

## Osaka Port Facilities Observed from Offshore

On November 6th, O-BIC (Osaka Business and Investment Center) invited U.S. Consul General Edward K. H. Dong (arrived at the post in September) and members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan Kansai Chapter to a tour of Osaka Port facilities and ongoing construction from offshore.

From the 45th floor of World Trade Center Osaka, they first took a bird's-eye view of Osaka Port, with Director General Kawamoto and Port Promotion Manager Sako (both of Port & Harbor Bureau, City of Osaka) providing the Port's history and also the current status. Then they all went out on a tour on board "Yumesaki" (dream blossoms), an Osaka City's PR boat, to observe the activities at the construction sites of PANASONIC and SHARP as well as CORNING Inc's plants for Flat Panel and the transport/handling facilities of ProLogis both of the U.S. Most encouraging was the Consul General's comment to the effect that it is the foreigners ("like ourselves") residing here who best recognize how international and advantageous Osaka/Kansai is, and so would like to contribute more widely to the PR of the region.



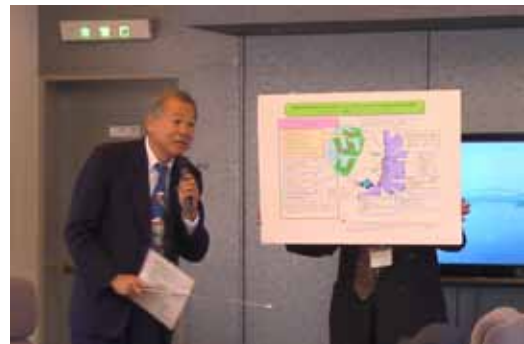
Mr. Takahashi (Executive Director, Osaka Pref.) making address



Participants (at WTC) looking down on Osaka Bay



Ms. Sako (Manager, Port & Harbor Bureau) at briefing on Osaka Port



Mr. Ueda (Executive Director for Foreign Direct Investment, Osaka Pref.) at briefing on Osaka Bay Area



Consul General Edward K. H. Dong



Participants altogether