
Board Meeting Minutes
Italian Chamber of Commerce in Japan
2017, May 23rd

The Board of Directors (BoD) of the **Italian Chamber of Commerce in Japan** met on **May 23rd 2017** at 8:30 am at its premises in FBR Mita Bldg. 9F, 4-1-27 Mita, Minato-ku in Tokyo to discuss the following agenda:

- 1. Ratification Minutes of April 20h**
- 2. Financial situation as of April 31st**
- 3. Outcome Italia, amore mio!**
- 4. Update Osaka Desk**
- 5. Any other matter**

Attending: President Kuniko Fujinami Weeks, Vice-President Tiberio Francesco, Treasurer Jean Pierre Biard and Board Members Oliviero Morelli, Marco Zoli

Not attending: Board Member Marco Staccioli, Giuseppe Favrin, Flavio Gori.

The minutes are drawn up by General Manager (GM) Davide Fantoni.

The President, after verifying that the legal number of attendees has been reached as stated by the By Laws and therefore confirming the validity of the present meeting, brings to the attention of the BoD for discussion the following agenda:

1. Ratification Minutes of April 20th

The BoD ratifies the approval of the minutes of April 20th, previously approved online.

2. Financial situation as of April 31st

The Treasurer presents to the BoD the financial situation as of April 31st with a Total Income of 46,705,627JPY and Total Expenses of 28,488,961JPY giving a positive result of 17,609,139JPY. The Treasurer announces that a special financial session on Italia, amore mio! 2017 will be called as soon as the figures will have been processed by the accountancy. The GM informs that the Chamber of Commerce of Matera has finally started the process of settling the last payment of their participation to Italia, amore mio! 2016.

3. Outcome Italia, amore mio! 2017

The GM gives a brief report on the preliminary organization and running of Italia, amore mio! 2017 pointing out the difficulty of dealing with the many restrictions imposed by the location (Roppongi Hills), and an overall reduction within the budget of participants. BM Zoli proposes to hold a follow-up meeting with all exhibitors in order to get a realistic feedback within the following week. For a 2018 potential edition of Italia Amore Mio, the initiated a discussion on two main items:

- Change of the venue, to renovate the format and attract more sponsors



- Focus on a main “theme”, giving a guideline and increasing sponsorship involvement

4. Update Osaka Desk

With regards to the Osaka Desk, BM Zoli informs that he might also be able to join the meeting on June 13th in Osaka while the GM proposes to draft a business plan to look closely and in analytic terms at the possibility to open a desk in Kansai.

5. Update EBC

The Vice-President informs that EBC is looking at consolidating its Committee system by involving more EOB Members in the ongoing discussions (4 times/year) to bring to the attention of the Japanese Government the lifting of various business barriers, whose results are presented yearly in the White Paper

(<https://www.ebcjp.com/index.php/downloads>).

The complete list of Committees and the meeting schedule can be accessed from the following link: <https://www.ebc-jp.com/index.php/committees/list-of-committees>. A special discount is offered to Chambers Members who wish to join the Committees. VP Tiberio highlighted the absence of a Committee dedicated to Tourism (Hospitality, Cruises, travels...).

6. Any other matter

Being there no other matter in need of further discussion, the President declares the meeting closed at 10:30 am. The General Meeting is scheduled on June 15th at 8:30.