

Les Clefs d'Or Japan

Key News



2025 Vol.83

Publisher: Aiko Imaizumi

Editor : Saori Maitani, Nozomi Sagasaki , Satoru Masuda / Akhil Tiwari/Adrian Fautt

Website: lesclefsdorjapan.com



Les Clefs d'Or Japan



[lesclefsdorjapan](https://www.instagram.com/lesclefsdorjapan)

Getting to Know Our Members

Andaz Tokyo Chief Concierge Satoru Masuda

Experience as Concierge: 22 years
Member of Les Clefs d'Or: 1.5 years

Highlight of the Hotel

Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills is a luxury lifestyle hotel located in Toranomon. It occupies the high floors of the 37th floor and between 47th and 52nd floors. The hotel boasts a serene interior, seamlessly blending the elegance of Japanese aesthetics with modern design. From the guest rooms, guests can enjoy breathtaking views of iconic landmarks such as Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace, and Rainbow Bridge.

A variety of dining options are available across the hotel's restaurants and bars. In particular, the rooftop bar on the 52nd floor offers expertly crafted mixology cocktails, which can be savored while taking in the fresh air and stunning night views. Furthermore, the hotel features a range of facilities, including a spa, fitness center, and swimming pool, ensuring a comfortable and relaxing stay.

How I spend my Day Off

I enjoy trying out new recipes and cooking different dishes myself. I also go to the gym to exercise or play tennis to stay active, and I occasionally visit local public baths for relaxation. Additionally, I like spending a wonderful time with my friends and family, whether dining out or shopping together. Of course, I also enjoy relaxing at home.

My Favorite Place

My special place is Honolulu in Hawaii. My first time visiting was for my graduation trip, and I still vividly remember the special feeling that ran through me when I saw the Hawaiian



islands from the window of the airplane. It felt both nostalgic and strangely familiar as if I had seen that view many times before. Since then, whenever I could take my long vacation, I always choose to visit Hawaii. I used to travel there twice a year. Whenever people ask me, "Why do you go to Hawaii so often?" "What is so interesting?" "What makes it so special?" I always give the same answer, the gentle breeze, the scent of tropical flowers, the stunning rainbows, majestic mountains, beautiful oceans, and the luxurious time that flows slowly. Everything is comfortable for me.

My Favorite Restaurant

I have many favorite restaurants, but I most like the restaurant "Yakiniku Akimoto". It is a family run Yakiniku restaurant that has been operating for a long time in my hometown at Koiwa Edogawa-ku. The restaurant Yakiniku Akimoto is always quite busy with the local customers. The prices are reasonable as a local downtown side, and the beer served in a mega mug is very unique to Yakiniku Akimoto apart.



EXPO 2025 Osaka Kansai Monthly Meeting of May at Jordan Pavillion

The May regular meeting was held in the presentation room on the second floor of the Jordan Pavilion at the "Expo 2025 Japan, Kansai, Osaka" which is being held at Yumeshima, Osaka from April 13 to October 13, 2025.

EXPO 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo is an international event themed "Designing Future Society," exploring technological innovations and solutions to social issues. It showcases cutting-edge technologies such as AI, renewable energy, and VR, and includes initiatives related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). More than 150 countries are participating, with over 200 pavilions on display, offering a rare opportunity for cultures and technologies from around the world to gather in one place.

The Jordan Pavilion, one of the overseas pavilions, is operated with the involvement of Asako Onoyama, a member of Les Clefs d'Or Japan. We were given the special

opportunity to visit the Jordan Pavilion during our monthly meeting in May.

In the first half of the meeting, usual reports were conducted, followed by a tour of the Jordan Pavilion. Inside the pavilion, 22 tons of red sand from the Wadi Rum desert area were actually spread on the floor, allowing visitors to experience the fine texture of the sand barefoot while enjoying the magnificent scenery of Jordan through 360-degree videos.

After the tour, Ms. Shifa Zghoul gave a presentation, introducing Jordan's history, culture, and cuisine with slides. Many participants listened with great interest to new discoveries that differ from the common image of a desert country, such as Jordan's four seasons and regions where it snows.

For lunch, a special lunch box filled with chef's Jordanian dishes was served, and the participants enjoyed the rich flavors. It was a day that allowed everyone to fully

experience the charm of Jordan and become its fans.

Ms. Onoyama, who is involved in the operation, also shared the following comment:

With the permission of my hotel, Modernis & Company, Inc., a company I have been working for was participating Osaka-Kansai Expo for the public relations and management of the Jordan Pavilion, so I started working there on my hotel days off. I never imagined that I would be involved in

the Expo, but I worked until the last minute to prepare for the opening, and about three weeks later, the most important day for the pavilion, National Day, arrived. Working together with the Jordanian staff, whose culture and lifestyle are completely different from ours, I feel that being able to experience the Expo as a part of my own life, while learning about the needs of the visitors and changing the operation day by day after the opening, is a very valuable experience that has many benefits that I can apply to my work at the hotel.



MONTHLY MEETING

June

The June regular monthly meeting was held in a conference room at Aman Tokyo. Under the leadership of President Imaizumi, committee members shared updates on ongoing initiatives and key developments, resulting in a lively and productive exchange of ideas.

Following the reports, members engaged in a forward-looking discussion about the seminar scheduled for January next year. Questions such as “What themes will resonate most deeply?” and “How can we ensure an engaging and enriching experience for all participants?” sparked enthusiastic dialogue, setting the stage for a truly unique and impactful seminar.

In the second part of the meeting, we were honored to welcome Mr. Shimizu, Senior Staff of the Fukui Prefecture Tourism Federation, along with Mr. Hamamoto and Mr. Sano, Executive Directors of the General Incorporated Association SOE. They shared an overview of the planned inspection trips to Fukui Prefecture, scheduled for September and December 2025.

As we look to promote inbound tourism to Fukui, discussions centered on the kinds of approaches that would be most effective. Through close collaboration with local communities, we aim to co-create a sustainable and vibrant future for tourism in the region.

