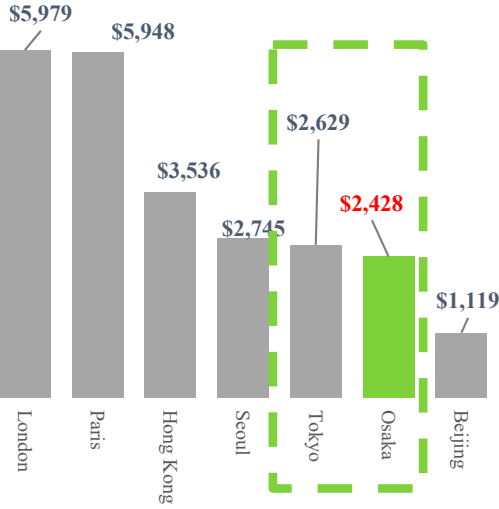


6-1 Comfortable Working and Living Environment

- Despite being Japan’s second-largest metropolitan area, office rent, labor costs, and living expenses in Kansai are lower compared to the Tokyo area, making it an ideal location to start a business.
- Support for foreigners is abundant, provided by national and public organizations as well as private companies, making the region a comfortable place for foreigners to live.

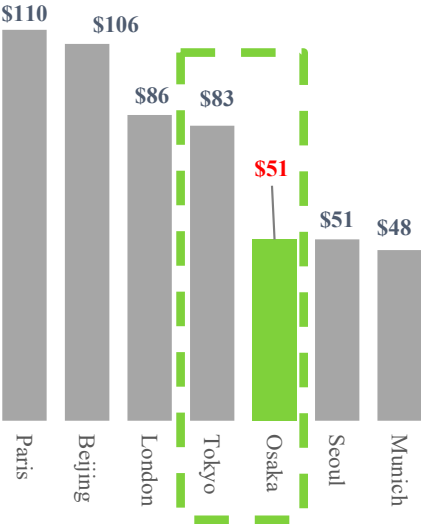
Low cost

【Office rent】

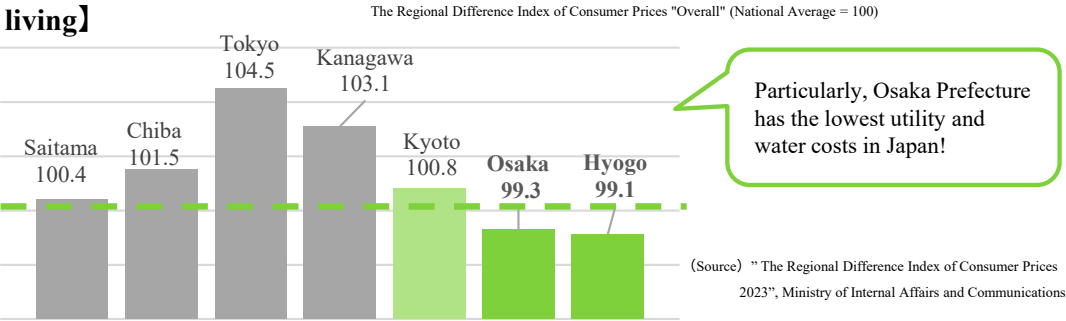


(Source) "The Investment Cost Survey 2023", JETRO
*Comparison of office rent and wages for the manufacturing industry and engineers.
*Expressed in US dollars.

【Personnel expenses】



【Cost of living】



(Source) "The Regional Difference Index of Consumer Prices 2023", Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

The Global Liveability Index 2024

Osaka was ranked the 9th most livable city worldwide in 2024 (overall rating) . It the only city in Asia ranked in the top 10.

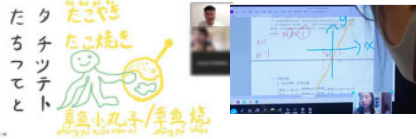
Ranking	City Name	Overall rating	Stability	Healthcare	Culture& Environment	Education	Infrastructure
1	Vienna	98.4	100.0	100.0	93.5	100.0	100.0
2	Copenhagen	98.0	100.0	95.8	95.4	100.0	100.0
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7	Vancouver	96.6	95.0	100.0	97.2	100.0	92.9
9	Osaka	96.0	100.0	100.0	86.8	100.0	96.4
9	Auckland	96.0	95.0	95.8	97.9	100.0	92.9

(Source) "The Global Liveability Index 2024", The Economist  
* Note: Maximum index of 100

Supporting International Students and Children with Foreign Roots

Transcend-Learning association

<https://transcend-learning.org/>



To improve the employment rate of international students and provide educational support for children with foreign roots in Kansai, they implements SDGs internships aimed at contributing to Japanese society in collaboration with universities and education boards.

International students support children who may struggle with Japanese due to their foreign nationality by providing assistance in their native language, offering academic guidance, and providing emotional support, thereby contributing to the support of foreign residents.

## 6-2 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.

(Public interest incorporated foundation) Fukui International Association <a href="https://www.f-i-a.or.jp/en/">https://www.f-i-a.or.jp/en/</a>	Shiga Foreign Residents Information Center <a href="https://www.s-i-a.or.jp/en/counsel/">https://www.s-i-a.or.jp/en/counsel/</a>
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Nara Prefecture International Citizens Center <a href="https://www.pref.nara.jp/65045.htm">https://www.pref.nara.jp/65045.htm</a>	(Public interest incorporated foundation) Wakayama International Exchange Center <a href="https://wak-kokusai.jp/en/top_en/">https://wak-kokusai.jp/en/top_en/</a>

### 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」 <a href="https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/setting_up/living.html">https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/setting_up/living.html</a>	
	「Investment Opportunities in Japan's Regions」 <a href="https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/region/">https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/region/</a>	

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

#### YOLO JAPAN CORPORATION

<https://www.yolo-japan.co.jp/>



YOLO JAPAN CORPORATION provides one-stop services to provide total support for foreigners living in Japan, and has more than 300,000 registered members from 239 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.

#### 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, their subsidiary provides services such as remote medical interpretation, hospital guidance, and medical interpreter training. They are making efforts to improve the medical interpretation environment, aiming to make it a safe and secure infrastructure for foreign visitors and residents in Japan.

Provided by Flower of Japan-Kansai (Hanayaka Kansai) Appeal-enhancing Award  
[https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/3-1toukou/toukou_award_outline.html](https://www.kansai.meti.go.jp/3-1toukou/toukou_award_outline.html)



### 6-3 Stable Infrastructure and Geopolitical Advantages

- Kansai is home to numerous data centers, which require stable infrastructure. This highlights the region's reliable power supply and its low risk of natural disasters.
- With its political stability, excellent public safety, and other geopolitical advantages, Kansai provides a secure environment for business expansion.

#### Infrastructure Stability of Kansai as Seen in Data Centers

Several key factors make Kansai an ideal location for data centers:

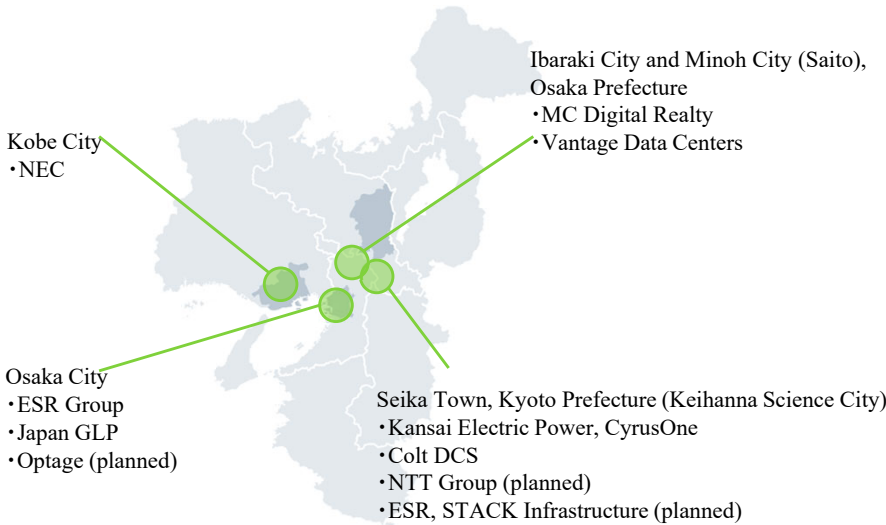
- Close proximity to both the city center and airports
- Strong, earthquake-resistant ground
- Low risks of flooding, landslides, and liquefaction
- Availability of large, flat land areas
- High energy efficiency and stable power supply
- Strict physical security

In Osaka Prefecture, Ibaraki City and Minoh City around Saito-nishi Station, more than five data centers have been established, creating a large data center cluster that spans approximately 10 hectares, leveraging the characteristics mentioned above.



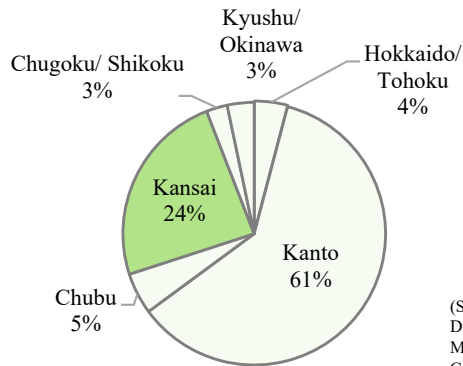
(Source): Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, "Expert Group Meeting on Digital Infrastructure (e.g. DCs) Development," 1st Meeting Secretariat Briefing Materials

#### Major Data Centers Located in Kansai



(Source): Survey by the Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry

#### Server Room Area Distribution by Region



The majority of data centers in Japan are located in the Kanto and Kansai regions. In terms of server room area, the Kansai region accounts for about 24% of the total.

(Source): Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry, "Expert Group Meeting on Digital Infrastructure (e.g. DCs) Development" 1st Meeting Secretariat Briefing Materials, Japan Policy Investment Bank website (based on Fujikimera Research Center's "Business Market Research Report 2021 Edition" and compiled by Japan Policy Investment Bank).

#### Geopolitical Advantages

In Kansai, businesses can take advantage of geopolitical benefits such as political stability and good public safety. This creates an environment where companies can safely expand while ensuring the protection of assets and employees.

Political stability



Good public safety



Low crime rates

