# City-to-City Collaboration between Eastern Economic Corridor in Thailand and Osaka City

- Osaka City Government (Osaka) and the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) of Thailand aim to contribute to Thailand 4.0, which is the national growth strategy set by the Thai government, "Support for the Realization of Zero Carbon Society to Achieve Thailand 4.0" have been implementing since October 2019.
- In this city-to-city collaboration, it is expected that Osaka and Japanese members respond needs of the EEC region, which is **actively promoting advanced initiatives for decarbonization society**.

### Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC)

- EEC is the core region of the national strategy **to realize Thailand 4.0** in the Kingdom of Thailand.
- Thailand is thriving in agriculture and has strengths in biotechnology. Therefore, EEC has been promoting activities with the BCG (Bio/Circular/Green) economy as a priority strategy since 2021.

- EEC is actively **promoting domestic and foreign industries**, as well as **tax benefits** to realize various decarbonization policies etc.
- Note : EEC is treated as "equivalent to a city" in this city-to-city collaboration.

### **Osaka City Government**

- In May 2021, Osaka announced the Osaka City Action Plan for Global Warming Countermeasures (Local Program) that GHG emissions would be virtually zero in 2050.
- In July 2021, Osaka was selected as the "SDGs Future City and Local Government SDGs Model Project" in collaboration with Osaka Prefecture.

 Osáka City has launched the "Team OSAKA Network" to support the realization of a decarbonized society in cities such as Asia etc.

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## [Photos]



Online workshop Between EEC and Osaka



Project site of JCM model Project

### [Activities and Outcome]

#### **City-to-city collaboration**

- Introduction of companies in Osaka City utilizing Team OSAKA network
- Sharing know-how of Osaka City related to environmental measures.
- Information sharing of the decarbonization dominoes
- Preparation/Signing of a Memorandum of **Understanding (MOU)**

### JCM project formulation

- Introduction of High Efficiency Once Through ٠ Boiler : Project reduces GHG emissions by switching fuel from coal to natural gas and was selected as JCM model Project.
- Local production for local consumption EV promotion project : It has considered the commercialization of EVs for shared taxis.
- Biogas refining technology introduction and **dissemination project** : Biogas refining tech. has been considered as JCM model project.
- Other EE/RE projects : It has considered ٠ formulating JCM model project in industrial parks etc.