

The Italian Higher Education System at Expo 2025 Osaka 1st Italian and Japanese Rectors' Forum 2025, May 29th, Italy Pavilion - Auditorium

Research, transfer of knowledge, and public engagement: the added value of private-public partnerships, and the relationships between universities and the main stakeholders (at local, national and international level) on global issues.

h. 9.00-10.00 Arrival of participants

h. 10.00-10.10 Welcome address

- **Amb. Mario Vattani**, Commissioner General for Italy at Expo 2025 Osaka

h. 10.10-10.40 Opening remarks

- Prof. Giovanna **Iannantuoni**, President of the Conference of Italian University Rectors and Rector of the University of Milano Bicocca
- Prof. Masato **Fujisawa**, Vice President of The Japan Association of National Universities and President of Kobe University
- Prof. Antonio **Zoccoli**, President of the Council of the Presidents of Public Research Institutions and President of National Institute for Nuclear Physics-INFN
- Prof. Shoji **Asai**, General Director of High Energy Accelerator Research Organization-KEK
- Mr. Shinsuke **Okada**, MEXT, Director for International Cooperation, International Science and Technology Policy Division, Science and Technology Policy Bureau

h. 10.40 - 11.00 MoU exchange ceremony

h. 11.00 - 13.00 Round Table *(after each panel a short debate will take place)*

Moderator: Prof. Riccardo **Pietrabissa**, Rector, IUSS-University School for Advanced Studies, Pavia

h. 11.00-11.45 Panel 1: Humanities, cultural heritage, innovation and creativity

- Prof. Tomoji **Tabata**, Graduate School of Humanities, The University of Osaka
- Prof. Antonella **Polimeni**, Rector, Sapienza University of Rome and Prof. Tiziana **Lippiello**, Rector, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (*Changes. Cultural heritage innovation for next-gen sustainable society*),
- Prof. Masayoshi **Ishida**, Dean of the College of Gastronomy Management, Ritsumeikan University
- Prof. Naoki **Kondo**, Vice President, Kyoto University of Foreign Studies

h. 11.45-12.10 Panel 2: Quantum sciences and technologies

- Prof. Francesco **Priolo**, Rector, University of Catania (*NQSTI - National Quantum Science and Technology Institute*)
- Prof. Shinji **Miyoki**, Director of KAGRA Observatory, Institute for Cosmic Ray Research, The University of Tokyo

h. 12.10-13.00 Panel 3: Environmental sustainability, sustainable food, energy of the future

- Prof. Matteo **Lorito**, Rector, University "Federico II" of Naples (*OnFoods - Research and innovation network on food and nutrition Sustainability, Safety and Security – Working ON Foods*)
- Prof. Tatsuoki **Kono**, The University of Tokyo (RCAST-Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology)
- Prof. Antonio **Garofalo**, Rector, University of Naples "Parthenope" (CNMOST - Sustainable Mobility Center)

- Prof. Fabio **Pollice**, Rector, University of Salento (*Biodiversity Demo Centre*)
- Prof. Alberto **Castellazzi**, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Kyoto University of Advanced Science
- Prof. Francesco **Cupertino**, Rector, Polytechnic University of Bari (*NEST - Network 4 Energy Sustainable Transition*)

h. 13.00-14.30 Light lunch at the Italy Pavillion

h. 14.30 -17.00 Round Table (after each panel a short debate will take place)

Moderator: Prof. Giuseppe **Pezzotti**, Kansai Medical University

h. 14.30 – 15.25 Panel 4: Medical sciences, diagnostics, neuroscience, aging society

- Prof. Alessandra **Petrucchi**, Rector, University of Florence, and Prof. Daniela **Mapelli**, Rector, University of Padua (*Age-IT. Aging well in aging society*)
- Prof. Tatsuo **Kinashi**, President, Kansai Medical University
- Prof. Antonello **Garzoni**, Rector, LUM University of Bari (*HEAL ITALIA - Health Extended Alliance for Innovative Therapies*)
- Prof. Akitoshi **Katsumata**, School of Dentistry, Asahi University
- Prof. Francesco **Svelto**, Rector, University of Pavia and Prof. Roberto **Di Pietra**, University of Siena (*INF-ACT One Health Basic and Translational Research Actions addressing Unmet Needs on Emerging Infectious Diseases*).
- Prof. Satoaki **Matoba**, Vice President, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine

h. 15.25-16.05 Panel 5: New technologies, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, telecommunications.

- Dr. Satoshi **Matsuoka**, Director, RIKEN Center for Computational Science (R-CCS)
- Prof. Masahiro **Yoshimoto**, President, Kyoto Institute of Technology
- Prof. Eugenio **Guglielmelli**, Rector, University Campus Bio-Medico of Rome (*FAIR - Future Artificial Intelligence Research*)
- Prof. Kazuaki **Oya**, Member of the Board of Directors, The University of Electro-Communications
- Prof. Motohiro **Tsuchiya**, Vice-President for Global Engagement, Keio University

h. 16.05-16.30 Panel 6: Economic and financial sustainability of systems and territories

- Prof. Laura **Ramaciotti**, Rector, University of Ferrara (*Ecosister - Ecosystem for Sustainable Transition in Emilia Romagna*)
- Prof. Kimitaka **Nishitani**, Director of Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration, Kobe University
- Prof. Giovanni **Molari**, Rector, Alma Mater University of Bologna (*GRINS - Growing Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable*)

h. 16.30-16.50 Panel 7: Circular and sustainable Made-in-Italy

- Prof. Sergio **Cavaliere**, Rector, University of Bergamo (*MICS - Circular and sustainable Made In Italy*).
- Prof. Michiyo **Yamaguchi**, Vice President, Kyoto Prefectural University (KPU)

h. 16.50-17.00 Wrap-up and end of works

h. 18.00-18.45 Music performance at the Italy Pavilion

Concert of the Quintet of the Alessandro Scarlatti Conservatory of Music in Palermo