



Europe Day 2025: Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Schuman Declaration

A day of celebration showcasing the culture and unity of 27 EU member states.
A message of peace and diversity expressed through music, digital art, and storytelling.



On Friday, 9 May 2025, a series of grand events was held at Expo 2025 Osaka to celebrate "Europe Day," the European Union (EU)'s equivalent of a national day. Marking the 75th anniversary of the historic declaration by French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman in 1950, this year's celebration reaffirmed the unity of the 27 EU member states and served as a valuable opportunity to strengthen ties with global partners, including Japan.

Representatives from all 27 EU member states gather for official ceremony

The official ceremony, held in the morning, welcomed European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Maroš Šefčovič, as the guest of honor. Representatives from the EU and all 27 EU member states took the stage, sharing a memorable moment with an audience of 500 attendees. Prior to the ceremony, the EU's official Expo mascot, Europa, greeted guests and brought smiles to visitors. The program featured the national anthems and flag-raising of both the EU and Japan, followed by a commemorative photo session. In their speeches, speakers reflected on the relationship between the EU and Japan and expressed hopes for deeper cooperation, receiving warm applause from the audience. The ceremony concluded with a special performance of Pianographique, a fusion of piano music and digital art that enchanted the audience with its dreamlike presentation. This event offered a valuable opportunity to share the EU's values of respecting diversity and solidarity with participants, while inspiring collective reflection on the journey toward a sustainable and peaceful future.

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A diverse program of music, art, film, and storytelling for children

In the afternoon, a diverse lineup of programs showcasing the EU's cultural diversity unfolded across the venue. The European Union Youth Orchestra Brass Quintet, visiting Japan for the first time in 17 years, captivated the audience with a vibrant performance. This was followed by a series of performances reflecting the EU's innovation and diversity, including cutting-edge collaboration blending music and digital art by visual artist Cori O'Lan, pianist Maki Namekawa, and Ars Electronica, a dance performance by Gloria Benedikt, and a DJ set.

At the Playground of Life: Jellyfish Pavilion, the children's program "Tales from Europe" presented storytelling in various formats such as kamishibai and rakugo, performed by EU member states, including Finland, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Ireland, and Lithuania, as well as readings in English, Japanese, and original languages. Creative workshops invited children to create illustrations inspired by fairy tales and design their own postcards, stimulating their senses and creating a warm, joyful atmosphere for families. Furthermore, the EU Pavilion and the pavilions of EU member states lit up in blue, the symbolic color of the European Union, casting a magical glow over the Expo venue at night. This illumination attracted many visitors as a symbol of solidarity and European unity.



Limited three-day EU Stamp Rally draws crowds

From Friday, 9 May (Europe Day) through Sunday, 11 May, a special EU Stamp Rally took place. Visitors collected stamps by touring the EU Pavilion and EU member state pavilions, discovering the unique character and charm of each country along the way. Those who collected three or more stamps received a commemorative gift at the EU Pavilion, attracting many families and young visitors. The Stamp Rally offered an enjoyable and accessible way to experience the diversity and unity of Europe as "Team Europe".



■ EU Pavilion Overview

Under the theme “Nurturing Tomorrow,” the EU Pavilion sparks intellectual curiosity by exploring topics such as the value of diversity in building sustainable, inclusive, and cohesive societies, which the EU strives for, as well as the possibilities offered by new science, technology, and innovation. The pavilion’s exterior and interior design are inspired by the three guiding principles of the New European Bauhaus: sustainability, aesthetics, and inclusion.

Pavilion Name: European Union (EU) Pavilion
Exhibition Period: Sunday, April 13, 2025 – Monday, October 13, 2025
Location: Saving Zone S07
Official Website: https://eu-at-world-expos.europa.eu/index_ja



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