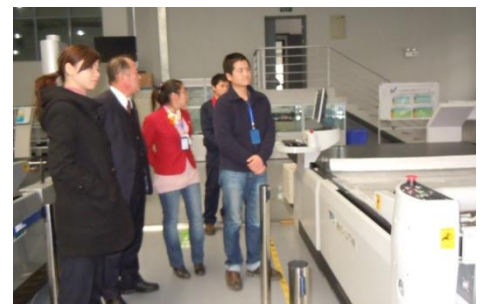


Promotion by Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) (China, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore)

In February and March, Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) organized promotional activities in order to attract foreign investment from China, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore.

We visited the cities of Nanjing and Shanghai in China and spoke to 8 companies, including new energy companies, which evinced interest in entering the Japanese market.



In South Korea, we organized a seminar in Seoul with cooperation from the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where we gave information on the investment conditions in Osaka to about 20 participating companies, and also separately met companies that were particularly eager to invest in the Japanese market. Further, with cooperation from Taiwan Trade Center (TAITRA), we spoke with companies in Taiwan that showed interest in investing in Osaka, conducted follow-up visits to biotech companies we had been engaged with since last year, and confirmed progress.



In Singapore, with cooperation from International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) and Osaka City Singapore Office, we visited 5 companies.



In order to promote investment in Osaka, O-BIC now plans to carry out specific activities to address the various needs of each of these companies.