








10-1 Support Systems for Foreign Investment in Kansai

- The JETRO Invest Japan Business Support Center offers a variety of support services, including providing information and individual consultations, to foreign companies planning to expand their business in Kansai.
- The Council for INVEST KANSAI, made up of the Kansai Economic Federation, JETRO Osaka, the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the Kansai Area (Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry), and Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, is working in tandem to support foreign investment in Kansai.

First points of contact for Kansai

JETRO, an organization for attracting foreign direct investment in Japan, provides a comprehensive support service to help foreign companies to locate in Japan and expand their business in the Japanese market by providing information on the Japanese business environment, identifying companies interested in direct investment in Japan, and assisting them in establishing a base of operations and expanding their business in Japan.

Contact points to support investment in Japan are available in each prefecture around Kansai.

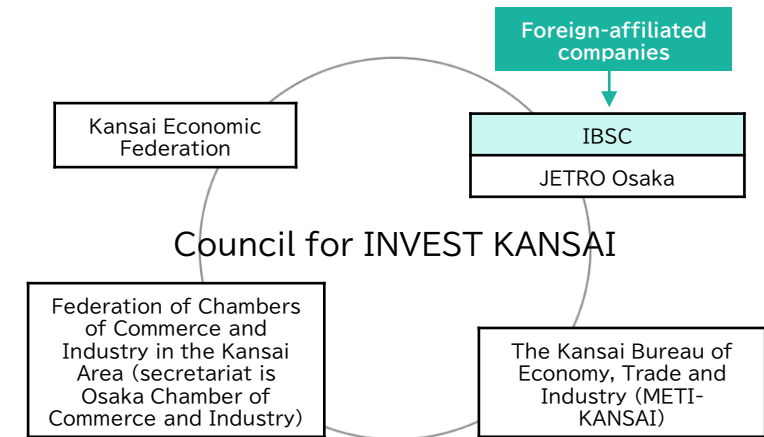
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Invest Japan Business Support Center (IBSC)

IBSC provides support for foreign/foreign-affiliated companies to enter the Japanese market and establish a base of operations after their arrival in Japan. It also offers services to foreign-affiliated companies that have already established a presence in Japan for business expansion, such as increasing headcount, expanding operations to regional areas, and establishing new offices.

The Council for INVEST KANSAI

The Council for INVEST KANSAI provides support such as providing information on investment incentives, factory locations etc., as well as finding business partners with local governments, regional business communities and specialists.



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https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/3-toukou/investkansai/en/e_index.html



10-2 Support Programs for Foreign Investment by Local Governments

In Kansai, foreign investment support organizations belonging to local governments offer various kinds of one-stop services.



Osaka Business and Investment Center

<https://o-bic.net/>



The Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) was jointly established by Osaka Prefecture, Osaka City, and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry in April 2001.

We act as a one-stop service center with a meticulous support system that provides necessary information and accurate advice to foreign companies wishing to set up operations in Osaka, foreign diplomatic missions and economic organizations, and foreign companies in Japan wishing to set up secondary operations in Osaka.



Support content

- Introduction to specialists for corporate registration and acquisition of status of residence
- Providing information on incorporation, accounting/taxation, and real estate
- Reduction of initial costs for foreign companies starting business
Costs related to incorporation registration: Up to 100,000 yen
Costs related to acquisition of status of residence: Up to 50,000 yen
- Providing information on incentives offered by Osaka Prefecture and Osaka City
- Introduction of free temporary offices, etc.

<Main project>

- Global Innovation Forum Osaka 2022
Supporting startups from overseas operating in the innovation field to expand their business in Osaka
Content: Pitches by overseas startups, matching with Japanese companies, online exhibition, etc.

Examples of support for foreign-affiliated companies

Company name: CRUST JAPAN K.K.
Representative: Mr. Travinder Singh, Founder and CEO
Business description: Development and provision of upcycling technology for food loss and waste
Website: <https://www.crust-group.com/>
Established: 2021
CRUST Group is a food tech company founded in Singapore in 2019 to upcycle food loss and waste into higher value products.
With a mission to reduce wasted food by 1% worldwide by 2030, the company aims to increase the sustainability of the beverage industry by developing and providing technology to convert food loss and waste (ingredients that can be eaten but will be discarded) into products such as beer and non-alcoholic beverages.



Company name: TST Japan Co., Ltd.
Representative: Mr. Kenzo Furuta, Representative Director
Business description: Development and sales of IoT devices
Website: <https://tst-sistemas.com/en/tst/>
Established: 2019
Japanese corporation of TST (Technologias, Servicios, Telematicos y Sistemas, S.A), a Spanish company with various proven track records in IoT development in the United States and Europe.
The company designs, develops, manufactures and markets electronic and telecommunications equipment using IoT technology, such as greenhouse agriculture with remote temperature control and smart sensors for more efficient waste collection.



Message from the manager in charge



The Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan will be held for six months starting in April 2025.
Under the theme of "Designing Future Society for Our Lives," the event will promote advanced medical care, health and wellness through the use of artificial intelligence and robotics.
The estimated number of visitors is 28 million and the economic effect is said to be two trillion yen. O-BIC will provide all-out support for the business expansion of overseas companies to Osaka, a city where future growth is expected.

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IBPC Osaka

(Organization commissioned by Osaka City with business attraction and other services)

<https://www.investosaka.jp/eng/>



Dedicated multilingual staff provide one-stop support for domestic and foreign companies expanding into Osaka City.

For domestic and foreign companies and organizations interested in expanding or reinvesting in Osaka City and that have concrete business plans, we support their entry into Osaka with detailed services tailored to their needs, including introducing business partners, providing information on investment incentives, and offering preparation offices until they establish a base of operations.



IBPC Osaka, as an organization commissioned by Osaka City with business attraction and other services, provides multilingual support tailored to the individual needs of companies by staff with many years of experience.



Introduction of business properties



Consultation on business expansion and referral of specialists



Providing information related to expansion



Assistance in securing human resources



Interpretation service



Arranging business meetings with Osaka-based companies

Business Support Office (BSO)

Preparation office space is provided **free of charge for up to six months** until the establishment of a base in Osaka City.

* Corporate registration available



Example of support



[Japanese market representative from Singaporean Company C]
After participating in a private acceleration program in Osaka, we became interested in expanding into Osaka and contacted IBPC Osaka.

[IBPC Osaka]

We explained the necessary process for incorporation and business advancement and subsidy programs in an online interview. We also introduced judicial scriveners, tax accountants, labor and social security attorneys, banks, etc.

In addition, we provided a list of Kansai-based companies that would become sales destinations and arranged business meetings with several of them.

Even after the company's establishment, we continue to provide PR support by producing video interviews and introducing them on our website and social media.



Message from the person in charge



Osaka is located in the center of the Japanese archipelago and has a 24-hour international airport. The Kansai region, with its extensive transportation infrastructure and neighboring cities such as Kyoto and Kobe, is one of Japan's largest markets, yet business costs are low when compared to the Tokyo metropolitan area.

Osaka's livability is also a major attraction, as it is one of the top cities in *The Economist's* "World's Most Livable Cities" ranking every year.

If you are interested in doing business in Osaka, please feel free to contact us!

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Find us in LinkedIn! →



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Kyoto Overseas Business Center
(Kyo-OBC)

<https://www.kyoto-obc.jp/en/>

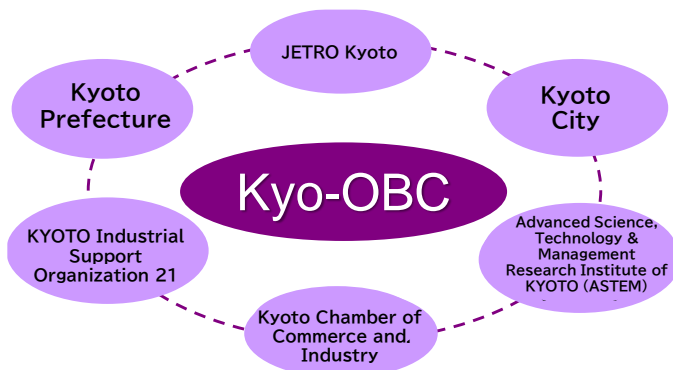


We provide total support for foreign companies setting up operations in Kyoto, including visa acquisition, subsidies for office and corporate registration costs, and acquisition of factory sites.



- Assistance in obtaining startup visas and business management visas
- Providing information on incentive programs (subsidies, real estate acquisition tax reduction/exemption, etc.)
- Subsidies for office rent and professional consultation
- Providing a list of unique and premium spaces (Unique Venues), such as historic buildings

Jointly organized by JETRO, local governments,
and industrial support organizations



Plug and Play Kyoto (U.S.)

Innovation platform for “large companies x startups”
from Silicon Valley

- Opened the second Japanese base in Kyoto in July 2019 under the theme of Hardtech/Healthcare.



[Why Kyoto?]

- ◆ A city with the highest concentration of traditional industries in Japan and with attractive manufacturing
- ◆ Easy to secure high-level human resources due to the large number of universities
- ◆ Advanced governmental initiatives to support startups
- ◆ The groundwork for talented entrepreneurs and quality startups is in place, etc.



Message from the person in charge

In addition to promoting traditional industries that utilize the skills of craftspeople passed down over generations, Kyoto has developed traditional technologies into advanced technologies to create global companies that are thriving on the world stage. The air of culture, academia, and history in your daily life will definitely have a positive impact on your business. We hope you will consider starting a business in Kyoto! We will support you with our unique programs that are ahead of the rest of the country, such as exchange of cutting-edge technologies and support for employee recruitment.

10-2 Support Programs for Foreign Investment by Local Governments



Hyogo-Kobe Investment Support
Center (HKIS)

<https://www.hyogo-kobe.jp/best/en/>



HKIS is an organization established by Hyogo Prefecture within the Hyogo Economic Development Center as a comprehensive desk for providing business location information and consultation services. As a one-stop service provider for business expansion, we help you to establish a business presence in Hyogo.

●The center's greatest attraction

We help domestic and foreign companies expand their business with our one-stop service!



Promoting companies' advancement in Hyogo and Kobe

Support for domestic and foreign
companies' advancement in the prefecture
by professional staff

6 Bests, the pride of Hyogo

1. Access

Excellent access by land, sea and air to domestic and overseas destinations

2. Living standards

A place where about 110 thousand foreigners live in comfort

3. Safety

Creating a disaster-resilient, safe and secure community

4. Incentives

Extensive support programs for foreign/foreign-affiliated companies

5. Startup services

"One-stop service" to help domestic and foreign companies expanding their business

6. Facilities

Diverse research institutes and facilities (e.g., the supercomputer "Fugaku" for shared use)



Message from the person in charge

In addition to industrial parks in the prefecture, we provide information on potential factory sites, vacant land, offices for rent, etc., as well as detailed support tailored to your needs, including administrative procedures needed when establishing a business, employment, housing, and living arrangements. Please feel free to contact us!

10-3 Support Programs for Foreign Investment by the Japanese Government

● Promotion of priority issues for facilitating foreign direct investment in Japan

Outline	<p>The Government of Japan has decided to organize the working group for promoting priority issues in the “Strategy for Promoting Foreign Direct Investment in Japan” at the Council for Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan. The purpose is to discuss the items listed in the Strategy and priority issues for facilitating foreign direct investment in Japan, and to promote them together with relevant government ministries and agencies. Coordination with those bodies is currently underway.</p> <p><Main Policy Agenda for Promoting Foreign Direct Investment in Japan></p> <p>[Pillar 1] Strengthening “investment in human capital” through inward FDI</p> <p>[Pillar 2] Promotion of DX, GX, and start-ups through inward FDI</p> <p>[Pillar 3] Improving living environment of foreign nationals to promote FDI in Japan</p>	
Details and latest information	<p>Cabinet Office Invest Japan Council for Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan, http://www.invest-japan.go.jp/committee/en_index.html</p>	

● Incentives for foreign/foreign-affiliated companies

Act for Promotion of Japan as an Asian Business Center (Act on Special Measures for the Promotion of Research and Development Business, etc. by Specified Multinational Enterprises)

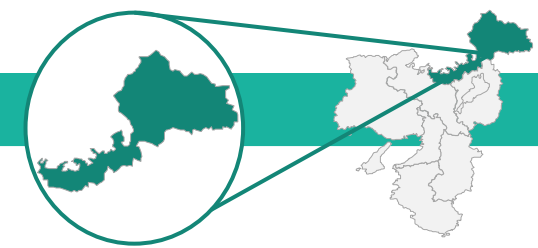
Outline	<p>Preferential measures, including shortened investment procedures, are available for global businesses planning to set up a company in Japan to conduct new R&D projects and business operations. <Application can be filed in English></p>	
Specific efforts	Assistance for fund raising	Fundraising assistance offered by Small and Medium Business Investment & Consultation Co., Ltd. (Also applicable to incorporated companies with capital of 300 million yen or more) *Applicable only to SMEs
	Acceleration of patent examinations	Accelerating patent application screening and proceedings [3-4 months or less on average]
	Shortened investment procedures	Shortened screening period of advance notifications of direct inward investment, etc. in industries subject to regulations [30 days in ordinary cases → 2 weeks]
	Acceleration of status of residency examinations	Accelerating screening for the Certificate of Eligibility for Status of Residence applied by foreign nationals who intend to work in Japan [Ordinarily 1 month → shortened to about 10 days]
Details and latest information	<p>Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: Promotion of foreign direct investment in Japan, Act for Promotion of Japan as an Asian Business Center https://www.meti.go.jp/english/policy/external_economy/investment/act_information.html</p>	
For Inquiries	<p>Investment Facilitation Division, Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry TEL:03-3501-1662</p>	

* For information on other incentives, etc., see JETRO's website.
JETRO https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/support_programs.html



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10-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments



Fukui

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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount
Financing program	Financing to promote establishment of corporate sites	Low interest loan for the companies located in the prefecture and hiring citizens of the prefecture (interest rate: 1.2% or less per year)	Within 15 years	JPY ¥500 million (JPY ¥1 billion if specially approved)
Subsidy program	Corporate attraction subsidy (facility maintenance subsidy)	Assistance for equipment acquisition of companies that can cooperate with prefectural projects. (Subsidy amount: 25% investment /No employment requirements)	-	JPY ¥3 billion
		Subsidy for equipment acquisition related to general manufacturing industry and advanced technology industry (subsidy amount 10 to 20% of acquisition)	-	JPY ¥3 billion
		Subsidy for equipment acquisition and new employment related to head office functions (including test research) (subsidy rate 25%)	-	JPY ¥600 million
	Subsidy for attracting companies (subsidy for business activity costs)	Subsidy for product transportation costs for new locations in the advanced technology industry (subsidy rate 10-50%)	3 years	JPY ¥100 million per year
	Office invitation subsidy *Support with the municipalities that have the system	Expenses related to office opening and operation are subsidized. (50% for land and building rent, etc., communication line fee 100%)	3 years	JPY ¥15 million
Tax cuts	Regional Future Investment Promotion Law	Machinery / equipment: 40% special depreciation, 4% tax reduction for building, etc. : 20% special depreciation, 2% tax reduction for real estate acquisition tax exemption		

Message from the local government



In FY2021, we significantly upgraded the subsidy program and greatly expanded the support system for companies with an environment that encourages young people and women to work, and for offices that accept "U/I turners."
We will do our utmost to support companies that are considering investing or expanding into rural areas with generous incentives, such as expanded subsidies for companies establishing bases in prefectural industrial parks, from 2022!
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

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Fukui mascot "Hapilyu" (center) and his brothers



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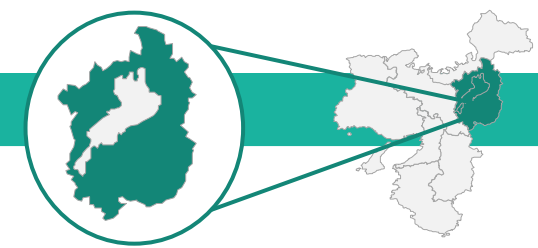


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10-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments



Shiga

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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount
Financing program	Loan system encouraging business launch	Low interest loan for equipment funds for factories, research institutes, etc. (interest rate: 1.25% per year)	Within 10 years (of which the deferment period is within 2 years)	JPY ¥200 million (land acquisition: JPY ¥100million)
Subsidy program	Business start-up subsidy	This incentive subsidizes companies' expenses for efforts to secure human resources and improve the operating environment due to new capital investment in the prefecture.	There are regulations for each initiative (please contact us for details)	Subsidy limit of JPY ¥5 million in a fiscal year (in the case of a joint project by multiple businesses: JPY ¥7.5 million)
	Subsidies for Businesses Establishing New Facilities Near Nuclear Power Plants	Assistance with electric power bills paid under the contract for the supply of power to new and added business facilities (Only applicable to specific areas and projects)	Maximum 8 years	No rule
Tax cuts	Real estate acquisition tax reduction and exemption	Real estate acquisition tax exemption [Regional Future Investment Promotion Law]		
	Business tax exemption, real estate acquisition tax exemption / reduction	Business tax exemption for 3 years, real estate acquisition tax exemption / reduction in the target area / business [Regional base strengthening tax system]		

Message from the local government



Shiga Prefecture, which is located in the center of the Japanese archipelago, is a node of the three economic zones of Kansai, Chubu, and Hokuriku, and has well-developed wide-area transportation infrastructure such as highways, making it an excellent prefecture in terms of transportation convenience.

Due to these advantages, this prefecture is rated as one of the leading "manufacturing prefectures" in Japan by companies in various fields such as chemistry, automobiles, electric appliances, electronic parts, and pharmaceuticals.

There are many development bases with active industry-academia collaboration occurring against the backdrop of the high concentration of diverse university faculties.

In addition, we have set up the "Shiga Prefecture Corporate Location Support Center" in the Corporate Location Promotion Office as a centralized contact point for companies located in the prefecture to quickly respond to issues in the operating environment.

Please consider investing in Shiga Prefecture.

"Shiga Prefecture Business Location Guide"

<https://www.pref.shiga.lg.jp/richi/english/index.html>



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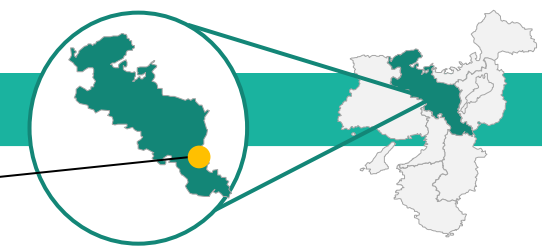


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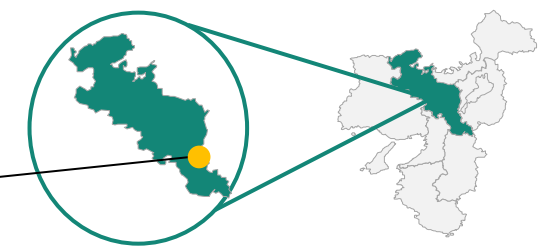
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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount	Local government who carried out incentives
Financing program	Low interest loan (for business location promotion loan for employment, etc.)	Low interest loan (interest rate (fixed for the first 10 years): 1.7% per year, special interest 1.2%) for "Kyoto Industrial Location Strategy 21 Special Measures Project Cost Subsidy" or "Kyoto Prefecture Traditional and Cultural Manufacturing Industry Promotion Subsidy"	[Equipment funds] Within 15 to 20 years [Working capital] Within 7 years	JPY ¥300million-¥2billion	Kyoto Prefecture
Subsidy program	Kyoto Industrial Location Strategy 21 Special Measures Project Cost Subsidy	When a manufacturing facility, natural science research institute, information-related entity, etc. establish a base in the prefecture in response to the invitation of Kyoto Prefecture or municipalities, or when the existing factories in the prefecture are expanded, the amount of capital investment and the new, regular permanent employment are subsidized.	5 years including the fiscal year of starting operation (* Current system must be specified by March 31, 2027)	[Business establishment promotion subsidy] JPY ¥0.25 million-¥300 million [Subsidy to promote regular employment within the prefecture] JPY ¥400 million- ¥800million [Subsidy to promote of improvement of working environment] JPY ¥3 million yen *Increase or decrease depending on the region and the number of permanent employees in the prefecture.	Kyoto Prefecture
	Kyoto Prefecture Traditional and Cultural Manufacturing Industry Promotion Subsidy	Subsidized for the amount of capital investment and the number of new regular employees in the prefecture for the traditional and cultural manufacturing industry located in the prefectural industrial park "Kyoto Shinkoetsu Village" at the invitation of Kyoto Prefecture or municipalities	5 years including the fiscal year of starting operation	[Business establishment promotion subsidy] JPY ¥20 million-200 million [Subsidy to promote regular employment within the prefecture] JPY ¥3 million-30 million Increase or decrease depending on the site area, etc.	
	Subsidies for supporting businesses located near nuclear power plants, etc.	Subsidies based on actual electricity charges, etc. for companies that have expanded into new locations or facilities that generate increased employment.	Maximum 8 years	Electricity benefit + special benefit	
	Kyoto-type global niche top enterprise fostering subsidy	Rank A companies certified by the Kyoto City Venture Company Connoisseur Committee will receive subsidies equivalent to real estate tax and city planning tax as well as the cost of an excavation survey of buried cultural properties when they establish new or additional offices. Subsidy amount: Amount equivalent to real estate tax and city planning tax 1/2 of the amount equivalent to the cost of the excavation survey of buried cultural properties	Tax equivalent subsidies: 2-3 years Cost of excavation survey of buried cultural properties: Only once at the time of implementation	(Subsidies equivalent to tax) JPY ¥100 million (buried cultural property excavation survey) JPY ¥ 25 million	Kyoto City

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Kyoto City



		Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount	Local government who carried out incentives
Subsidy program	Kyoto city firm location promotion institutional subsidy	Support program for first-time business expansion in the city	Subsidies will be provided to companies from outside the city setting up offices, etc. in the city for the first time, based on the number of full-time employees living in the city. Subsidy amount: Number of regular employees living in the city x up to 200,000 yen	Up to 2 years	Up to JPY ¥2 million per year 2 years total: Up to JPY ¥4 million	Kyoto City
		Trial location support program	Subsidies will be provided to companies from outside the city that are considering setting up operations in the city for the first time and are using shared offices and coworking spaces in Kyoto on a trial basis, covering usage and transportation costs. Subsidy amount: 1/2 of the usage and transportation costs	Maximum 3 months	Usage cost: Up to JPY ¥250,000 Transportation cost: Up to JPY ¥250,000 * There is an upper limit according to the number of days and users.	
		Support program for establishing new/additional head offices and plants	Subsidies equivalent to property tax and city planning tax on newly acquired fixed assets for new expansion of head office, factories, research institutes, development bases, etc. in the city. (20% increase in specific areas such as Rakunan shinto, etc.) In addition, the cost of excavating buried cultural properties Subsidy amount: Amount equivalent to real estate tax and city planning tax (1/2 of the tax equivalent for large companies) 1/2 of the amount equivalent to the cost of the excavation survey of buried cultural properties Additional subsidy is available for companies from outside the city that are setting up operations in the city for the first time.	(Subsidies equivalent to tax) Middle/small sized companies: for 2~3years Large companies: 1year (buried cultural property excavation survey) Only once at the time of sale	(Subsidies equivalent to tax) JPY ¥100million Large companies: There is a limit based on increase of regular employees (buried cultural property excavation survey) JPY ¥25million	
Tax cuts	Real estate acquisition tax reduction measures		When building new factories, etc. in the manufacturing industry agglomeration promotion area, reduced by up to half on condition of new employment creation, etc.			Kyoto Prefecture
			Company certified by Kyoto Genki-jirushi certification for SMEs, receives subsidies real estate acquisition tax on acquisition of land and houses (factories, research institutes, etc.) is reduced by 1/10, when acquiring a house or land for business use such as research and development.	when acquiring a house or land for business use	JPY ¥200million	Kyoto Prefecture

Message from the local government



Kyoto, which was once the capital of Japan for more than a thousand years, has developed many global companies that are active in the world by evolving traditional techniques into high-tech techniques in addition to traditional industries that utilize the techniques of craftsmen that have been passed down from generation to generation.

In recent years, entrepreneurs from Japan and overseas have also opened a series of start-up companies and support organizations focusing on the characteristics of Kyoto, including its abundant human resources as a university city, its agglomeration of cutting-edge research institutes, and innovation environment.

Kyoto is attracting attention from entrepreneurs from Japan and overseas.

In Kyoto Prefecture, we will support you with our unique support system that is ahead of the other prefectures, including exchanges of advanced technology and support for hiring employees!



"Kyoto Prefecture Business Location / Land Information Search Site"
<https://www.kyotofuyouchibank.com/>

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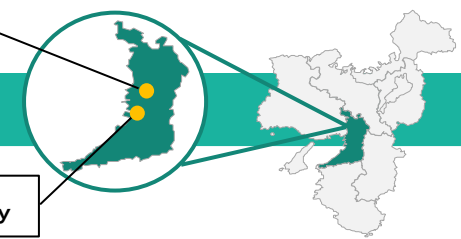


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Osaka City

Sakai City



Osaka

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Financing program	Financing program	Financing the funds required to locate (construct) factories, research facilities, etc. in the prefecture (handling differs depending on the financial institution)	depending on loan options		Osaka Prefecture
Subsidy program	Subsidy for Foreign-Affiliated Companies	Subsidize the cost of acquiring an office for foreign-affiliated companies that have their head office in Osaka Prefecture. (5% of office / equipment, etc.)	—	JPY ¥100 million	Osaka Prefecture
		Subsidize the cost of renting an office to foreign-affiliated companies whose head office is located in Osaka Prefecture (One-third of the rent, etc)	24 months	JPY ¥100 million	
	Subsidy for Investment Promotion	Subsidies for investment in new construction / extension / renovation of factories or R & D facilities in the designated area	—	JPY ¥30 million	
		Subsidy for corporate business tax (However, only when subsidized for the above investment)	—	JPY ¥20 million	Sakai City
	Sakai City Corporate Growth Promotion Subsidy	Subsidize 5% to 15% of subsidized expenses for investment for renewal of head office functions / R & D facilities and challenge in the growing fields. Subsidy of JPY ¥200,000 per new resident employee in the city x 3 years	Investment assistance: Business start year Employment assistance: 3 years	Subsidy for investment: JPY ¥100 million Subsidy for employment: JPY ¥50 million	
Tax cuts	Subsidies for establishing operational offices	When a foreign-affiliated company opens a new office in urban area, 40 to 60% of the rent is subsidized.	3 years	JPY ¥5 million	Osaka Prefecture
	Tax Incentive System for Special Zone for Growing industries	When entering a special growth zone in the prefecture, receiving approval for a business plan, and conducting business related to new energy and life science, the maximum prefectural tax is zero (coordination with Osaka City, etc.)			
	Tax Incentive for Industrial Cluster	Real estate acquisition tax on acquisition of land and houses (factories, research institutes, etc.) in the industrial agglomeration promotion area is reduced by half (up to JPY ¥200 million)			Sakai City
	City tax incentives under the Sakai City Innovation Investment Promotion Ordinance	City tax incentives under the Sakai City Innovation Investment Promotion Ordinance			

Message from the local government



In Osaka Prefecture, we provide information on business sites and subsidies, such as new locations and business expansion from Japan and overseas, and support matching with partner companies such as business alliances and investment.

In the fields of new energy and life science, we support the new location and reinvestment by integrally utilizing the prefecture's unique Tax Incentive System for Special Zone for Growing industries and other incentives and the national special zone system.

For more information about the attractiveness of Osaka as a business base and support measures, please see the booklet

"Osaka Investment Guide"

⇒ https://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/attach/21570/00000000/r3.2_eng.pdf



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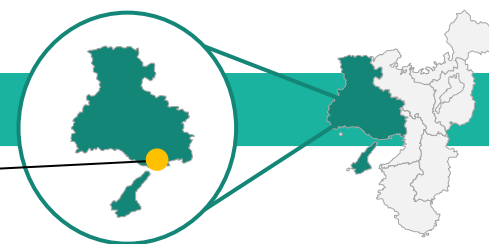


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10-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments



Kobe City

Hyogo

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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount	Local government who carried out incentives
Subsidy program	Employment subsidy	Subsidy for new employment of full-time workers living in the prefecture (300,000 yen or 600,000 yen per person)	—	JPY ¥300 million	Hyogo Prefecture
	Capital investment subsidy	Subsidy for investment related to the installation of facilities, equipment, etc. (3% or 5%)	—	—	
	Establishment support subsidy for foreign-affiliated companies	Subsidy for market research cost, etc. (up to 1/2)	—	JPY ¥1 million	
		Subsidy for corporate registration cost, etc. (up to 1/2)	—	JPY ¥200,000	
	Office rent subsidy for foreign-affiliated companies	Subsidy for office rent for foreign-affiliated companies: Up to 1/2 (1/4 by the prefecture, 1/4 by Kobe City)	3 years	JPY ¥20 million per year	Hyogo Prefecture, Kobe City
	Subsidy for transfer of headquarters from outside Kobe City (excluding the 23 wards of Tokyo) to the city	Subsidy for acquiring buildings (up to 4% of the acquisition cost), subsidy for employment (¥300,000 per person), etc. *The 23 wards of Tokyo are subject to the national preferential treatment system.	—	20% of tax amount the relevant fiscal year	Kobe City
Tax cuts	Reduction of corporate enterprise tax and real estate acquisition tax	Reduction of corporate enterprise tax by half for 5 years and reduction of real estate acquisition tax by half (maximum JPY ¥200 million) for transfer of headquarters from foreign countries and 3 major metropolitan areas or for establishment of business within designated areas			Hyogo Prefecture
	Reduction of property tax, business tax, etc.	In the case of strategic industries, property tax, business tax, etc. are reduced by two-thirds for five years (10 years for large-scale special cases) (no upper limit) (half for non-strategic industries)			Kobe City

Message from the local government

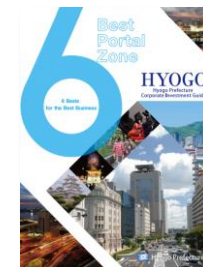


Hyogo Prefecture, where 88* foreign-affiliated companies are headquartered, provides the “6 Bests” in conjunction with the related organizations such as Kobe City and other municipalities in the prefecture and Hyogo-Kobe Investment Support Center, while coordinating with JETRO Kobe and other national agencies. The “6 Bests” are the business environment and services that Hyogo Prefecture is proud of, namely “best access,” “best living standards,” “best in safety,” “best facilities,” “best start-up services,” and “best incentives.” Since FY2001, approximately 20 foreign/foreign-affiliated companies have utilized these “6 Bests” to establish businesses in Hyogo annually, and more companies are expected to do so in the future. Hyogo Prefecture is ready to help you maximize your profit with its best services and environment.

(*) Survey by Hyogo Prefecture International Affairs Division



Hyogo Prefecture's pamphlet for foreign-affiliated companies "Best Portal Zone"
<http://web.pref.hyogo.lg.jp/sr14/documents/bestportalzoneenglish01.pdf>



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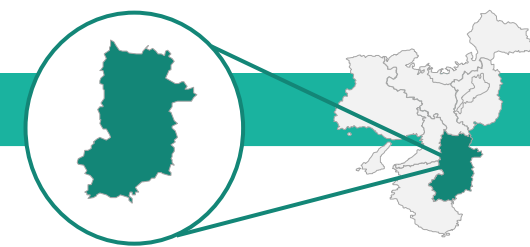


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10-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments



Nara

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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount
Financing program	Regional future investment promotion fund (system loan)	Based on the Regional Future Investment Promotion Law, small and medium-sized enterprises can obtain the necessary funds for projects conducted in accordance with the "Regional Economic Driving Business Plan" approved by the Governor. (Guarantee fee: 0.00% (prefecture bears the full amount), interest rate: interest rate prescribed by financial institutions)	[Equipment funds] Within 15 years (Of which, the deferment period is within 1 year) [Working capital] Within 7 years (Of which, the deferment period is within 1 year)	Maximum JPY ¥280 million (Secured JPY ¥200 million, unsecured JPY ¥80 million) * Separate from ordinary guarantee
Subsidy program	Subsidy for corporate advancement business promotion	Grant subsidies to companies that build factories, research institutes, etc. in the prefecture	—	[For large-scale facilities] JPY ¥2 billion [For medium-scale locations] JPY ¥1 billion
	Local base strengthening promotion subsidy	Subsidies will be provided to companies that make investments due to the relocation of head office functions from outside the prefecture and the expansion of head office functions within the prefecture.	—	JPY ¥100 million
	Information and communications-related company advancement promotion subsidy	Subsidies for capital investment, rent, etc. related to the advancement of the information and communications industry	—	JPY ¥ 1 billion yen
Tax cuts	Real estate acquisition tax, corporate enterprise tax exemption measures	Real estate acquisition tax exemption, corporate enterprise tax reduction measures (three-quarters usual rate, three years)		

Message from the local government

3 world Heritage Sites

As of March 2021, 23 cultural and natural heritage sites in Japan have been registered as UNESCO World Heritage Sites: 3 of them are in Nara Prefecture.

What is Nara?

A town surrounded
By history and culture

In ancient times, Fujiwara-kyo and Heijo-kyo prospered as the capital of Japan. Even now, there are many archaeological sites in the prefecture that remind us of the past.



"INVEST IN NARA"

<http://www.pref.nara.jp/59034.htm>

"Nara Prefecture Business Location Guide"

<http://www.pref.nara.jp/53543.htm>



Rich nature

Many natural forests are left in the Nara Basin and the surrounding mountains, and the Kasugayama Primeval Forest, which forms part of the World Heritage Site "Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara," is close to the city area. It is a precious primeval forest.



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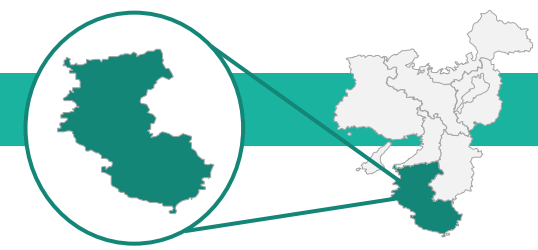


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Wakayama

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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount
Financing program	Wakayama Prefecture Corporate Advancement Promotion Fund Loan System	Low interest loan to companies advancing in the prefecture and employing citizens of the prefecture (interest rate: long-term prime rate x 3/4%)	Within 10 years	JPY ¥200 million
Subsidy program	Incentive system (employment incentive)	Granted to companies that build the designated facilities in the prefecture and employ citizens of the prefecture	3 years	Up to JPY ¥1 billion for 100 or more employees
	Incentive system (advancement incentive)	Granted up to 10% of the amount of fixed assets invested to designated companies that employ citizens of the prefecture	1 year	Up to JPY ¥9 billion for 1,000 or more employees
	Accommodation facility opening promotion incentive system	When a luxury accommodation facility that meets certain requirements is opened in the prefecture, a subsidy will be given to related companies.	1 year	JPY ¥300 million
Tax cuts	Business tax, real estate acquisition tax, property tax, etc.	Reduction of business tax, real estate acquisition tax, property tax, etc. for up to 3 years in the designated area		



Message from the local government

With the motto "Take care of the company"

Wakayama Prefecture is now fully supporting the advancement of companies. The citizens of the prefecture who want to revitalize Wakayama are united in welcoming companies.

The first thing we think that we should provide to companies is an environment where it is easy to do business. Therefore, in this prefecture, we have staff in charge of corporate contact points who are responsible for handling the requests from companies. If you call us at any time, we will work together

with you to solve a problem as quickly as possible. All employees will do their utmost to "Take care of the company", so we promise that you will be able to develop your business with confidence.



Wakayama Prefecture
Corporate Advancement Portal Site
<https://ritti.pref.wakayama.jp/>

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