

Why not do your business in KANSAI ?

∼ Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe ∼



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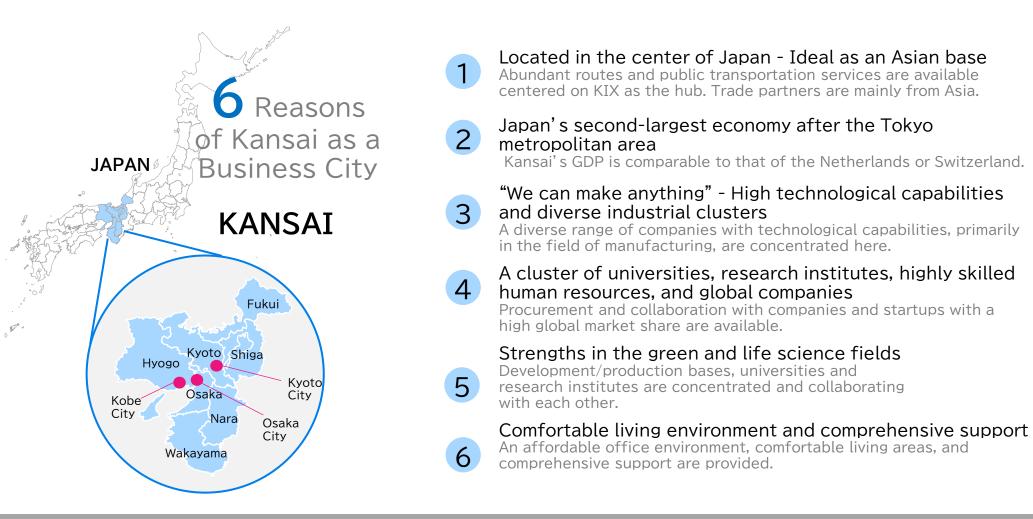
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Introduction

The Attractiveness of Kansai as a Business City

- Kansai refers to an area centered around Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe, which comprises seven prefectures (Fukui, Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, and Wakayama).
- As indicated in the "Six reasons of Kansai as a Business City," Kansai has an excellent business environment.
- With Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan approaching in 2025, Kansai is currently developing its international urban systems, attracting attention from around the world.



Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

In Kansai, Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan will be held with the participation of various countries and international
organizations from all over the world.

of visitors: Sub-themes:

Concept:

Goals:



Theme: Designing Future Society for Our Lives

Period: April 13-October 13, 2025 Venue: Yumeshima Island, Osaka

Official mascot character of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan MYAKU-MYAKU ©Expo 2025

Diverse pavilions

Signature Pavilions

Eight producers have developed attractive pavilions to give shape to the theme of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan.

- **Domestic Pavilions**: Exhibitions by 13 companies and organizations
- Japan Pavilion

Realizing the theme of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan and communicating Japan's initiatives

International Pavilions by foreign and international organizations

Foreign exhibitions by over 160 countries and regions and over 9 international organizations, etc.

TEAM EXPO program

<u>Co-creation activities</u> that will realize the theme of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan and contribute to achieving the SDGs have been registered. Some of them will be announced at the venue. <u>https://team.expo2025.or.jp/</u>

Future Society Showcase Projects

You will be able to experience <u>demonstrations of</u> <u>next-generation technologies and social systems</u> (virtual venues, advanced air mobility, electric buses, etc.) that give a sense of the future, befitting Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan.

Theme Weeks

Each week, a different global issue will be chosen as the theme, and a "dialogue program" and a "business exchange" will be conducted to discuss solutions and to take concrete action, respectively.

Events

A variety of events will be held at the venue. E.g., exhibitions and conferences to spread the appeal of Japanese startups and small and medium-sized enterprises, etc.



Nationwide travel information related to the theme of Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan is provided. https://www.expo2025travel.jp/



Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals

Achievement of Japan's national strategy "Society 5.0"

Expected number Approximately 28.2 million people

Saving Lives Empowering Lives Connecting Lives People's Living Lab

(SDGs)



Provided by: Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

Future Society Showcase Project: Electric buses for visitor mobility



Provided by: The Kansai Electric Power Company, Inc. / Osaka Metro Co., Ltd.



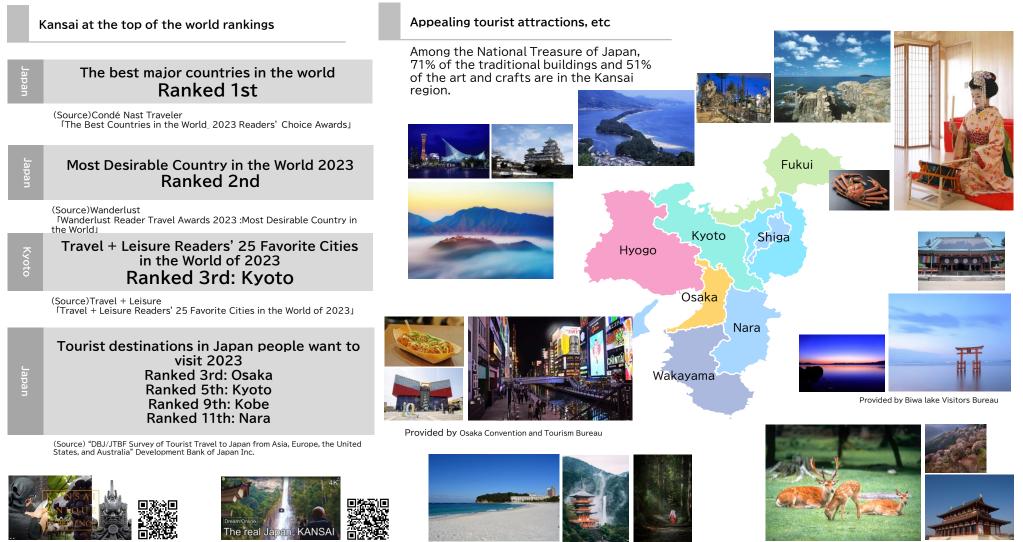
Advance tickets on sale now https://www.expo2025.or.jp/tickets-index/

Introduction

Kansai, an Attractive Tourist Destination

Provided by KANSAI Tourism Bureau

• As the birthplace of a wide variety of performing arts and cultural attractions, Kansai including Kyoto and Osaka boasts a high concentration of all kinds of tourist attractions, including many World Heritage sites, varied food cultures, seasonal natural beauty, and diverse hands-on activities.

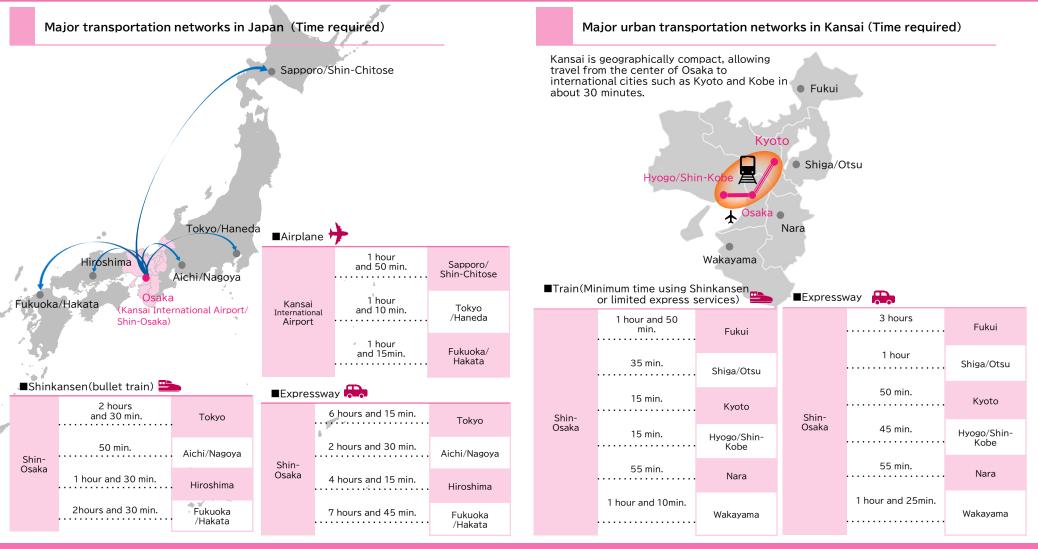


Provided by Wakayama Prefecture Tourism Federation

1 Location of the Kansai region and Highly Developed Infrastructure

1-1 Location of the Kansai region and transportation infrastructure

- Kansai is located almost in the center of Japan and has a well-developed transportation network including air, rail, and road.
- There is convenient access to Tokyo and other major cities in Japan and various parts of Kansai. In particular, Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe are adjacent to each other and can be reached in about 30 minutes.



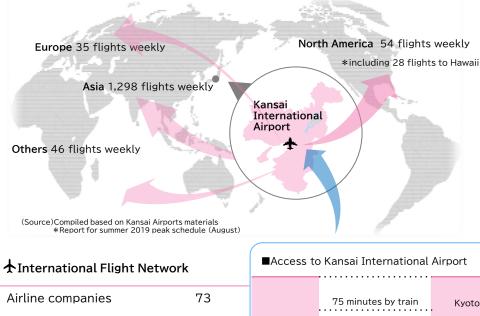
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1 Location of the Kansai region and Highly Developed Infrastructure

1-2 Kansai is connected to the world/Asia by many routes

- Kansai International Airport is located in the center of Kansai, Japan, and operates 24 hours a day as an international cargo hub. It is connecting Asia and the rest of the world.
- In 2019, the number of flights in service per week reached 1,570.
- In 2019, KIX provides direct access to 56 cities in Asia, and has 21 international LCCs connecting it to 29 additional cities, the largest network access among all the other domestic airports.
- Kansai plays a core role in Asia, with airports and seaports able to handle large volumes of cargo as an international trade hub.

★ Details of international passenger flights by destination area





■Access to Kansai International Airport					
-	75 minutes by train	Kyoto			
Kansai Internatio nal Airport	47 minutes by train 50 minutes by bus	Osaka/ Umeda			
	83 minutes by train 65 minutes by bus	Kobe/ Sannomiya			

A 24-hour airport, Japan's first joint fixed-temperature storage for medicines

•The only one in Japan! 24-hour Airport with multiple 4000-meter runways.

-- The first in Japan to be able to pack and store pharmaceuticals at a constant temperature for export, realizing cool chain transportation of pharmaceuticals!

-- Large-scale renovations are planned to significantly expand and enhance international flight capacity!







(KIX-Medipac)

Shared constant temperature storage for pharmaceutical product



Terminal 1

Security checkpoint *Image Partial pre-opening in september 2024 Scheduled for complete renewal in spring 2025

Provided by Kansai Airports

🗁 Regular foreign trade containers using Kansai ports

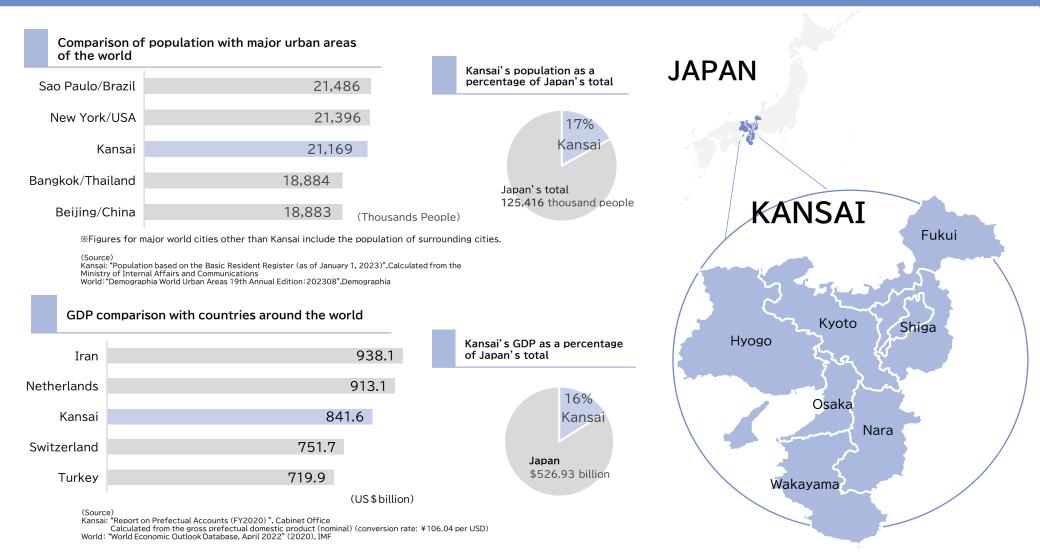
Asia and near areas	139.6(flights weekly)	Ine Port	
North America	6		Maizuru Port
Europe	1	Himeji Port	3 L -
Others	5.3	Kobe Port	 Osaka Port Sakai Senboku
(Source) "Number of foreign trade con	tainer chine visiting Japan on regular	Shimotsu Port	Port
sea lanes (ships/week) " Ministry of Land, Infrastruct		Hidaka Port	• Shingu
*As of May 2022 *Total of ports in Kansai serv	ed by regular oceangoing containers.		Port

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2 The Large Kansai Economy

2-1 The Large Kansai Economy

• Kansai is an area that is located in the center of Japan and has a huge market with a population of approximately 21.2 million and a GDP of approximately \$842 billion.



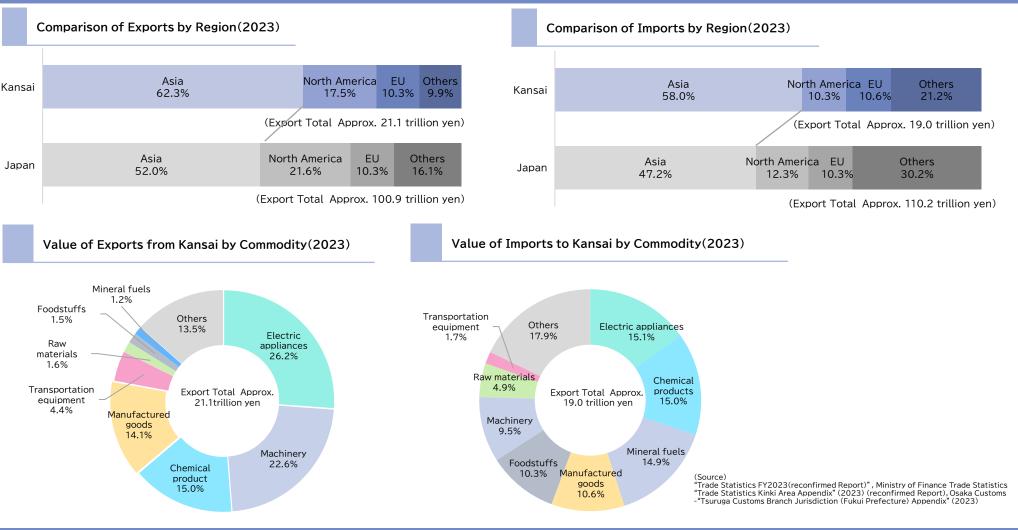
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2 The Large Kansai Economy

2-2 Trade Value by Region and Product

- Kansai has been selected as a location for business hubs in Asia due to its higher percentage of exports to and imports from Asia than the rest of Japan.
- Electric appliances, machinery and chemical products constitute a high percentage of exports from Kansai because many global manufacturers in the fields of machinery (home appliances, motors, construction/agricultural machinery, etc.) and chemical products (medical products, plastics etc.) are located in the region.



3-1 Diverse Industries in a Diverse Region

Industrial field by region in Kansai

Fukui

- Lacquerware manufacturing industry
- Textile industry (knit fabric manufacturing industry, dyeing arrangement industry)

Shiga

- Electrical machinery and equipment manufacturing industry (consumer electrical machinery, etc.)
- Glass and product manufacturing industry

Kyoto

- Electronic component / device / electronic circuit manufacturing industry
- Textile industry (dyeing and sorting industry, textile industry)

Osaka

- Other service industry
- Various product wholesale businesses, etc.
- Transportation machinery and equipment manufacturing industry

Hyogo

- Tanned leather, tanned leather product, fur manufacturing industry (Tanned leather manufacturing industry, bag manufacturing industry)
- General-purpose machinery and equipment manufacturing industry (boiler / prime mover manufacturing industry)

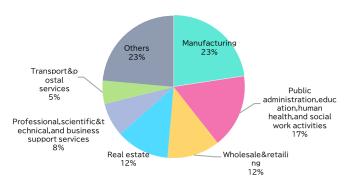
Nara

- Fur manufacturing
- Textile industry (Kimono (Japanese clothing) / other clothing manufacturing industry, knit fabric manufacturing industry)

Wakayama

- Textile industry (knit fabric manufacturing industry)
- Textile machinery manufacturing industry
- Petroleum product / coal product manufacturing industry (lubricating oil / grease manufacturing industry)

(Source) Based on the data of the Statistics Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications "2016 (Helsei28) Economic Census Activity Syurey", the industries with high employee number specialization coefficient are listed (created by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Kansai Bureau). Composition ratio (%) of Kansai's (nominal) GDP by industry



"We can make anything": a manufacturing industry hub

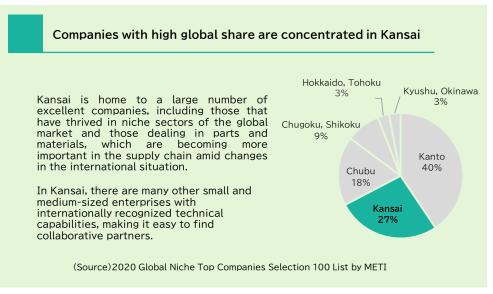
A variety of industrial fields are concentrated in Kansai, from upstream to downstream, including materials, parts processing, and cutting-edge product manufacturing.

National share of manufactured goods shipments						
Textile industry (28.0%)	Chemical industry (19.7%)	Tanned leather, tanned leather product, fur manufacturing industry (27.1%)	Steel (22.3%)			
Metal product manufacturing industry (21.8%)	Machinery and equipment manufacturing industry for general purpose (30.6%)	Electrical machinery and equipment manufacturing industry (20.1%)	Manufacture of production machinery (28.6%)			

(Source) "Report on Prefectural Accounts" ,by the Cabinet Office(FY2019)

(Source)"2022 Census of Manufacture Regional Statistics Table", METI

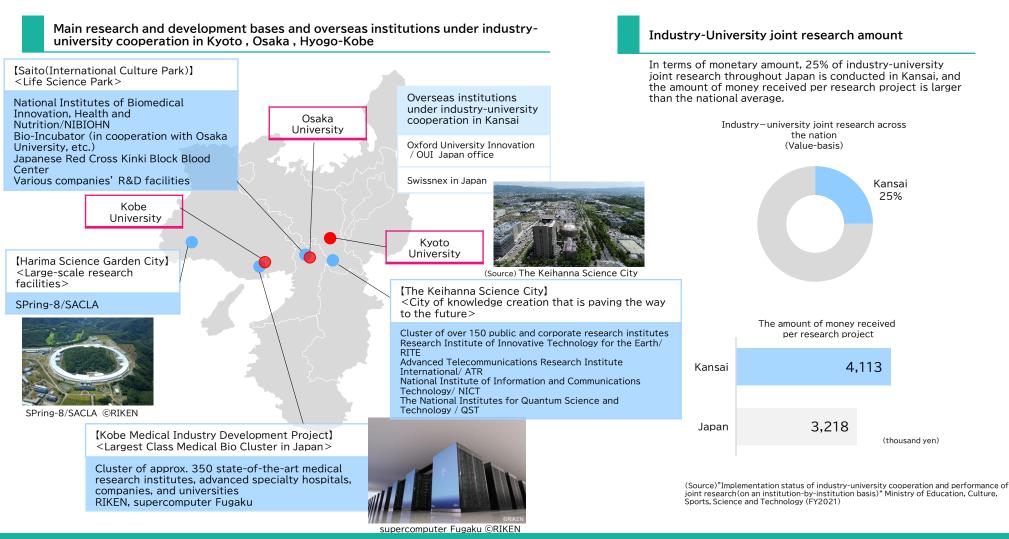
*Note:Figures in parentheses indicate Kansai's share of the national total



3 Attractive Industries, Great Intellectual Cluster

3-2 University/Research Institute Clusters

- Kansai is home to a cluster of prestigious universities and research institutions.
- Distinctive R&D bases have been formed and a large number of prestigious universities are clustered in the region. As such, domestic and international industry-university cooperation is in progress.



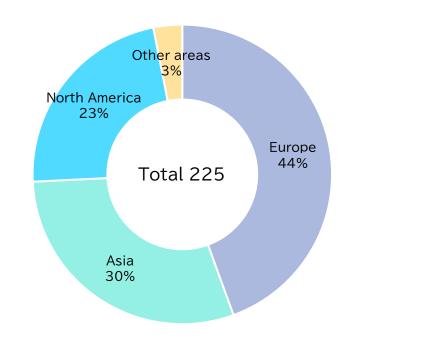
4 Diversity of Foreign-Affiliated Companies in Kansai

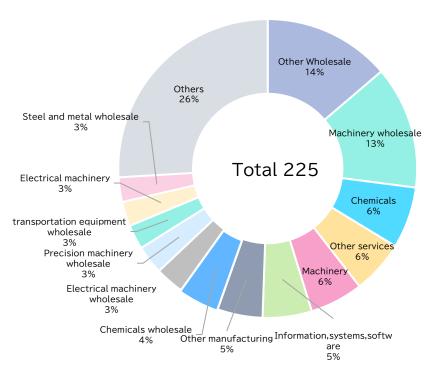
4-1 Foreign-Affiliated Companies in Kansai

- U.S. and European companies comprise the largest portion of foreign-affiliated companies in Kansai. Asian companies also comprise 30% which is larger than the national average of 20%.
- By type of industry, foreign-affiliated companies in the manufacturing sector (machinery, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, precision machinery, etc.) comprise approximately 31% of the industry, a significantly larger percentage compared to the national average of 20.7%.

Companies by region (2023)

Companies by industry(2023)





(Source)"Foreign Companies Database 2023" ,Toyo Keizai Inc *Foreign-affiliated: Foreign capital of 20% or more (including branch offices, etc.)

4-2 Examples of Foreign-Affiliated Companies in Kansai

Company name	Field	Location base	Parent company nationality	Company name	Field	Location base	Parent company nationality
Bayer Yakuhin, Ltd	Pharmaceutical	Shiga, <u>Osaka</u>	Germany	USJ LLC.	Leisure, entertainment	<u>Osaka</u>	USA
AstraZeneca K.K.	Pharmaceutical	Shiga, <u>Osaka</u>	UK	Nestlé Japan Ltd.	Foodstuff	Osaka, <u>Hyogo</u>	Switzerland
Abbott Japan LLC	Pharmaceutical	Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo	USA	Tata Consultancy Services Japan	Consulting	Osaka	India
ELI LILLY JAPAN K.K.	Pharmaceutical	Нуодо	USA	Plug and Play Japan	Other service	Kyoto, Osaka	USA
ICON Clinical Research GK	Other service	<u>Osaka</u>	Ireland	TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd.	Other service	Osaka	Germany
BASF Japan Ltd.	Chemical	Osaka, Hyogo	Germany	AIG Japan Holdings Kabushiki Kaisha	Other service	Osaka	USA
P&G Japan Limited	Chemical	Shiga, Osaka, <u>Hyogo</u>	USA	Svanehøj Japan LLC	Other wholesalers	Нуодо	Denmark
RECARO Japan Co., Ltd.	Transport equipment/ Precision mechanical equipment	Shiga	Germany				
Caterpillar Japan LLC	Machinery Wholesale	Fukui, Shiga, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama	USA	(Source)"Foreign Companies Database 2 Toyo Keizai Inc. and the compa		O and O-BIC	
Haier Japan Sales Co., Ltd.	Electrical equipment wholesale	<u>Osaka</u>	China	*The companies listed here have the the the the the the the the the th	neir HQ, a sales base or a res	search institute in Ka	ansai.
Diesel Japan Co., Ltd.	Textile and clothing wholesale	<u>Osaka</u>	Italy	Prefecture names in the table indicate the location of bases in the Kansai area. (Underlined: the prefecture where the head office in Japan is located) Country/region names in the table indicate the location of the parent company.			
IKEA Japan K.K.	Other wholesale	Osaka, Hyogo	Netherlands	OThe website of the Kansai Burea foreign-affiliated companies oper		d Industry feature	es interviews with
Gripple Japan K.K.	Other wholesale	Нуодо	UK	Examples of foreign-affiliated companies in Kansai https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/3-1toukou/invest kansai/en/e companies.html			
Salesforce Japan Co.,Ltd.	Information/ Systems/Software	Osaka, Wakayama	USA				

5 Growth Industries in Kansai

5-1 Green Innovation(Storage Batteries)

- Kansai is a major base for development and production in storage battery industries such as lithium-ion batteries and Redox Flow Batteries using vanadium.
- The industrial cluster consists of battery manufacturers and related component/material and device manufacturers, whose shipments account for more than 30% of the national market share.
- The Kansai region is home to a cluster of production bases, including many manufacturers of storage batteries and manufacturing equipment as well as suppliers of components, backed by the technology cultivated in traditional industries such as textiles.

Many lithium-ion battery production bases are located in Kansai! Automotive (and consumer/industrial, etc.) Lithium-ion battery production base Consumer/Industrial Lithium-ion battery production base



(Source)Survey by METI, Battery association of Japan compiled based on private-public consultative meeting materials

Evaluation and testing facility supporting materials development

National Institute of Technology and Evaluation





National LABoratory for advanced energy storage technologies(NLAB) World 's Largest Thermostatic "Large Storage Battery System Test and Evaluation" Facility

Compatible with container-sized storage battery systems

The NLAB, located in Suminoe-ku, Osaka, can safely handle combustion, explosion, and toxic gases generated during the testing of lithium-ion batteries, allowing the testing and evaluation of large storage battery systems to be conducted in NLAB's indoor type testing facility, regardless of weather conditions. Various other functional tests such as seismic wave, transportation vibration, nail penetration, and drop tests are also available. Additionally, in order to test for the next generation battery such as all solid-state battery the test facilities were enhanced in March 2024.

Examples of companies working on next-generation storage batteries



A production facility for new automotive lithium-ion batteries(4680) will be installed at the Wakayama Plant, with mass production scheduled to begin in FY2024.





Long-life, High-safety Storage Battery "Redox Flow Battery"

SUMITOMO

The company develops and manufactures Redox Flow Battery, which stabilize the power grid, achieve load leveling through power peak shifting, and enhance power resilience, all of which are necessary to expand the introduction of renewable energy.

Consortium for Lithium-Ion Battery Technology and Evaluation Research Center $\ (LIBTEC)$





▲Equipped with prototype and evaluation equipment

To assist companies in developing new materials for lithium-ion batteries, the consortium creates standard battery models in line with battery market trends, creates material evaluation methods, and performs evaluation analysis. Thirty-five companies, including battery manufacturers, material chemical companies, and automotive companies, are involved as members.

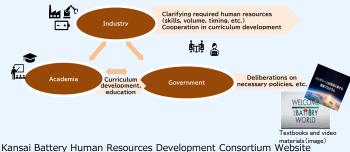


LIBTEC Director-General Dr. Yoshino Akira

• 2019 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry • Graduated from the Graduate Schools of Engineering at Kyoto University and Osaka University • Honorary Fellow, Asahi Kasei Corporation

"Kansai Storage Battery Human Resource Development Consortium" established

Together with the Battery Association of Japan (BAJ) and the Battery Association for Supply Chain (BASC), the Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry has established the "Kansai Storage Battery Human Resource Development Consortium," comprising industry, academia and government, with the aim of developing and securing human resources that meet industry needs and achieving the storage battery industry strategy. We are working on making battery training more concrete.



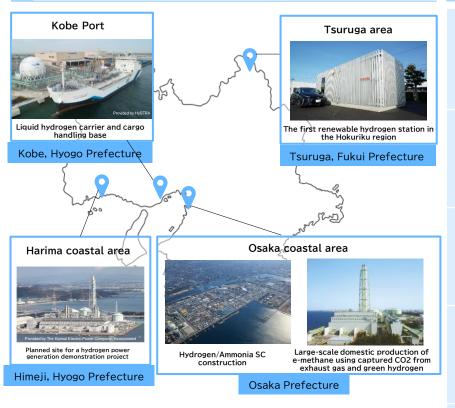
https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/3jisedai/battery/consortium.html

5 Growth Industries in Kansai

5-2 Green Innovation (Hydrogen)

- Kansai is home to many manufacturing companies, including heavy industries in port areas, and has high potential for the demand and supply of hydrogen.
- Various companies in Kansai are developing technologies in the hydrogen field by using their core technologies and are leading the country in many hydrogen-related demonstration projects.

Port areas in Kansai working toward carbon neutrality



Data collection of hydrogen-related companies in Kansai

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https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/5-



We have compiled data showing examples of companies based in Kansai that have entered the hydrogen field.



Current projects for public implementation of hydrogen in various parts of Kansai

The world's first facility capable of consistently validating technologies from hydrogen production to power generation is now in operation

OMitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. Takasago City, Hyogo Prefecture In order to achieve the early commercialization of hydrogen power generation, MHI has established the Takasago Hydrogen Park within its Takasago Machinery Works, where development, design, manufacturing, and validation facilities are located. The park is the world's first facility for consistently validating technologies from hydrogen production to power generation, in which hydrogen production tests and hydrogen power generation tests at a large-scale validation facility are currently conducted.



OKawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. × Iwatani Corporation × Shell Japan Ltd. Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture

The CO₂-free Hydrogen Energy Supply-chain Technology Research Association (HySTRA) has successfully conducted a technology demonstration using the world's first liquid hydrogen carrier "Suiso Frontier" to transport liquid hydrogen, including hydrogen derived from brown coal, from Australia to Japan, and unload it at the liquid hydrogen cargo handling terminal "Hy touch Kobe" (Kobe City).

Japan's first commercial liquid hydrogen production plant

OHydro Edge Co., Ltd. Sakai City, Osaka Prefecture Hydro Edge began commercial operation in 2006 as Japan's first commercial liquid hydrogen production plant, contributing to a stable supply of liquid hydrogen in the country. Expansion work was carried out in 2020, and the plant's annual liquid hydrogen production capacity has reached 60 million m³, making it the largest plant of its kind in Japan.

Demonstration of RE100 solutions using hydrogen

OPanasonic Corporation Kusatsu City, Shiga Prefecture

Panasonic's H2 KIBOU FIELD is a demonstration facility for "RE100 solutions", in which aiming to use 100% of the power for site operations generated from renewable resources by using a self-sustaining power system that combines 99 5-kW pure hydrogen fuel cell generators and photovoltaic generators (approx. 570 kW) as well as lithium-ion storage batteries (approx. 1.1 MWh). It has been in operation since April 15, 2022.

Hydrogen fuel cell ship in action at Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan

OIwatani Corporation Osaka City, Osaka Prefecture

A hydrogen fuel cell ship runs on hybrid power of electricity generated by fuel cells and plug-in power. It uses only hydrogen and oxygen from the air, and emits zero CO_2 during operation. At Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, the first passenger service on a hydrogen fuel cell ship in Japan is scheduled to operate (from Nakanoshima Gate to Universal City Port to the Expo 2025 venue).

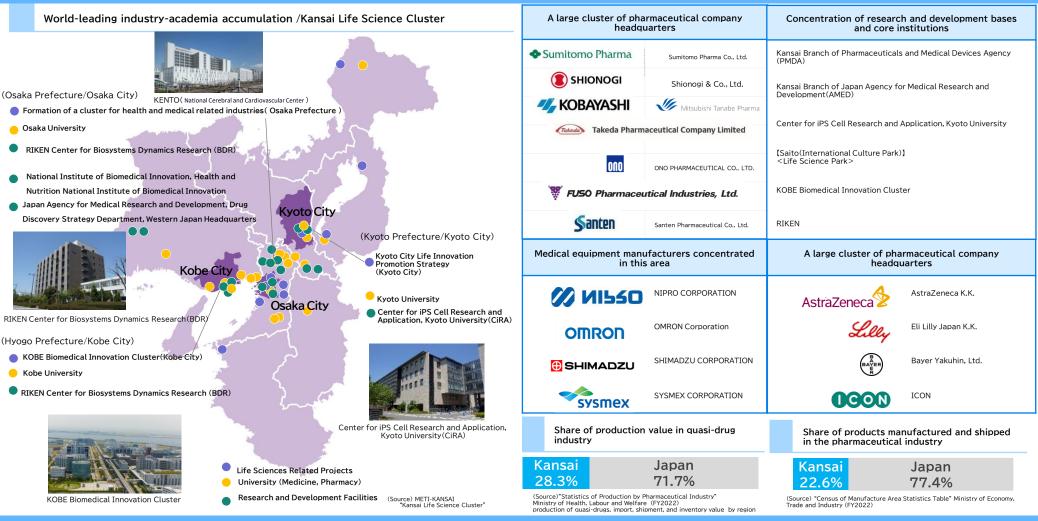




5 Growth Industries in Kansai

5-3 Life Science Innovation

- Since Kansai has long been a center of medicine, it is home to many pharmaceutical company headquarters, foreign-affiliated companies, and medical equipment manufacturers closely working with each other.
- Various industrial clusters have been formed in each area, centered around Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe, and these are concentrated compactly within a travel distance of about 30 minutes to an hour.
- World-leading research, including clinical research and trials applying iPS cell technology, as well as efforts toward its practical application and industrialization are actively carried out.

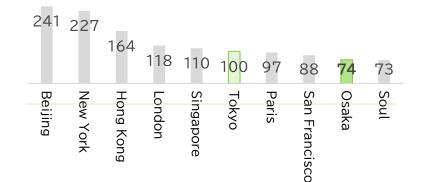


6 Well-equipped Business / Living Environment

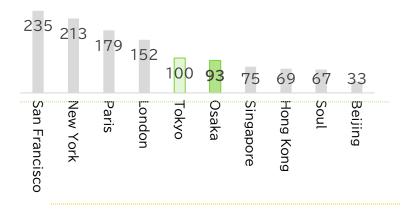
6-1 Comfortable Working and Living Environment

Low cost

■Office rent



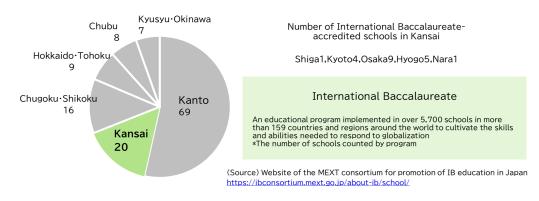
■Personnel expenses



(Source) JETRO Investment Cost Comparison Model Case (Cost Estimate Guide) Comparison with each city with the cost in Tokyo set at 100 *Based on 2021

International schools (International Baccalaureate-accredited schools)

There are 20 International Baccalaureate-accredited schools in Kansai. Graduates of those high schools obtain university admissions qualification in Japan and many other countries around the world.



The Global Liveability Index 2023

Osaka was ranked the 10th most livable city worldwide in 2023 (overall rating). Osaka has been ranked in the top 10 four times over the past five years, and its stability and healthcare in particular are highly rated.

Ranking	City Name	Overrall rating	Stability	Healthcare	Culture& Environment	Education	Infrastructur e
1	Vienna	98.4	100.0	100.0	93.5	100.0	100.0
2	Copenhagen	98.0	100.0	95.8	95.4	100.0	100.0
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9	Toronto	96.5	100.0	100.0	94.4	100.0	89.3
10	Osaka	96.0	100.0	100.0	86.8	100.0	96.4
10	Auckland	96.0	100.0	100.0	86.8	100.0	96.4

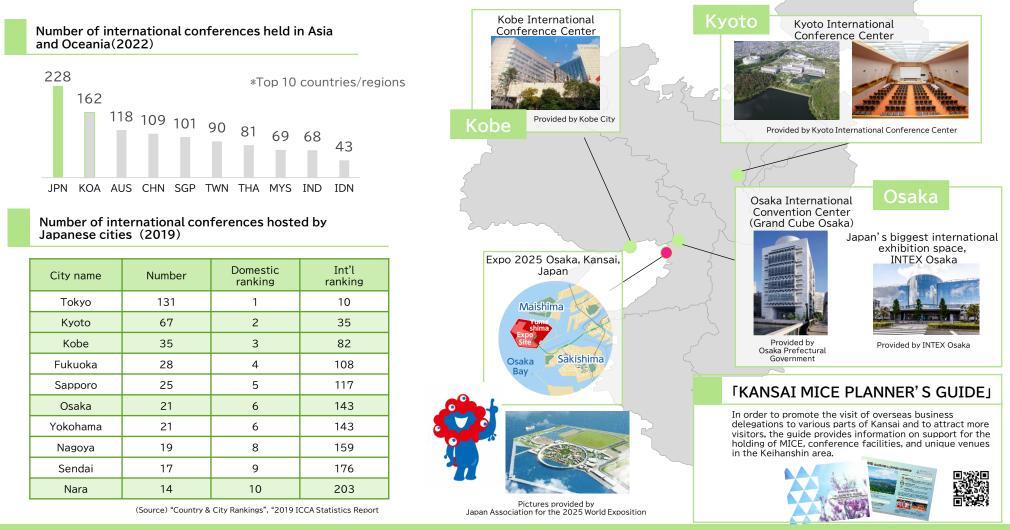
(Source) "The Global Liveability Index 2023", The Economist *Note: Maximum index of 100

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6 Well-equipped Business / Living Environment

6-2 Kansai is one of the locations where international conferences are hosted in any other areas of Asia

- Kansai has international conference halls representing Japan, and Kansai is Asia's leading international conference location.
- Japan hosted the largest number of international conferences in Asia and Oceania in 2022, of which approximately 20% were hosted in Kansai.
- Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan will be held in Yumeshima, Osaka



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7-1 Support Systems for Foreign Investment in Kansai

JETRO Invest Japan Business Support Center, Osaka (JETRO IBSC Osaka) Address: Osaka-Kokusai Bldg.

- 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

Osaka

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.

29F, 2-3-13, Azuchi-machi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, Osaka 541-0052

TEL: +81-6-4705-8660 URL: https://www.jetro.go.jp/jetro/japan/osaka

Contact points to support investment in Japan are available in each

prefecture around Kansai.

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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7 Support for Foreign Investment

7-2 Support for Foreign Investment in Japan by Kyoto, Osaka, and Kobe

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



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Visa acquisit support	tion	0	0	×	×	
Expert supp	ort	0	0	0	*In collaboration with JETRO and Kobe City	
Arranging business meetings		*Exhibition participation support	×	0	×	
Introduction of business properties		0	0	★In addition to the usual property introductions, we also offer retail offices for up to six months free of charge as a base for preparing for business expansion.	0	
Support fo securing hur resources	nan	×	0	0	*Employment subsidy	

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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		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 be="" can="" english="" filed="" in=""></application>					
	Assistance for fund raising	Fundraising assistance offered by Small and Medium Business Investment & Consultation Co., Ltd. (Also applicabl incorporated companies with capital of 300 million yen or more) *Applicable only to SMEs	le to				
Specific efforts	Acceleration of patent examinations	Accelerating patent application screening and proceedings [about 22 months in ordinary cases → shortened to about 2 months] (FY2011 actual)					
	Shortened investment procedures	Shortened screening period of advance notifications of direct inward investment, etc. in industries subject to reg [30 days in ordinary cases → shortened to 2 weeks]	ulations				
	Acceleration of status of residency examinations						
Details and latest information	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry: Promotion of foreign direct investment in Japan, Act for Promotion of Japan as an Asian Business Center						
For Inquiries	Investment Facilitation Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and I	Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, ndustry TEL:03-3501-1662	-				
Action Plan for	Attracting Human and	Financial Resources from Overseas					
Outline The Government of Japan adopted the Action Plan for Attracting Human and Financial Resources from Overseas at the Council for Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan on April 26, 2023. It also established the Task Force for Attracting Human and Financial Resources from Overseas, which follows up on the progress of the initiatives of relevant government ministries and agencies, identifies issues and international barriers in terms of systems, assists in the operation of the Council for Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan, and coordinates with relevant government ministries and agencies. Outline Specific Undertakings> 1. Stimulating investment in strategic sectors and restructuring global supply chains in light of the changes in the international environment 2. Strategies for the formation of Asia's largest startup hub 3. Attracting highly skilled foreign professionals, and improving the system for establishing a center for global knowledge exchange 4. Improving the business and living environment to attract human resources and investment and to follow up this Action Plan, and globally disseminating these undertakings on the occasion of the G7 and other international environment to attract investment and to follow up this Action Plan, and globally disseminating these undertakings on the occasion of the G7 and other international environment and to follow up this Action Plan, and globally disseminating these undertakings on the occasion of the G7 and other international events							
Details and latest information Cabinet Office Invest Japan Council for Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment in Japan, https://www.cao.go.jp/invest-japan/enindex.html							



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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: 1.5% or less per year)	Period of application	JPY ¥500 million (JPY ¥1 billion if specially approved)	
		Assistance for equipment acquisition of companies that can cooperate with prefectural projects. (Subsidy amount: 25% investment /No employment requirements)	-	JPY ¥1 billion	
	Corporate attraction subsidy (facility maintenance subsidy)	Subsidy for equipment acquisition related to general manufacturing industry and advanced technology industry (subsidy amount 10 to 20% of acquisition)	-	JPY ¥1 billion	
Subsidy program		Subsidy for equipment acquisition and new employment related to head office functions (including test research) (subsidy rate 25%)	-	JPY ¥300 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 Fukui Prefecture

Our prefecture has a comprehensive support system for companies with an environment that encourages young people and women to work, and for offices that accept "U/I-turners."

The transportation network will be further strengthened with the opening of the Hokuriku Shinkansen between Fukui and Tsuruga on March 16, 2024 and the opening of the Chubu Jukan Expressway in spring 2026.

We are also currently developing a new prefectural industrial park, and will do our utmost to support companies that are considering investing or expanding into rural areas with generous incentives.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Contact desk >

Fukui

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Shiga

7-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments



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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount	
	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)	
Subsidy	Industrial Location Strategy Promotion Subsidy	Subsidize part of the costs for setting up headquarters, factories, research and development facilities, etc. in growth sectors	_	JPY ¥1 billion (Capital investment:JPY ¥900 million, public health facilities: JPY ¥100 million)	
	Subsidy for promoting information and communications industry locations	Subsidize part of the rent, communication fees, etc. required for information and communications businesses from outside the prefecture to set up new offices, etc. within Shiga Prefecture	-	JPY ¥6.5 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	Uneven taxation of real estate acquisition tax	Real estate acquisition tax exemption [Act on Strengthening a Framework for Regional Growth and Development by Promoting Regional Economy Advancement Projects]			
	Uneven taxation of business tax, exemption from and uneven taxation of real estate acquisition tax	In the target areas and businesses, business tax will be unevenly taxed for three years, and real estate acquisition tax will be exempted and unevenly taxed. [Regional base strengthening tax system]			

Message from Shiga Prefecture



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 Investment Promotion Division as a centralized contact point for companies located in the prefecture to quickly respond to issues in the operating environment and Establishing a new support system to promote capital investment. Please consider investing in Shiga Prefecture.

"Shiga Prefecture Company Location Guide "

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



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Kyoto^①

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Kyoto City

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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
		al Location Strategy 21 res 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.	Kupta
Subsidy	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.	Kyoto Prefecture
program	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	
	Subsidy for promoting the location of rental business facilities	Large-scale office building location support system	Subsidies for the amount of property tax and city planning tax for new construction or expansion of a tenant office building with a rental office floor area of 3,000 m2 or more in the office lab promotion district will be provided. Subsidy amount: Equivalent to property tax and city planning tax	2 years	JPY 100milion	Kyoto City
		of rental business				

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Kyoto City

Kyoto²

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	Name of support systems		Contents	Period of application	limit amount	Local government who carried out incentives					
	Kyoto-type glo enterprise fos		Rank A companies certified by the Kyoto City Venture Company Connoisseur Committee will receive subsidies equivalent to property 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 property 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						
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 JPY 200,000	Up to 2 years	Up to JPY 10 million per year 2 years total: Up to JPY 20 million						
		firm location promotion institutional	firm location promotion institutional	firm location promotion institutional	firm location promotion institutional	firm location promotion institutional	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.	Kyoto City
							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 office with headquarters functions, 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 property 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	
			When building new factories, etc. in the manufacturing industry agglomeration promotion area, reduced by up to half on condition of new employment creation, etc.	when acquiring a house or land for business use	JPY 200million	Kyoto Prefecture					
Tax cuts	Real estate acc reduction meas		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					

7-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments

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Examples of incentives offered by local governments 7-4



Osaka① *Please contact the local government for details on various support systems.						
	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount	Local government who carried out incentives	
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 for Foreign-	Subsidize the cost of acquiring an office for foreign-affiliated companies that have their office with headquarters functions in Osaka Prefecture. (5% of office / equipment, etc.)	-	JPY ¥100 million		
Subsidy program	Affiliated Companies	Subsidize the cost of renting an office to foreign-affiliated companies whose office with headquarters functions is located in Osaka Prefecture (One-third of the rent, etc)	24 months	JPY ¥60 million	Osaka	
	Subsidy for Investment	Subsidies for investment in new construction / extension / renovation of factories or R & D facilities in the designated area	-	JPY ¥30 million	Prefecture	
	Promotion	Subsidy for corporate business tax (However, only when subsidized for the above investment)	-	JPY ¥20 million		
	Subsidies for Establishing a Base for Foreign Financial Companies	Subsidies are provided to foreign financial companies to cover part of the necessary expenses when they set up a new business office (hereinafter referred to as "base establishment") in Osaka City.	After a preliminary survey or base establishment, by January 31 of the same fiscal year	Subsidy for preliminary survey:JPY ¥ 1.1 million yen Subsidy for base establishment : JPY ¥10 million yen	Osaka Prefecture/ Osaka City	
	Subsidy for locating head office functions	Subsidies for building rental fees (up to half the rent) will be provided to businesses (with a domestic business history of 5 years or more) that are newly establishing offices with head office functions in Osaka City.	24 months	JPY ¥ 1 million per month	Osaka 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	Sakai City	
	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 City

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Sakai City

Osaka2 *Please		*Please cor	ntact the local government for details on various support systems.				
	Name of support systems		Contents Period of application		limit amount	Local government who carried out incentives	
Tax Incentive System for Special Zone for Growing industries		ne for Growing	When entering a special growth zone in the prefecture, receiving approval for a business plan, and conducting business related to new energy and fe science, the maximum prefectural tax is zero (coordination with Osaka City, etc.)			Osaka Prefecture	
Tax cuts	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)				
	Special local tax incentive for foreign financial companies		For foreign financial companies operating in the asset management or fintech businesses that set up operations in Japan or Osaka City for the first time, local taxes (corporate inhabitant tax (prefectural inhabitant tax and municipal inhabitant tax) and corporate business tax) will be reduced to up to zero (for up to 10 years).		Osaka Prefecture/ Osaka City		
City tax incentives under the Sakai City Innovation Investment Promotion Ordinance		City Innovation t Promotion	City tax incentives under the Sakai City Innovation Investment Promotion Ordinance			Sakai City	

Message from Osaka Prefecture	Message from Osaka City	Message from Sakai City
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 new business locations and reinvestment by using the prefecture's unique Tax Incentive System for Special Zone for Growing Industries and other incentives. Click here for information on various support measures for business location in Osaka	Global Finance One-Stop Support Center Osaka As part of efforts to make Osaka an international financial city, we provide a one-stop service for foreign financial companies and foreign investors wishing to set up operations in Osaka, providing professional advice on financial licences and consultation on business and daily life. We also provide consultation on the incentives listed in the table above. •Special local tax incentive for foreign financial companies •Subsidies for Establishing a Base for Foreign Financial Companies Please see our website for further details.→	Located almost in the center of the Kansai region, a huge consumer market with a population of 20 million, Sakai City is an ideal location for doing business, boasting one of the largest industrial clusters in the country. The city implements support measures focused on investment in growth industries and research and development functions, such as enactment of the Sakai City Innovation Investment Promotion Ordinance, and is seeing a rise in the concentration of large-scale research facilities. The Nakamozu area has opened an innovation exchange hub called "cha-shitsu," where entrepreneurs and other people who support the area can gather and interact to create new value.

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Tax cuts

etc.

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Kobe City

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	Na	ame of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount
	Employme	nt 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
	Capital investment subsidy		Subsidy for investment related to the acquisition and installation of facilities, equipment, etc. (3% ,5% or 7%) *Hydrogen:10%	-	JPY ¥10 billion
	Establishment support subsidy for foreign/foreign-affiliated companies		Subsidy for market research cost, etc. (up to 1/2)	-	JPY ¥1 million
Subsidy program			Subsidy for corporate registration cost, etc. (up to 1/2)	-	JPY ¥200,000
		t subsidy for foreign/foreign- companies	Subsidy for office rent for foreign/foreign-affiliated companies: Up to 1/2 (1/4 by the prefecture, 1/4 by Kobe City)	3 years	JPY ¥20 million per year
	from outsi	or transfer of headquarters de Kobe City (excluding the 23 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
		of corporate enterprise tax state acquisition tax	Reduction of corporate enterprise tax by one-third or half for 5 years and reduction of real esta JPY ¥200 million) for transfer of headquarters from foreign countries and 3 major metropolitan prefecture		

In the case of strategic industries, property tax, business tax, etc. are reduced by two-thirds for five years (10 years for large-scale Reduction of property tax, business tax, Kobe City special cases) (no upper limit) (half for non-strategic industries)



prefecture.

Message from Kobe City

			English website is here
	PEOPLE	A wealth of human resources	
	LOCATION	Excellent transportation access	
	ASSIST	Provision of financial support	
.AY	YOUR PARTNER	Support for companies that expand into the	city
BE	KOBE	Kobe City is perfect for doing business.	
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Local government

who carried out incentives

Hyogo Prefecture

Hyogo Prefecture, Kobe City

Kobe City

Hyogo Prefecture

Nara

7-4 Examples of incentives offered by local governments



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	Name of support systems	Contents	Period of application	limit amount
	Challenge Fund [Regional future investment promotion]	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
Financing program	Challenge Fund [Accommodation facility development frame]	A loan program available to those who are planning to open a lodging facility in the prefecture or expand or renovate an existing lodging facility in the prefecture and whose business plan has been approved by the governor. (Guarantee fee: 0-0.9%, interest rate:1.75%(*The prefecture will subsidize interest up to 2% for five years from the date of loan execution))	[Equipment funds] Within 20 years (Of which, the deferment period is within 1 year) [Working capital] Within 10 years (Of which, the deferment period is within 1 year)	Maximum JPY ¥280 million
	Start-up capital [Accommodation slots]	A loan program available to those who are planning to start a lodging facility in the prefecture and have their business plan approved by the governor. (Guarantee fee: 0.00% (prefecture bears the full amount), interest rate: 0.00% % (prefecture bears the full amount))	[Equipment funds/Working capital] Within 7 years (Of which, the deferment period is within 1 year)	Maximum JPY ¥15 million
	Subsidy for corporate advancement business promotion	Subsidies are provided to companies that set up factories, research institutes, or specific logistics facilities within the prefecture, or relocate their head office functions.	-	JPY ¥1 billion
	Data Center Location Promotion Subsidy	Subsidies provided to companies that set up data centers	_	JPY ¥200 million
Subsidy program	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
	Accommodation Facility Location Promotion Subsidy	Subsidies are provided to businesses that build or renovate inns and hotels within the prefecture.	-	JPY ¥100 million (The average guest room area is 20 m2 or more and there are 100 or more guest rooms:JPY ¥200 million)
Tax cuts	Real estate acquisition tax, corporate enterprise tax exemption measures	Real estate acquisition tax exemption, corporate enterprise tax reduction mea	asures (three-quarters usual rate,	three years)

Message from Nara Prefecture

Nara Prefecture, an ideal area for business locations

Generous incentive system / Comfortable and convenient transportation network / Affordable land prices We support companies in establishing new offices and expanding operations!

Please see here for Nara Prefecture's support measures!



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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	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
program	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
Tax cuts	Business tax, real estate acquisition tax, property tax, etc.	Reduction of business tax, real estate acquisition tax, property tax, etc. for u	p to 3 years in the desig	nated area

Message from Wakayama Prefecture

Wakayama Prefecture actively promotes efforts to attract companies in order to create new industries and employment opportunities. We listen to the needs of companies and work together with them to quickly and carefully resolve any issues. If you are interested in expanding your business into Wakayama Prefecture, please feel free to contact the Business Location Division or the Wakayama Prefecture Tokyo Office.

We promise to provide all our support so that you will be glad to have chosen Wakayama Prefecture.



Click here for Wakayama Prefecture's support measures

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7-5 Housing Consultation Counter for Foreigners

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.

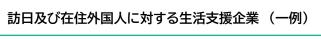
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Nara Prefecture International Citizens Center https://www.pref.nara.jp/65045.htm	(Public interest incorporated foundation) Wakayama International Exchange Center <u>https://wak-kokusai.jp/en/top en/</u>

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.

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YOLO JAPAN CORPORATION provides one-stop services to provide total support for foreigners living in Japan, and has more than 270,000 registered members from 226 countries and regions. "YOLO BASE" a complex that opened in Naniwa Ward, Osaka City in September 2019, features restaurants and event spaces, and is a lively hub where people of various nationalities can interact, contributing to revitalizing the local area.

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Creation of Innovation

Creation of Innovation 8-1

- Efforts are underway to promote open innovation between overseas and Japanese companies including startups, such as through "Japan Innovation Bridge (J-Bridge)" and "International Innovation Conference Hack Osaka."
- Kansai is home to 1,387 companies that lead innovation (as of December 2022; "Kansai Venture Company List" by the Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry). Industry-academia-government efforts to build a startup ecosystem are also in progress.

Japan Innovation Bridge "J-Bridge" https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/j-bridge/



The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and JETRO launched J-Bridge, a business matching platform to create open innovation through collaboration between Japanese and overseas companies, in 2021. It facilitates such collaboration in both the digital and green fields by providing support for business matching, such as finding business partners and arranging meetings, and by organizing events and other activities.

	Service name		Main services
		J-Bridge Portal	 Providing information through "J-Bridge Portal" site, such as events, public applications for demonstration subsidy programs, and some successful collaboration cases
ecting nation		Events	 Holding various events that lead to collaboration, such as seminars, pitches, and business meetings
	Mem	bership serv	ices
	8 6-8	Members- only forums	 Providing a database of promising overseas companies Providing opportunities to promote your company to overseas through "Japan Partner Finder" Access to past events Interaction among J-Bridge members
ding oration ners	2	Meetup	 Arranging business meetings with companies listed on the member-only portal Providing information on bussines meeting offers from promising overseas companies
	M	Individual support program	 Providing sourcing support and spot advisory services (permanent services) Providing reverse pitch and integrated support programs, etc. (intensive support services through public application)
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- digital field in Asia and other regions
- * The demonstration subsidy programs are different from the J-Bridge program.

Focus Countries / Regions

- Southeast Asia Australia Israel
- India
- U.S. & Canada
- Europe

Focus Fields

al	 Mobility
	 Health Tech
	 Life Sciences
	 Agri Tech

Retail Tech

Green

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Renewable energy (offshore wind

- power, biomass, etc.) Energy conservation
- Storage batteries technologies

Africa

Japan

Smart Cities

Information security

Smart infrastructure

Greening and

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Robotics

Hydrogen

Example of the Collaboration Case

Collaboration aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions through logistics efficiency improvements (Logistics and carbon neutrality)

nese company: ×	NAGASE & Co., LTD. Import/export and domestic sales of chemicals etc.
seas company:	LOGIVAN VIETNAM TECHNOLOGY COMPANY, LTD.(Vietnam)
×	Operation of matching apps between shippers and delivery companies
nese company:	Zeroboard Inc. Provision of GHG emissions calculation and visualization services

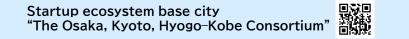
Outline of collaboration

LOGIVAN is engaged in platform business, including the operation of matching apps that connect shippers and delivery companies. Combining LOGIVAN's logistics date digitization service with Zeroboard's GHG emission calculation and visualization service. Nagase & Co. will propose solutions for optimal logistics e3fficiency and GHG emissions reduction to the customers in Vietnam.

This project was selected by JETRO for its "Asia Digital Transformation(ADX) program" in ASEAN and Japan.

- Using J-Bridge's pitch events and meetup services
- * J-Bridge provides services mainly in Singapore, Indonesia, and Vietnam in Southeast Asia, the U.K. and Germany in Europe, and Nigeria and Kenya in Africa.

etc.



Kyoto, Osaka, Kobe is one of the four locations in Japan selected by the Cabinet Office as a global hub city. With an emphasis on the healthcare, manufacturing, and information and communications fields, the area is home to collaboration between universities, research institutes, and companies, centered around Osaka University, Kyoto University, and Kobe University. The area aims to create opportunities for startups to develop new technologies and services by building a support system that encompasses the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe area, including the business community, for Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan.

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Examples of support for overseas startups 8-2

Business matching pitch event (example)

	Global Innovation Forum Osaka (GIF)	🔕 GIF Osaka
Organizer	Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC)	
Outline	The purpose of the event is to realize "Osaka, a meeting place to create business" through matching support for domestic and overseas startups with cutting-edge technologies and products in fields such as carbon neutrality, health tech, XR, and new materials. At GIF2024, we will hold the GIF Meetup to introduce overseas startups to Japanese companies and the GIF Challenge to support the overseas expansion of Japanese startups.	https://gif.osaka.cci.or.jp/comm on/pdf/gif2024_en.pdf
	International Innovation Conference "Hack Osaka"	🚯 Hack Osaka
Organizer	International Innovation Conference "Hack Osaka" Hack Osaka Executive Committee (Osaka City, Urban Innovation Institute, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Osaka, and Osaka Business Development Agency)	A Cosaka Parto State Parto St

KGAP+ (Keihanna Global Acceleration Program Plus)

Organizer	Advanced Telecommunications Research Institute International (ATR) Keihanna Research Complex Promotion Council
Outline	A three-month support program for start-up companies in Japan and overseas. Startups nominated by domestic and overseas innovation organizations (partner organizations) participate in this program held twice a year and seek out partners to collaborate on PoC. The total number of participants was 155 companies from 17 countries and regions, with 68% successful matches and a participant satisfaction rate of 4.3/5. Partner organizations also host short-term special programs to help startups not only expand into the Japanese market, but also establish a foothold for expansion outside of Japan.

GIFOsaka





🜔 KGAP+

https://www.kgap.jp/

Large companies in Kansai welcome collaboration with startups

The Kansai Association of Corporate Executives is committed to promoting the ecosystem. In cooperation with the Kyoto and Kobe Associations of Corporate Executives, They invited companies and organizations that would sincerely respond to consultations from would-be founders and startups, without stating that they would be turned away if they did not have a proven track record of success.

The names and contact information of companies that have endorsed the Declaration of Startup Friendly Kansai are published on the website.

"The Declaration of Startup Friendly Kansai"

https://www.kansaidoyukai.or.jp/wpcontent/uploads/2024/05/18079df6e390a296c83ef 268578cff9f.pdf

The list includes 110 companies! An English version is also available on our website. (As of February 27, 2024)

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Reference information



Kansai Industrial Facility Guide

"Kansai Technical Visit Guide"



METI-Kansai has published a "Kansai Technical Visit Guide" on its website. listing approximately 300 industrial facilities (factories, workshops, corporate museums, research institutes, etc.) that are open to the public and enable visitors to learn about, experience, and interact with industries and companies in the Kansai region.

Please use this guide to experience industrial tourism in Kansai, including industrial tourism, general tours, social studies field trips, off-campus learning, corporate inspections and training, and school trips.



Kansai Technical Visit Guide (METI-Kansai Website) https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/english/t vlist/e visit list.html

Instagram

(managed byInternational Investment Promotion Division, METI-Kansai) We provide information on industrial facilities for inbound tourists.



WHY NOT DO YOUR BUSINESS IN KANSAI? -INVEST JAPAN, INVEST KANSAI-J (YouTube videos)



"WHY NOT DO YOUR BUSINESS IN KANSAI? - INVEST JAPAN, INVEST KANSAI -" is a video that introduces the attractions and strengths of Kansai as an investment environment.

This compact guide covers a wide range of information, including an overview of the Kansai economy, the region's well-developed infrastructure and locations, the concentration of universities, research institutes and diverse industries, and support information from major local governments in the region. Take advantage of business opportunities in Kansai.

5 minute video >> https://youtu.be/ANHz-82Ugrs

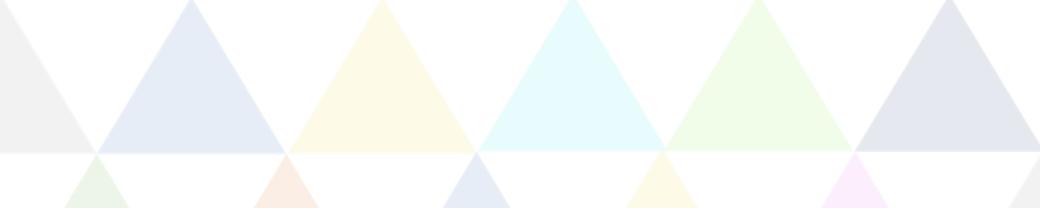


Short video

>> https://youtu.be/ET8MKZb4IFQ



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