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## **SkyDrive Joins Roundtable on Practical Use of Flying Cars Aiming to Realize “Moving Revolution Society” in Skies over Osaka**

- SkyDrive is participating in an ongoing roundtable focusing on the implementation of a “moving revolution society” in the skies over Osaka, which was set up as a step toward the commercialization of flying cars in 2023.
- We at SkyDrive are accelerating the move toward the implementation of flying cars in society in the Osaka Bay area.

SkyDrive Inc., a world-leading developer of urban air mobility solutions, proudly announces that it is participating in an ongoing roundtable focusing on the implementation of a “moving revolution society” in the skies over Osaka (Secretariat: Osaka Prefectural Government). The Osaka roundtable was set up as the core organization to accelerate the initiative led by the Public-Private Conference for Future Air Mobility and as such aims to realize the practical use of flying cars in Osaka. An inaugural ceremony and the first meeting of the roundtable were held on November 17, 2020 in Osaka.

We at SkyDrive see the Osaka-Kansai Japan World Expo 2025 as a milestone on the road toward the full-scale realization of an air mobility society and as such will aim to take a leading role in the upcoming roundtable conferences, seeking to drive forward the discussion and organize practical demonstrations of how flying cars work and can transform urban mobility. We intend to liaise with all concerned parties and make concrete proposals to contribute to the work of the Public-Private Conference of Japan and will strive to improve social acceptance of flying cars, in partnership with a group of stakeholders that we expect to include about 40 companies.

At the roundtable’s inaugural ceremony, Mr. Hirofumi Yoshimura, the Governor of Osaka Prefecture, commented that “Osaka, the bay area in particular, is suitable for the flying car business both geopolitically and as an economic hub. The spirit of *Yatteminahare* (Just do it) is valued in Osaka. Just get on with it.”

In the future, SkyDrive will work on the creation of a new industry in cooperation with the national government, Osaka Prefecture, and the companies participating in the roundtable, with “Safety is our first priority” always in mind.

■About setting up the "Osaka roundtable to implement a moving revolution society of the sky"

In December 2018, the roadmap was formulated in the "Public-Private Conference for Future Air Mobility" (Jointly launched by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism) \*2, "flying car" is expected to be a new industry and service for a variety of uses such as urban transportation, tourism, medical treatment and disaster prevention. We are aiming at the commercialization of flying car in 2023.

■About the Osaka, Kansai World Exposition

<https://www.expo2025.or.jp/en/>

■Osaka Prefecture About establishment of "moving revolution society implementation Osaka roundtable of the sky" and establishment-style holding

<http://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/hodo/index.php?site=fumin&pageId=39770>

■Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry "Roadmap toward Air Mobility Revolution"

[https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2018/12/20181220007/20181220007\\_01.pdf](https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2018/12/20181220007/20181220007_01.pdf)

■About SkyDrive Inc.

A company led by engineers from aircraft, drone, and automotive industries to develop urban air mobility and cargo drones to put urban air mobility into practical use, service use, and to contribute to the future of mobile society. Our urban air mobility achieved an ever first flight in the summer of 2020, Japan and to be available for sale in Japan by 2023. The company started to sale a cargo drone in May 2020, Japan.

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