Mr Masato Komura, the Secretary General of the Japan Association for the International Horticultural Expo 2027, Yokohama, gave a presentation to the General Assembly on the Expo’s theme “Scenery of the Future for Happiness”. There were also video messages from Mr Tetsuo Saito, the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, and Mr Takeharu Yamanaka, the Mayor of Yokohama. Mr Saito expressed gratitude for the generous support from BIE and AIPH. Once the official Expo master plan is agreed, the Japanese government will be sending out international invitations for participation.

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Mr Mohammed Ali Al-Khouri, Secretary General of Expo 2023 Doha presented a progress report. Promotion of the Expo 2023 Doha Qatar took place in the Qatar Pavilion at COP27 and, more recently, at the FIFA Qatar World Cup.

AIPH-Approved World Horticultural Expos at the BIE General Assembly

The 171st General Assembly of the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE), took place in Paris, France, on 28-29 November. According to the Paris Convention of 1928 establishing the BIE, AIPH has been given international recognition in approving international horticultural exhibitions. Horticultural Expo candidates (A1 Category) go through an approval process with AIPH and are only granted acceptance by the BIE. On November 28, 2022, Expo 2027 Yokohama was granted the BIE recognition as a forum for an assembly, and the flag of the BIE was handed to representatives of the Japanese Government at the City of Yokohama. Expo 2027 Yokohama is the 20th A1 Category International Horticultural Exhibition to be recognised by the BIE since 1960.

The Mayor spoke about a zero-carbon Yokohama declaration for 2050, and that the Expo will be an opportunity for the city to achieve a more sustainable society.

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In the discussion that followed, the Secretary General of Expo Qatar, Mr Al Khouri, pointed out that the Expo 2023 Doha Qatar will be the first Expo to receive a formal assent ceremony in the Gulf region.

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Chengdu, Sichuan Province, is the largest city in western China, a world-famous gastronomy city and the giant panda's hometown. Three hundred ten pandas are living in Chengdu. From 26 April to 28 October 2024, an international horticultural Expo will take place. Chengdu citizens attach great importance to 

Udon Thani 2026 will be an immersive experience

Udon Thani International Horticultural Expo 2026 will focus on the sustainable co-existence between humans, water and plants. The theme 'Diversity of Life: Connecting People, Water and Plants for sustainable living' will examine how everything intertwines.

The host city and the Thai government are working hand in hand to develop the master plan for the Expo Site with more sustainability in mind. The committee plans to create an immersive experience for visitors and participants for the Udon Thani Expo 2026 and create sustainable solutions in the surrounding environment for the local people.

AIPH approved Malatya International Horticultural Expo 2028

AIPH gave its approval for a Category B International Horticultural Exhibition in the city of Malatya, Türkiye for 2028.

The approval took place at the AIPH 74th Annual Congress held in Almere, Netherlands, on 27 September in accordance with the AIPH Regulations for International Horticultural Exhibitions.

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AIPH at Host City 2022

Host City is an annual conference bringing together organisers of events, municipalities, regions and suppliers to mega-events. This year it took place in Glasgow, Scotland, on November 15-16.

AIPH Secretary General Tim Briercliffe was a guest speaker for the panel discussion on Cities of the future: How can urban design impact health and wellbeing? How can events bring economic diversification and increase participation? Joining him on stage was Maxwell de Silva, Secretary General, National Olympic Committee of Sri Lanka; Sandra Wall, Creative industries, event and meetings, Norrköping Municipality – UNESCO City of Music & Creative Cities, and Andrew Dixon, Director, Culture, Creativity.

AIPH participated with a stand and held many discussions about our work, International Horticultural Exhibitions and Green City Programme.

After the event Briercliffe said: "Host City is about bringing together cities that are serious about event hosting with rights holders and consultants. It is an ideal network for creating the best events for the future."