Asia's Leading International Conference Location

- Kansai has a large number of leading international conference halls, and Kansai is Asia's leading international conference location.
- approximately 30% were hosted in Kansai.

Number of international conferences held in Asia and Oceania(2019)



Number of international conferences hosted by Japanese cities (2019)

City name	Number	Domestic ranking	Int'l ranking	
Tokyo	131	1	10	
Kyoto	67	2	35	
Kobe	35	3	82	
Fukuoka	28	4	108	
Sapporo	25	5	117 143 143 159 176	
Osaka	21	6		
Yokohama	21	6		
Nagoya	19	8		
Sendai	17	9		
Nara 14		10	203	

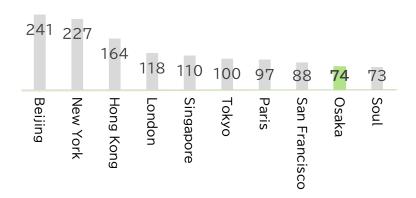
(Source) "Country & City Rankings", "2019 ICCA Statistics Report



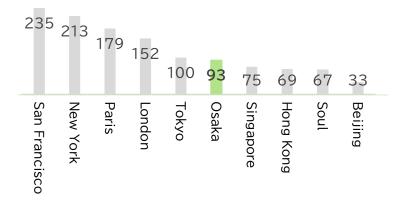
6-2 Comfortable Working and Living Environment

Low cost

Office rent



Personnel expenses



(Source) JETRO Investment Cost Comparison Model Case (Cost Estimate Guide) Comparison with each city with the cost in Tokyo set at 100

Consultation counter for foreigners

A full range of consultation desks for general living support is available in each local government, such as multilingual status of residence, labor / work, medical care, welfare, and education.

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(Public interest incorporated foundation) Kyoto Prefectural International Center https://www.kpic.or.jp/english.html	(Public interest incorporated foundation) KYOTO CITY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION https://www.kcif.or.jp/en	
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Nara Prefecture International Citizens Center https://www.pref.nara.jp/31956.htm	(Public interest incorporated foundation) Wakayama International Exchange Center http://www.wixas.or.jp/english/	

Providing living information for people from overseas

Based on the decision by the Council for the Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan, the JETRO website collects and provides living information on hospitals, banks, cell phones, electricity and gas supply, and more.

JETRO HP	「Living in Japan」 https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/setting up/living.html	
	「Attractive Local Regions in Japan」 https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/region/	

6-3 Kansai, a comfortable region to live in

Examples of companies providing lifestyle support to foreign visitors and residents in Japan

YOLO JAPAN CORPORATION



https://www.yolo-japan.com/en/





Yolo Japan Corporation is a one-stop provider of necessary services for foreigners to settle in Japan after entering the country. Approximately 220,000 people from 226 countries and regions use its services.

In September 2019, it opened Yolo Base, a facility combining hotel, restaurant and event space functions, in Naniwa-ku, Osaka, with the aim of using it as a base for creating liveliness where people of various nationalities can gather.

Dream Catcher Inc.

https://dreamcatcher.co.jp/

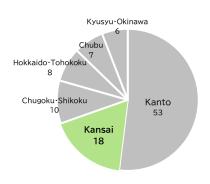




Dream Catcher Inc. is working to improve the medical interpretation environment to ensure the safety and security of foreign visitors and residents in Japan. Since multilingual services at medical institutions require specialized interpreters, a subsidiary established by the company provides services such as remote medical interpretation, hospital guidance, and medical interpreter training. The company is making efforts to improve the medical interpretation environment, aiming to make it a safe and secure infrastructure for foreign visitors and residents in Japan.

International schools (International Baccalaureate-accredited schools)

There are 18 International Baccalaureate-accredited schools in Kansai. Graduates of those high schools obtain university admissions qualification in Japan and many other countries around the world.



Number of International Baccalaureateaccredited schools in Kansai

Shiga1、Kyoto4、Osaka7、Nara1、Hyogo5

International Baccalaureate

An educational program implemented in over 5,000 schools in more than 159 countries and regions around the world to cultivate the skills and abilities needed to respond to globalization

(Source) Website of the MEXT consortium for promotion of IB education in Japan

The Global Liveability Index 2021

Osaka was ranked the second most livable city worldwide in 2021 (overall rating). Osaka's stability and healthcare were highly rated.

Ranking	City Name	Overall rating	Stability	Healthcare	Culture & Environment	Education	Infrastructure
1	Auckland	96.0	95	95.8	97.9	100.0	92.9
2	Osaka	94.2	100	100	83.1	91.7	96.4
3	Adelaide	94.0	95	100	83.8	100.0	96.4
4	Wellington	93.7	95	91.7	95.1	100.0	89.3
4	Tokyo	93.7	100	100	84.0	91.7	92.9

(Source) "The Global Liveability Index 2021", The Economist *Note: Maximum index of 100