

Gianyar Regency (Indonesia) and Osaki Town (Kagoshima, Japan) Sign Environmental Sister City Partnership MOU



Overview

On July 6, 2026, Osaki Town in Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan, and Gianyar Regency in Bali, Indonesia, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for an "Environmental Sister City Partnership." This agreement builds upon their successful cooperation under the Ministry of the Environment's "City-to-City Collaboration Program".

The partnership aims to expand the "Osaki System" (resident-participatory waste segregation) the key factor behind Osaki Town's record of achieving the highest recycling rate in Japan 17 times into Gianyar Regency, which includes the world-renowned tourist destination of Ubud. This initiative is designed to accelerate waste reduction and decarbonization efforts in the region.

Furthermore, the collaboration will extend beyond environmental issues to address critical social challenges. Both parties will explore welfare exchange, with a focus on securing caregiving personnel for Japanese local governments, as well as educational cooperation aimed at developing next-generation global talent.

Through this robust partnership, both municipalities aim to resolve mutual regional issues and establish a new model of municipal diplomacy that co-creates a sustainable society.

