

## **Invitation to a networking reception with Laura Kelly, Governor, and commerce delegation**

We are pleased to announce that Governor Laura Kelly of Kansas State will be visiting Japan in September. The state of Kansas invites friends from Japan to the following event, in which Governor Laura Kelly and her delegation will participate. We would like to convey our gratitude to Japanese companies, universities, and economic development partners who have been supporting the bilateral trade and investment between Japan and Kansas.

Kansas is located in the heart of the United States, bordered by four states: Nebraska to the north, Colorado to the west, Oklahoma to the south, and Missouri to the east. The largest city in the state is Wichita, followed by Kansas City, Overland Park, and the capital city, Topeka. Kansas is known as "The Sunflower State." The entire region is situated on the Great Plains, characterized by flat land that is well-suited for large-scale agriculture and livestock farming. In addition, the state's major industries include advanced manufacturing, aerospace and defense, food processing, logistics and distribution, corporate and professional services, and renewable energy. In July 2022, Panasonic Energy announced the construction of a lithium-ion battery plant for electric vehicles, and currently, approximately 30 Japanese companies, including Kubota, Gunze, Yanmar, Takako, and Futamura Chemical, have established their presence in Kansas. For more information, please visit the websites below.

We would greatly appreciate your attendance. Please note that this event will be held in Osaka only. We regret that we will not have an opportunity to meet our friends in the Tokyo area and kindly ask for your understanding.

Hosted by: Kansas Department of Commerce

### **【Osaka Reception】**

Date: September 12th, 2023 (Tuesday)  
Time: 18:00 - 20:00 (Reception starts at 17:30)  
Location: 4F Pearl Room, Hilton Osaka  
1-8-8 Umeda, Kita-ku, Osaka 530-0001  
T: 06-6347-7111  
Capacity: 70 attendees  
Admission fee: Complimentary

Dress code: Business attire

Application deadline: 5:00 pm on September 7th, 2023 (Thursday)

How to apply: Please click on this application form, fill out the required details, and submit.

<https://www.kwbs-jp.com/event/kansas-event/application-form/>

Applications will be closed as soon as we reach capacity. Please understand that those who have not registered will be declined for security reasons. If registering more than two people from a single company, please register each person separately. Adjustments may be made if many participants apply from one company. The invitation is non-transferable. Please bring a business card with both Japanese and English notation on the day.

We look forward to your participation.