

Procedures for National Days and Special Days Programs  
(Information and application form for date allocation)

• **Basic Concept**

The Organizer of EXPO 2005 Aichi, Japan, is planning a series of National Days during the EXPO to reflect the spirit of international exhibitions. These programs are intended to celebrate official participant countries as well as raise international understanding and awareness of the cultures and traditions of these countries, thereby contributing to the deepening of international friendships.

International organizations and local governing bodies are invited to organize Special Days.

National Days and Special Days will be held at on-site event facilities to be provided to participants by the Organizer, after the Organizer consults with the participant in question and fits the program into the EXPO master schedule of events and programs.

• **Preparations**

1. Basis for Plans

National Days will follow a standard program as shown below, although details are to be decided after individual consultation between official participants and the Organizer.

(More detail regarding this schedule will be available in November 2003)

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Time	Event
11:00	-Opening ceremony -Performance
12:00	-Lunch Banquet
Afternoon	-Tour of the Venue

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## 2. Dates

National Days and Special Days will in principle be scheduled on weekdays during the 185 days of the EXPO, avoiding Saturdays, Sundays, and Japanese national holidays.

The Organizer will set dates for National and Special Days after consulting with participants.

The initial application process for National or Special Day scheduling can be done by completing the enclosed application form and returning it by fax or mail to the Organizer between September 15 and November 30, 2003. In the case of several countries or organizations requesting the same date for a National or Special Day, scheduling will, in principle, be carried out in the order in which applications are received.

## 3. Related Matters

### (1) Costs

The Organizer will bear the costs for facilities and ceremonies of National Days and Special Days. Costs related to events and entertainment as well as other programs performed by participants, however, are to be borne by the participant. All special programs are to be provided free of entrance charges.

The organizer will provide, free of charge, all facilities and related services (electricity, gas, water etc.) to be used during attractions, entertainment, and other programs implemented as part of National or Special Days.

### (2) Participation Procedures

The procedure for participation will be detailed in guidelines to be separately distributed at the Commissioners General of Section Meeting in November 2003.

## . Event facilities

The following event facilities are available at the EXPO site. In principle, however, all official events and performances related to National and Special Days are to be carried out in the Expo Hall described in 1. below. Also, cultural performances, entertainment programs, and special programs can be held in the facilities below.

1. Expo Hall (indoor theater with seating for 500)

Depending on the type of program planned, the following facilities may be made available alongside the Expo Hall, if they are not scheduled to be used for other events. Please contact the Organizer to discuss availability.

2. Expo Dome (semi-indoor dome-type venue with seating for 3,000)
3. Expo Plaza (outdoor venue, space for 10,000)
4. Event Spaces (outdoor) within the Global Commons

**. Other**

Details regarding plans for special guests to be invited by participants to National Days and Special Days, performances, entertainment, as well as plans for events organized by participants for other than National or Special Days are to be discussed with the Organizer after the Commissioners General of Section Meeting in November 2003.