

Awaji Global League

 July 29th ~ 31st 2026

 Awaji Island, Japan



What is 「Awaji Global League」 ?

Awaji Global League (AGL) is a three-day forum that brings together university students from around the globe to foster collaboration, cultural exchange, and innovative thinking. Awaji Island will serve as a hub to connect top-tier universities and students from across the world for ongoing academic exchange and business proposals centered on well-being and regional revitalization.

Organized by the Pasona Group, AGL will focus this year on the theme “Reviving the Netherlands Pavilion: A Second Life on Awaji Island.” The program will bring together outstanding students from Japan and around the world to exchange ideas and propose visions for the pavilion’s second life. As a legacy of the Expo 2025 Osaka–Kansai, the project aims to explore future possibilities for the Netherlands Pavilion while attracting international attention from a sustainability perspective.

Ideas that resonate with the Pasona Group may have the opportunity to be implemented.

Objectives



Future Leaders

To foster global leaders who will be instrumental in building a mutually supportive society.



Global Society

To create an international community by attracting talented students from all over the world.

Approach



Solve Social Issues

Gather motivated youth from all around the world to discuss on pressing social issues and bring their unique global perspective to the local community of Awaji island.



Connection

Offer networking opportunities among university students, young Japanese professionals, scholars, and industry leaders to cultivate a global network.



World Expo Legacy

Call for innovative ideas for reusing the Netherlands Pavilion on Awaji Island as a legacy of Expo 2025 Osaka–Kansai. Selected ideas may have the opportunity to be implemented.

Participants



Age

18-30 years old and motivated to engage in this unique opportunity.

Education

Currently enrolled at a university and eager to interact with people from diverse cultures and backgrounds.

Language Skills

Fluent in English.

Why participate ?

The Awaji Global League is a place to build new bonds of friendship and broaden your international perspectives on Awaji Island, surrounded by the sea and green nature. Join this exciting program with international students from the University of Oxford, the University of British Columbia, and more !

A Learning Experience

Gain insights from top-tier professionals and thought leaders, while exchanging ideas with bright minds from diverse backgrounds.



Boost Your Career

Stand out with a global experience that adds real value to your resume. You can get a certificate of completion !



Networking

Connect with ambitious students from Japan and around the world and meet influential industry leaders and changemakers.



Pitch Your Vision

Take part in a business contest and present your ideas on repurposing Expo pavilions—showcase your creativity and make your voice heard !



Experience The Birthplace Of Japan

Discover Awaji island through its unique blend of nature, cuisine, history, and tradition.



Make Lasting Memories

Immersive schedule packed with lectures, field trips and entertainment.



Pasona × The Netherlands Pavilion on Awaji

About Pasona Group

Pasona Group (PG) is a social solutions company active in different sectors which partially moved its headquarters functions from Tokyo to Awaji Island in 2020.

On Awaji, Pasona invested greatly in new businesses in a bid to revive the local economy and create a successful model for other rural areas in Japan that experience demographic and economic decline.

It aims to realize a society where everyone can play an active role in a healthy and lively manner.



About the Netherlands Pavilion

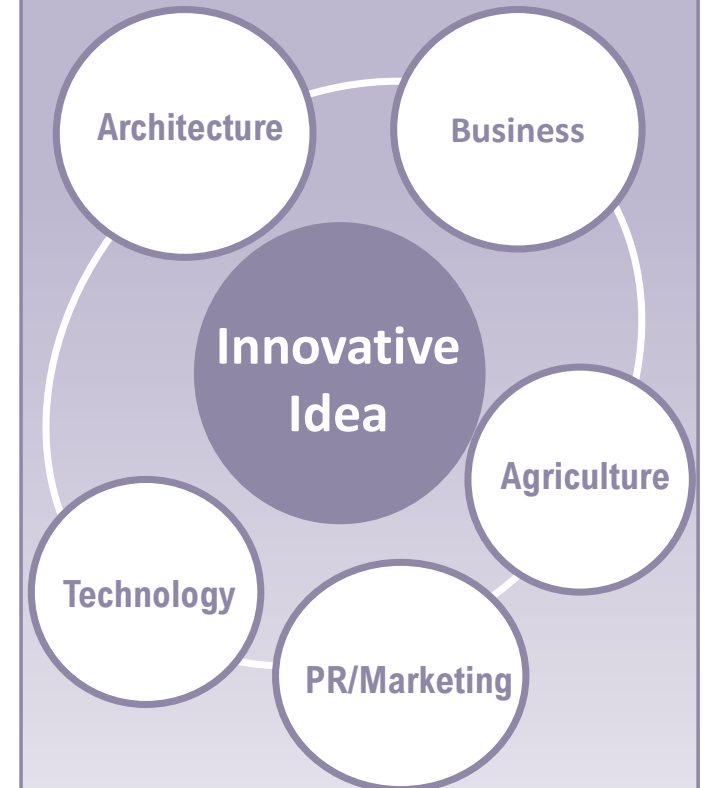
The Netherlands Pavilion, which received high recognition including a Gold Award at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, is scheduled to be relocated to Awaji Island. This initiative is also expected to attract international attention from a sustainability perspective.

As part of the Expo legacy, this project invites students from Japan and around the world to propose ideas for how a portion of the pavilion (The sphere and the space underneath) could be utilized in the future. Participants will learn about Pasona's philosophy, the unique context of Awaji Island, and the social challenges it faces, and work in teams to develop innovative proposals through discussion.

Selected ideas may have the opportunity to be realized in practice.



Approach Example



AGL Last Year

International Student Program (Awaji Global League2025)

Event Dates: July 23–25, 2025 Total Participants: 38 students

Universities: 14 universities Countries: 10 countries

Participants from: University of Oxford, National Taiwan University, University of British Columbia, Polish-Japanese Institute of Information Technology, Osaka University, Kobe University, etc.

Theme: Realizing the Expo Legacy on Awaji Island

【Day1】 7/23 Expo2025 Osaka



【Day2】 7/24 Agriculture/SDGs Training and Discussion



【Day3】 7/25 Business Pitch



Program outline

Participation Fee

A participation fee of **10,000 JPY** will be required from each participant.

What's Included

- Program fee covers training and program-related expenses, including necessary arrangements for accommodation, meals from lunch on Day 1 through Day 3, and transportation required during AGL (including transfers between meeting point (tentatively Shin-Kobe area) and Awaji Island)

What's Not Included

- Transportation costs from your current residence to meeting point (likely in the Kobe area)
- Personal expenses

Payment details will be shared upon selection.

Pre-Event Requirement

All participants are required to attend **two online briefing sessions** prior to the event.

Details and schedules for these sessions will be communicated via email.

Deliverables

Participants will collaborate in teams to develop and present the following:

Proposal for the Future Use of the Netherlands Pavilion on Awaji Island

Schedule *The content and schedule are subject to change.

Day 1: Wednesday, July 29

- Gather at Shin-Kobe Station and travel to Awaji Island
- Orientation and introduction to Pasona Group and its initiatives on Awaji Island
- Visit the planned relocation site for the Netherlands Pavilion
- Guest lectures from organizations involved in the Netherlands Pavilion

Day 2: Thursday, July 30

- Site visits: Explore initiatives related to regional revitalization and well-being
- Learn about local challenges and opportunities on Awaji Island
- Group workshop: Develop ideas for the future use of the Netherlands Pavilion
- Group discussions and proposal development**

Day 3: Friday, July 31

- Final team presentations
- Feedback session with peers and professionals
- *Selected ideas may have the opportunity for future implementation
- Certificate of Completion awarded

About Awaji island

Participants will have the opportunity to visit inspiring sites across Awaji Island that will enrich and inform their proposals.

This include the planned relocation site of the Netherlands Pavilion, iconic architectural landmarks representing the island, and unique Pasona-led initiatives in agriculture, tourism, and well-being, offering a firsthand experience of Awaji Island's innovation and vision.

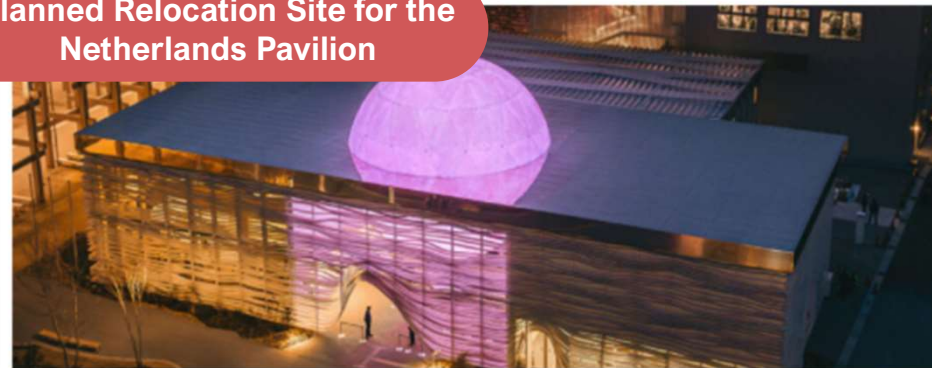
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Accommodation:
Holistic Wellness Hotel
Bourou Seikaiha



Planned Relocation Site for the
Netherlands Pavilion



Innovation & Culture
Landmarks in Awaji



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Timeline

Information Session
Tuesday, 28 April 2026, 18:00

Application Deadline
Sunday, 31 May 2026 at 23:59pm JST

Participation Announcement
Mid June

1st Pre-Event Briefing
Late June (Date to be determined)

2nd Pre-Event Briefing
July (Date to be determined)

Awaji Global League D-Day
Wednesday, 29 July ~ Friday, 31 July 2026

Apply Now!

Application

If you would like to apply, please fill the following form :

<https://forms.office.com/r/fAR15buZdx>

Deadline : May 31st, 2026



Participation: Limited to 40 students

*If the number of applicants exceeds capacity, participants will be selected based on their essay in the application form. Only successful applicants will be contacted regarding the next steps.

For inquiries, please contact the Awaji Global League Committee at futuredesign@pasonagroup.co.jp

Info Session

Join our information session to learn more about the event and ask your questions live!

Date: Tuesday, 28 April

Time: 18:00 JST

Zoom Link:

<https://pasona.zoom.us/j/93732431297?pwd=g6DWvxLdP8A4HaTQcDCycHmjyzMdcQ.1>



More about Pasona Group's projects on Awaji island.

https://www.pasonagroup.co.jp/english/awaji_e.html