

Report on “Cleantech Forum”

Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC), together with Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI), Industrial Scholarship Center (ISC) and METI-KANSAI, held "Cleantech Forum" on 6th March. Three US companies and one Canadian company were invited to this forum.

This forum invites overseas companies with advanced technology in leading fields like hydrogen, fuel cell etc. and perform technology introduction and business discussions for Japanese companies. Following the address by Mr. Jun Yoshino (Director-General, Economic Policy Department, METI-KANSAI), Dr. Sunita Satyapal (Director, Fuel Cell Technologies Office, Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy) made a speech on "Overview of U.S. DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program: Status and Progress". Following the speech, four companies made presentations introducing new and unique technologies. About 70 people from companies in Osaka participated in the forum and keenly listened to the presentations. Besides, with prior arrangements, about 30 individual B2B discussions were performed with Japanese companies/groups from Osaka and for 6 of those are to be continued hereafter as well.

O-BIC held an orientation and networking lunch prior to the forum to explain the Osaka's investment environment and preferential treatment.

<EVENT OVERVIEW>

DATE: March 6th (Mon.) 2017

VENUE: City Plaza Osaka (Chuo-ku, Osaka)

SPONSORED BY: OCCI, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Kansai Bureau (METI-KANSAI), O-BIC, Industrial Scholarship Center

SUPPORTED BY: Consulate of Canada, Canadian Government Trade Office, Osaka, California Fuel Cell Partnership, Cleantech San Diego

◆ Orientation & Networking Lunch

- Welcome Remarks

Mr. Susumu Saito, Secretary General, O-BIC / Director, International Division, OCCI

- "Introduction of Osaka / Kansai Region, Business and Investment Environment"

Ms. Yu Liang, Manager, O-BIC

- "Japan's Roadmap towards a hydrogen society and OCCI's Supporting Activities"

Ms. Yumiko Nagoshi, Manager, International Division, OCCI



◆ Speech

Dr. Sunita Satyapal, Director, Fuel Cell Technologies Office, Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

◆ Presentations by 4 companies

Arenius Systems, Inc. (USA), First Element Fuel Inc. (USA), PDC Machines, Inc. (USA), Quadrogen Power Systems, Inc. (Canada)

◆ Individual B2B Discussions