AIPH welcomes a new date for Expo 2023 Kahramanmaras

AIPH welcomes rescheduling the opening for Expo Kahramanmaras 2023 to Saturday, 12 August, considering the gargantuan effects of the 7.8 and 7.7 earthquakes that devastated the lives of millions.

‘Nature-Friendly City and Sensitivity’ is the Expo’s theme, which gained a profound relevance for the people of Kahramanmaras after surviving the earthquake’s aftershocks. Mr Hanefi Mahçiçek, President of Expo 2023 Kahramanmaras and Mayor of Onikisubat Municipality spoke about how the Expo’s site quickly became a makeshift sanctuary for the survivors, at the AIPH Expo Conference.

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Expo 2027 Yokohama’s preparations are accelerating

Expo 2027 Yokohama Master Plan is now available to view in English. The Master Plan sets out the main objectives for participation and, more importantly, the projects it plans to use to create a peaceful environment and the Expo’s legacy. For more information and to view the Expo 2027 Master Plan on the website.

The Mayor of Yokohama joins the Global Covenant of Mayors For Climate And Energy

Mr Takeharu Yamanaka, Mayor of Yokohama, joined the board of the largest global alliance for city climate leadership on 18 April. As a board member of The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), he will serve as an ambassador for climate change and urban sustainability at the global stage. He will collaborate with Mayors from around the world and their national governments of East Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and North Africa to help meet climate targets set under the Paris Agreement.

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AIPH President Leonardo Capitanio and Secretary General Tim Briercliffe, along with local leaders, cut the ribbon for this Category B AIPH-Approved International Horticultural Expo’s official opening on 1 April. ‘We Live In The Garden’ is the 2023 Suncheonman International Garden Expo’s theme, and the city of Suncheonman’s ambition is to celebrate garden culture and promote climate change actions for the next six months.

The Expo site boasts more than 2.5 million plants from 120 newly planted or existing flower species. Participating countries will showcase their gardens and hold cultural and traditional performances during National Day events. On its first day, more than 100,000 visitors walked through the gates to experience the Expo’s celebration of green plants and colourful flowers. The Expo Organisations expect 8 million visitors before it closes on 1 October, 2023.

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AIPH’s Inspection Report is ready for the organisers of Expo 2024 Chengdu following our inspection team’s visit to Chengdu in March. After reviewing the site, sub-venues and presentations, the AIPH inspection team were very optimistic about the project.

In the Chengdu Eastern New Area, the Expo site is near the Jiangxi River and covers 242 hectares of land. All construction expects to finish by the end of December 2023. The construction milestones include:

- By late April 2023, finish planting key trees and the Jiangxi River improvement project
- By late May 2023, finish the construction of the main structures of key buildings
- By late August 2023, finish the façade construction of key buildings
- By late December 2023, finish all construction projects inside the Expo Park and support facilities and landscape improvement near the Expo Park

Udon Thani Expo 2026 report to Deputy Prime Minister on the progress of preparation

On April 5, 2023, Mr. Supattanapong Patmeechaow, Thailand’s Deputy Prime Minister, worked with Mr. Saransak Srikrueanet, Deputy Governor of Udon Thani Province, and chairman of the report on the progress of preparation for the Udon Thani International Horticultural Expo 2026. Together with heads of relevant government agencies and working groups from government and private sectors, the meeting reviewed the issues and proposed the next action steps for Udon Thani Expo 2026 to ensure the progress and effectiveness of its preparation.

International delegates visit Chabotterie to look at the Expo site for the Floraliex 2024 project

The next Floralies Internationales, which will take place from 17 to 26 May, 2024, is fast approaching. The International Horticultural Show’s, agreement, Le Comité des Floralies - Nantes, hosted international nearly 200 professional partners this month at the Chabotterie estate, where the 13th edition of Floralies International will happen. The delegates came from Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Nepal, Polynesia and the United States of America.

Arcadis joins AIPH Preferred Partner Programme

Our newest Preferred Partner is Arcadis - a global design, engineering, and management consultancy company. They are offering their services as Expo Master Planning and Landscape Development. Through the Preferred Partner Programme, their expertise is valuable in Expo organisation, helping with the complexity of planning these mega-events. AIPH recently collaborated with Arcadis to create the ExpoMaster Planning Guide. This guide was launched at the Expo Conference on Monday, 13 March. The recording can be viewed below.