at the Venue**

Eating food is not permitted at the venue. **Only drinks in securely closed containers** are allowed. This is a plastic-wise event. Participants are suggested to bring their own water bottles to the meeting. Water for refilling will be provided. Coffee breaks will be provided in a separate room.

- **Attire for Site Visits**

For the site visits on 16 September, participants are requested to wear clothing suitable for site visits. **Please avoid skirts and sandals, and wear pants and sneakers or other closed-toe shoes.** Helmets may be required at some facilities and will be provided by the organizers.

- **Weather**

Mid-September in Osaka is generally hot and humid, and daytime temperatures may reach around 30-35 degrees Celsius. Participants are advised to bring light, breathable clothing and to check the latest weather forecast before travelling.

- **Currency and Credit Cards**

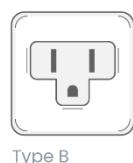
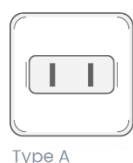
The currency in Japan is the Japanese yen (JPY). As of August 2026, the exchange rate is approximately USD 1 = JPY 158. Major credit cards are widely accepted in Japan, but participants are advised to carry some cash, as cards may not be accepted in all locations. Currency exchange counters and ATMs are available at Kansai International Airport. For reference, average meals in Osaka (lunch, dinner) can usually vary between 1000 to 2,000 yen (roughly 6 to 12 US dollars).

- **Time Zone**

Japan Standard Time (JST) is UTC+9.

- **Electric Plugs and Outlets**

The supply voltage in Japan is 100 V. The frequency in Osaka is 60 Hz, and Type A plugs are used. Participants are kindly requested to bring any necessary power adapters or voltage converters for their phones, laptops and other devices.



- **Internet**

Free Wi-Fi will be available at the workshop venue.

- **Emergency Hotlines**

For fire or ambulance services, dial 119. For police assistance, dial 110.

7. **Contact Information**

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