



## **The harmony of Polish-Japanese cooperation**

On the 13th of April 2025, the world's largest and most important economic and cultural event – World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai - will take place in Japan. The organizers of the event expect 161 countries and regions and 9 international organizations to participate. Poland will be introduced as a country whose main resource is people - creative, open-minded, well-educated, imaginative, courageous in their thoughts and actions.

In connection with Poland's participation in the World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, in cooperation with the Polish Investment and Trade Agency, is implementing a project funded by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange, titled “Harmony of Heritage and Innovation: Polish-Japanese cooperation in the field of urban studies and Japanese studies”. As part of this project, on the 23-25 April an international academic event will take place. The event will be held at the partner Kobe University. It will be participated by scientists and experts from both universities, as well as representatives of the Municipal Office of Toruń and other municipal institutions of Toruń. The three-day symposium entitled “Harmony of Cooperation” will be filled with numerous presentations and discussions on cooperation between the two universities in areas like Japanese studies, Japanese culture, cultural heritage, scientific research and education.

*- NCU's participation in the World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai is a unique event. It is the first time when we are taking part in such project. Cooperation with Kobe University is important for us. Kobe University is our proven partner, with whom we have been conducting scientific and educational activities for a decade” - says Adam Kola, PhD, NCU professor, Vice-Rector for Research.*

The symposium “Harmony of Cooperation”, beyond emphasizing the cooperation between Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń and Kobe University, also accents the role of the City of Toruń as a significant partner of NCU. The partnership between NCU and the city will resonate particularly strongly on the third day of the symposium. On that day, the issues relating to the newly opened Urban Lab in Toruń, NCU Copernican Integration Centre and engaging third sector organizations will be discussed.

### **“Harmony of Cooperation” symposium**

**23-25 April 2025  
Kobe University**

A full program is available on the symposium website: [www.harmonia.umk.pl/en](http://www.harmonia.umk.pl/en)

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