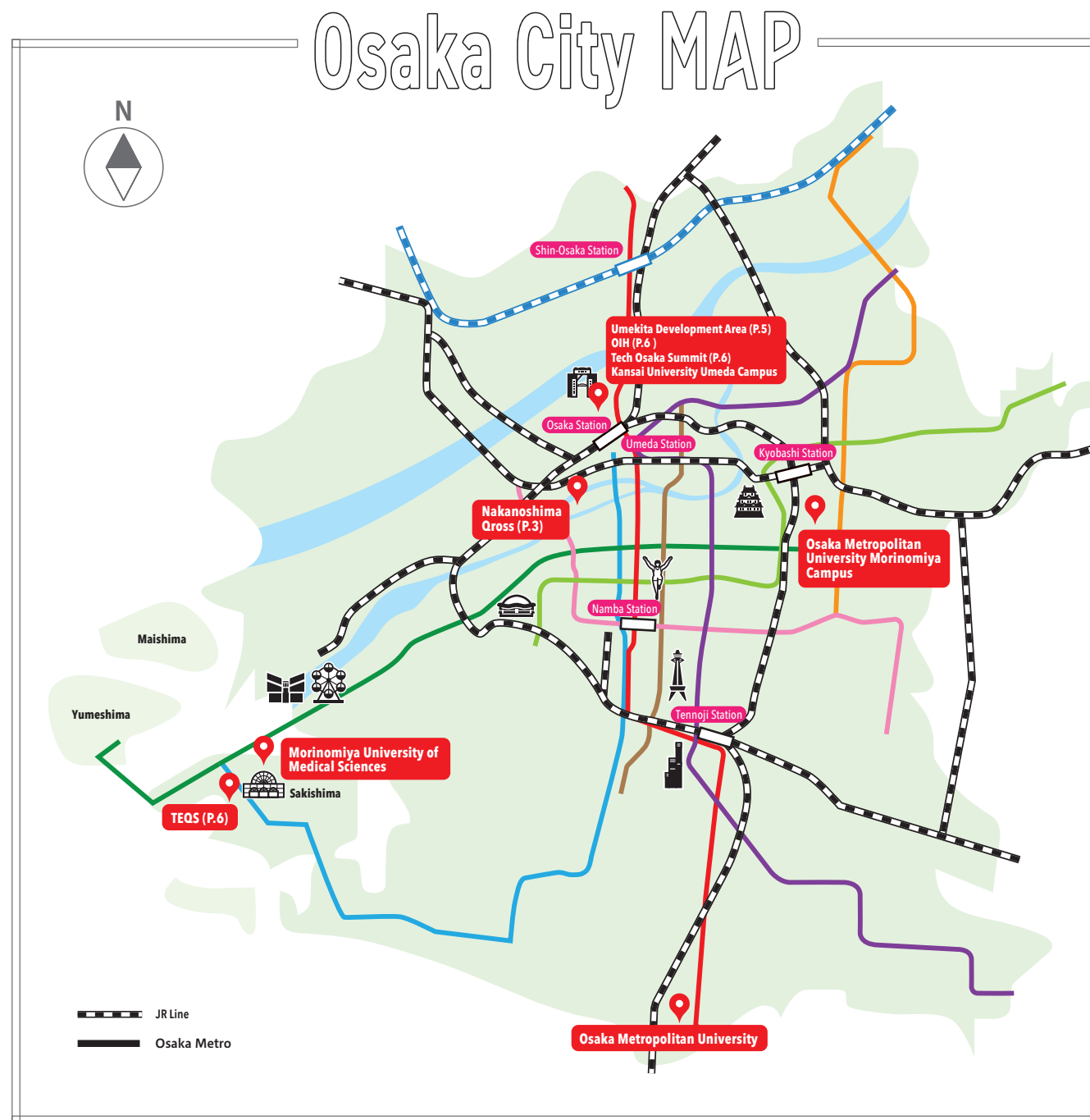




Expand Your **Business** in **Osaka**

INVEST OSAKA



WHY OSAKA?

- Osaka's** Excellent Infrastructure and Business Environment
- Osaka's** Plentiful Business Opportunities
- Osaka's** Diverse Expanding Companies
- Osaka's** Comprehensive Support for Expansion

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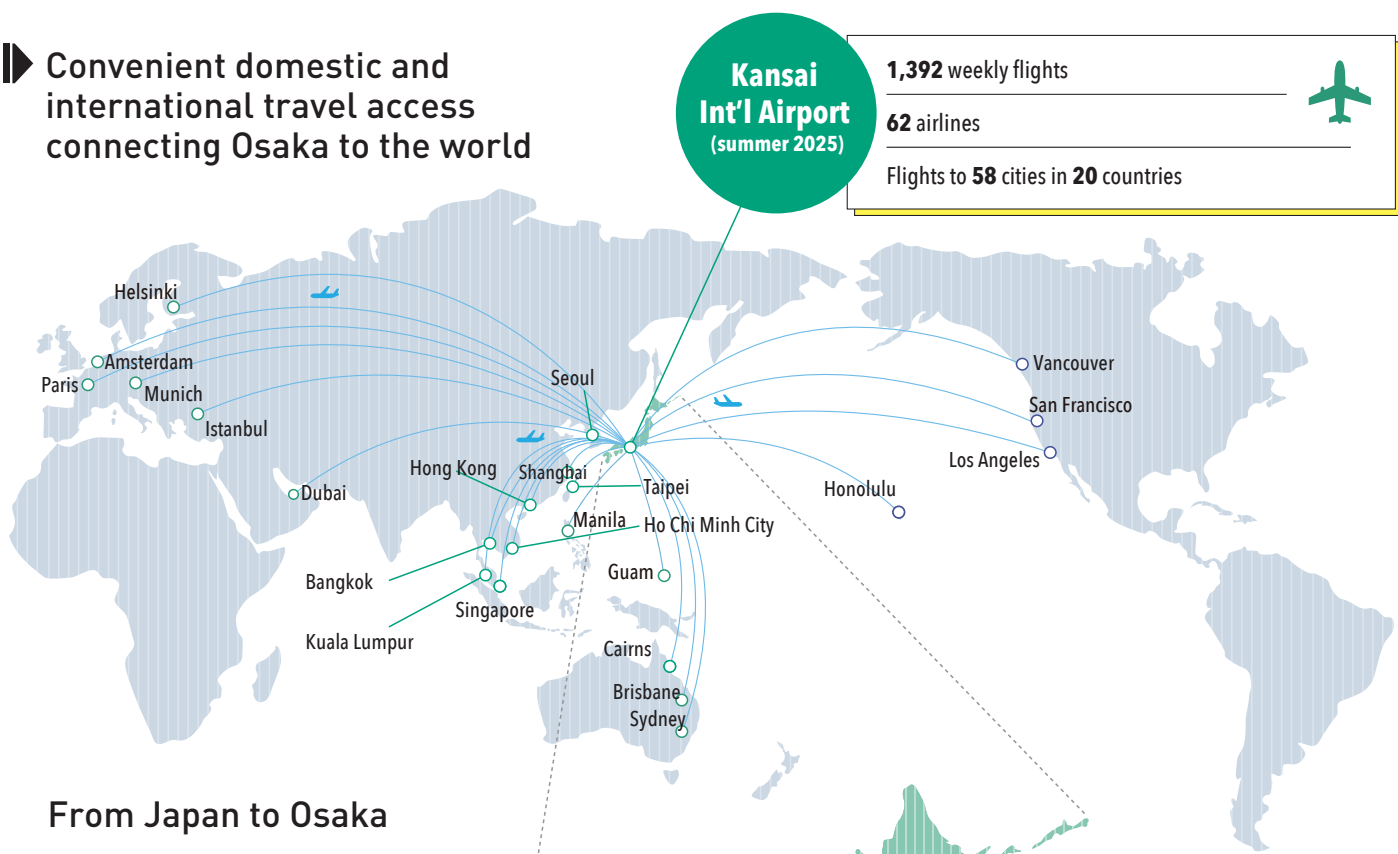
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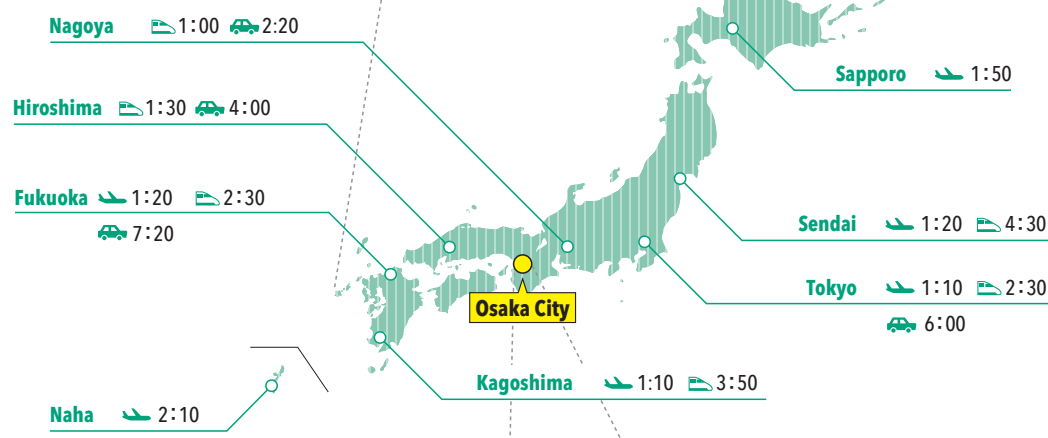
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Osaka's Excellent Infrastructure and Business Environment

► Convenient domestic and international travel access connecting Osaka to the world



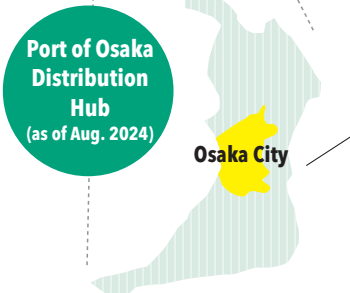
From Japan to Osaka



Port of Osaka regular container ship routes

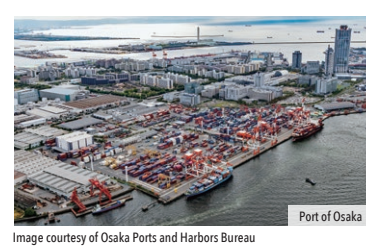
to	from	China	231	/mth
to	from	S. Korea	96	/mth
to	from	Taiwan	60	/mth
to	from	SE Asia	91	/mth
to	from	Australia/New Zealand	5	/mth
to	from	N. America	8	/mth

*Some routes overlap.
Source: Osaka Ports and Harbors Bureau "PORTs of OSAKA 2025"



Foreign trade cargo handled (2023)

Export	8.340	mil tons
Import	25.139	mil tons

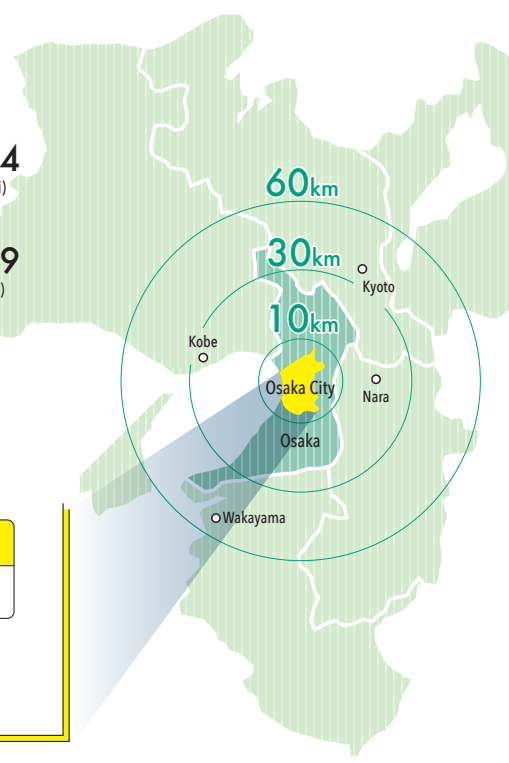
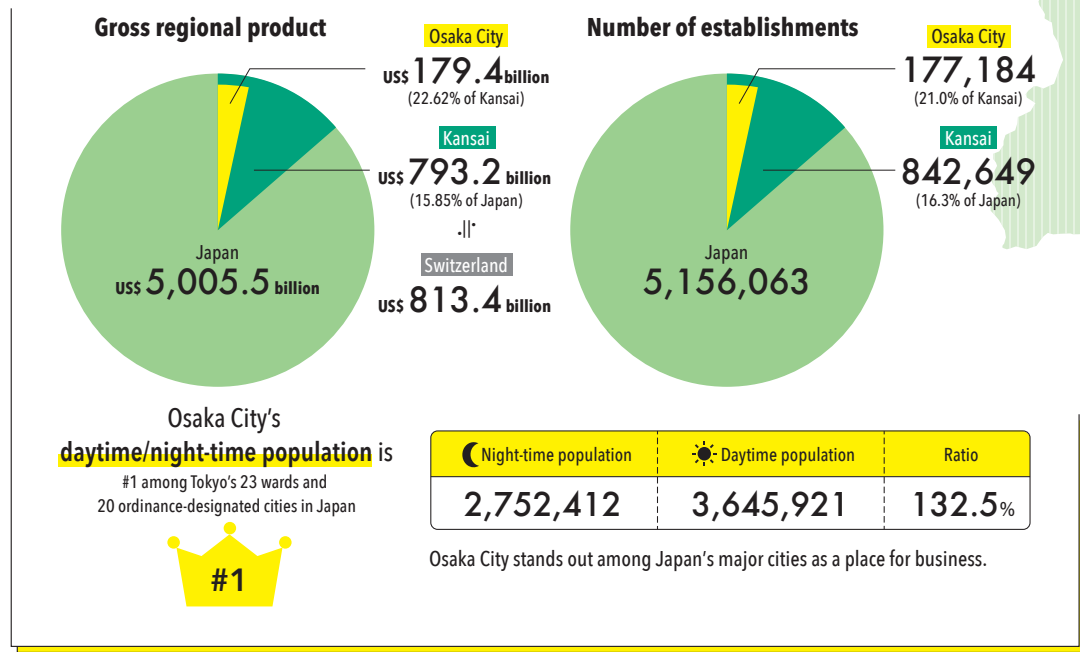


► Central city in Kansai, Japan's 2nd-largest economic region*

*Kansai = Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Nara, Shiga, Wakayama prefectures

Japan vs. Kansai vs. Osaka City

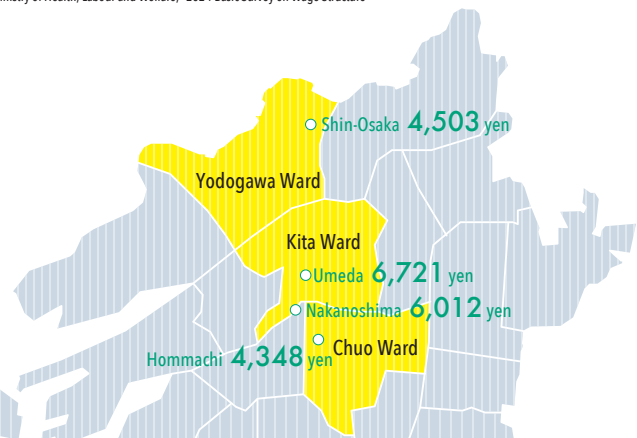
Source: City of Osaka, "The Outline Osaka Economy 2025," Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "2021 Economic Census for Business Activity," "2020 Population Census"



► Business cost advantage over Tokyo ¥

	Osaka	Tokyo
		Index (Tokyo = 100)
Avg. commercial land price (yen/m ²)*1	1,191,500 (Osaka Pref.) 49.0	2,429,300
Avg. industrial land price (yen/m ²)*1	121,400 (Osaka Pref.) 37.1	327,200
Avg. office rent (yen/m ² /mth)*2	4,370 (Osaka City) 65.4	6,682
Avg. warehouse rent (yen/m ² /mth)*3	1,282 (Kansai region) 94.2	1,361 (Tokyo metro-politan area)
Avg. store rent (yen/m ² /mth)*4	78,182 (Shinsaibashi) 91.5	85,456 (Ginza)
Avg. wage (yen/mth)*5	348,000 (Osaka Pref.) 86.2	403,700

Sources:
*1. Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, "2024 Todoufiken Chika Chosa (Prefectural Governments' Land Price Surveys)"
*2. CBRE K.K., "Japan Office MarketView Q1 2025"
*3. CBRE K.K., "Japan Logistics MarketView Q1 2025"
*4. CBRE K.K., "Japan Retail MarketView Q1 2025"
*5. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, "2024 Basic Survey on Wage Structure"



Avg. business area office rent (mth/m²)

Shin-Osaka	4,503yen
Umeda	6,721yen
Nakanoshima	6,012yen
Hommachi	4,348yen

Source: CBRE K.K., "Japan Office MarketView Q1 2025"

► Strengths in life science and new energy



Life Science

One of the largest concentrations of companies in Japan

Drugmakers **138** establishments Osaka Pref. #2 in Japan

Medical manufacturers **203** establishments Osaka Pref. #3 in Japan

Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "2021 Economic Census for Business Activity"

Our life science clusters and comprehensive support systems

- **Regenerative medicine hub:** Nakanoshima Cross
- **Consultations on commercializing medical supplies and devices:** PMDA Kansai Branch
- **Integrated support for medical device businesses:** Medical Device Industry Forum
- **Hub for drug discovery, medical devices, regenerative medicine, etc.:** Northern Osaka (Saito, etc.) area
- **Medical clusters:** Northern Osaka Health and Biomedical Innovation Town (NohBIT)

Local companies include:

- Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited
- Shionogi & Co., Ltd.
- Sumitomo Pharma Co., Ltd.
- Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation



Nakanoshima Cross



Batteries and New Energy

Battery-related companies clustered in Kansai Osaka Pref. #1 in Japan

Location	Establishments
Osaka Pref.	29
(Osaka City, Osaka Pref.)	(12)
Kyoto Pref.	22
Shiga Pref.	9
Hyogo Pref.	29
Wakayama Pref.	4

Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "2021 Economic Census for Business Activity"

Our comprehensive support systems

- **One of the world's largest testing facilities for large storage battery systems:** National Laboratory for Advanced Energy Storage Technologies (NLAB)
- **Support for carbon neutral technologies and business:** Osaka Carbon Neutral Business Network
- **Support for battery demonstration testing:** Osaka Research Institute of Industrial Science and Technology
- **International battery assessment organization:** TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. Kansai Technology Assessment Center (KTAC)

Local companies include:

- Panasonic Energy Co., Ltd. (automotive lithium-ion battery plant in Suminoe Ward, Osaka City)
- Iwatani Corporation (leading hydrogen fuel cell company in Chuo Ward, Osaka City)
- Espec Corp. (rechargeable battery plant in Kita Ward, Osaka City)
- Yashima Dengyo Co., Ltd. (lithium battery developer in Higashinari Ward, Osaka City)



National Laboratory for Advanced Energy Storage Technologies (NLAB)

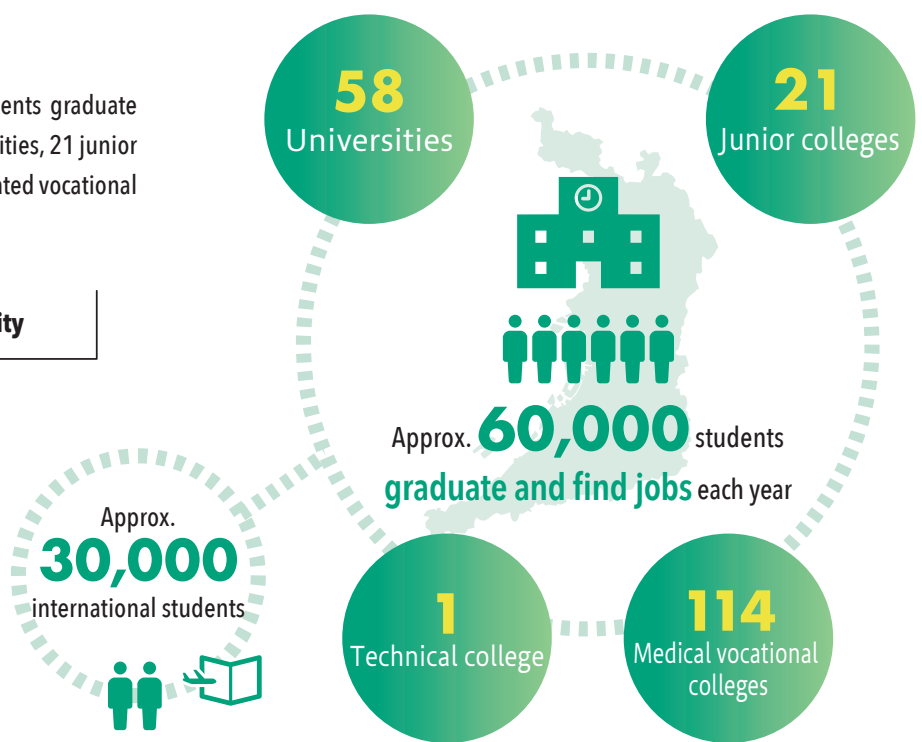
► Large talent pool

In Osaka Prefecture, approximately 60,000 students graduate and enter the workforce each year from 58 universities, 21 junior colleges, 1 technical college, and 114 medical-related vocational colleges.

Main international schools in Osaka City

- Osaka YMCA International School
- Umeda International School
- Osaka Chinese School
- Abroad International School Osaka
- One World International School Osaka

Osaka Pref. has the second-most international students in Japan **#2**



Source: "Basic School Survey" for FY 2024 by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
"Osaka School Statistics (Basic School Survey) for FY 2024" by the Osaka Prefectural Government;
"International Student Enrollment Status Survey Results March 2024" by Independent Administrative Institution Japan Student Services Organization

► Rankings that show Osaka's strong potential

Attention from the world



#9 in the world
#1 in Japan

"The world's most liveable cities"
(2024 Economist Intelligence Unit survey of 173 cities worldwide)

Selected as one of the "52 Places to Go in 2025"
(2025 The New York Times)

Osaka's economic indicators lead Japan



#1 **Per capita income in Osaka City 4.04 mil yen (FY2021)**
(#1 among 20 ordinance-designated cities in Japan)

#2 **Business establishments in Osaka City 227,520 (2021)**
(#2 among Tokyo's 23 wards and ordinance-designated cities in Japan)

#2 **New corporations in Osaka Prefecture 11,720 (2024)**
(#2 in Japan)

#2 **Net migration to/from Osaka City 12,966 (2023)**
(#2 in Japan)

2 Osaka's Plentiful Business Opportunities

► A location where new businesses emerge

GRAND FRONT OSAKA & GRAND GREEN OSAKA (Umekita area)

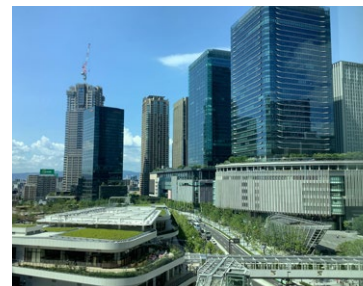
Grand Front Osaka and Grand Green jointly are a new urban town developed in the northern part of JR Osaka Station, the largest railway terminal in western Japan. Grand Front Osaka's vision is to become **a district that continuously evolves by welcoming people, ideas, and goods from around the world** with its intellectual creation base, Knowledge Capital, at its core. In conjunction, Grand Green Osaka, which is home to Umekita Park, features one of the world's largest parks connected to a major station. It aims to be an area that **blends greenery with innovation**.



GRAND FRONT OSAKA



GRAND GREEN OSAKA



The International Center for Future Medicine (Nakanoshima Cross)

Nakanoshima Cross is a unique hub for the industrialization of future medicine, where medical institutions, companies, startups, support organizations, etc. come together under one roof. The hub is made up of **three facilities (areas)**, each of which has a role in the future of medicine.

Facilities
(areas)
and roles

Future Medicine MED Center - "practicing"
Future Medicine R&D Center - "creating"
Nakanoshima International Forum - "sharing"

Grand
opening
in June 2024



Developing the Eastern Area of Osaka Castle

The Osaka Castle Park District is being developed as a new eastern hub along the city's east-west axis. The development aims to strengthen international tourism, build an internationally competitive innovation base, create a better environment for welcoming global talent, and promote the dynamic exchange of people, goods, and information. In the Osaka Castle eastern area especially, development is done under the concept of creating an **"Innovation Field City that co-evolve with its university,"** with Osaka Metropolitan University playing a leading role.

Osaka Metropolitan University
Morinomiya Campus
to Open in Fall 2025



► Osaka as backup location for head office functions

Osaka has potential as a backup location for head office functions, offering convenient transportation, a large business region, and readily available talent, in addition to less risk of simultaneous disasters compared to the Tokyo metropolitan area. Many companies have chosen Osaka as their backup location. Osaka is ideal for strengthening emergency response capabilities as well as developing business in normal times.

Companies across a wide range of industries have chosen Osaka.

View examples of companies already in Osaka at this website.

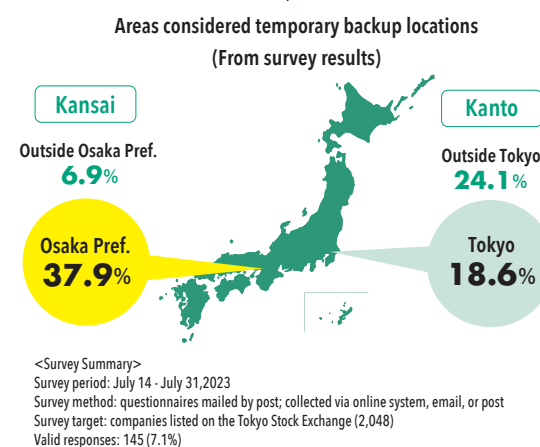


(Japanese)

Why do you need a backup office?

Japan is prone to many disasters due to its geographical and natural characteristics. Even the Tokyo metropolitan area faces risks from major earthquakes or volcanic eruptions of Mt. Fuji. Keeping head office functions running not only minimizes damage, but also leads to enterprise growth by maintaining and improving corporate value and earning trust.

Most major companies headquartered in Tokyo think of Osaka Prefecture



► Forming a startup ecosystem city

The Japanese government selected Osaka as a global city. The city of Osaka is advancing toward the realization of a smart city centered around the Umekita area, a magnet for innovation. Through the combined strength of companies, academia, and government, Osaka is building a world-class ecosystem for startups to foster ones that will play active roles on the global stage.

PROJECT 1

Osaka Innovation Hub (OIH)

This center of innovation opened in Osaka's Umekita area in 2013. With its theme "From Osaka to the world," OIH hosts events to help create and scale up new businesses, shapes business communities, and supports business creation.

OSAKA INNOVATION HUB



PROJECT 2

Tech Osaka Summit



Hack Osaka, the international innovation conference hosted by the City of Osaka, has been transformed into a significantly larger event. Bringing together startups, major corporations, and investors from across the globe, the summit aims to foster meaningful exchanges that drive mutual growth.



PROJECT 3

Global Innovation Forum (GIF)



The Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) and the Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) hold this international startup exhibition and business conference with a focus on matching that leads to business creation for Japanese companies.

GIF Osaka



► Business creation support for enterprises with advanced tech

SUPPORT 1

Concept Demonstration Promotion Team Osaka (Osaka Pref., Osaka City, OCCI)

Local governments and economic organizations in Osaka collaborate to support pilot projects with advanced technology, whether by startups or major companies.

- Provide/refer testing fields
- Refer testing support services
- Support public relations activities at the time of demonstration tests



SUPPORT 2

TEQS, support center for business using advanced tech

- Incubation facilities
- Acceleration program
- Support for IoT and robot demonstration tests
- 5G open lab



TEQS
ソフト産業プラザ



Dental technicians test XR's feasibility in a 5G network.



Seeking to become the Global Financial City OSAKA

Osaka Prefecture, the City of Osaka, economic circles and various other organizations are united in a public-private effort to utilize Osaka's strengths and potential to make Osaka into a global financial city with distinctive traits and functions. Strengthening the financial functions that are the lifeblood of the economy to attract domestic and foreign investment and create a new pillar for economic growth in Osaka and the Kansai region to promote further prosperity and development. In addition to providing preferential tax benefits and subsidies directed at foreign financial firms seeking to enter Osaka, we are pursuing efforts to deregulate the area as a special zone for finance and asset management.

Global Financial
City OSAKA



Osaka Global Financial
One-Stop Support Center



3 Osaka's Diverse Expanding Companies

Wada Foodtech Co., Ltd.

Jason Chen, Co-founder and CEO



Wada FoodTech



Business Overview

Professional services (a decentralized platform delivering hot meals in 9 seconds)

Reason for choosing Osaka City

Osaka stands out as a city that values both innovation and execution. Its entrepreneurial spirit and openness to new technologies make it an ideal location for us to implement and refine our hot-chain food solutions. We believe Osaka provides fertile ground for testing and scaling our food-tech platform.

Support from Osaka City

- Help with PR on website
- Speaking opportunities at innovation events

HP ▶ <https://wadafoodtech.com/>

Business Overview

Professional services (develops advanced bionic and AI-powered rehabilitation systems that enhance human capabilities, accelerate recovery, and reduce healthcare costs through innovative medical technologies and cloud-based monitoring platforms)

Reason for choosing Osaka City

Osaka provides the ideal environment for health-tech innovation, with strong manufacturing, academic partnerships, and public support. The Kansai area hosts Asia's largest medical device hub, accelerating global impact.

Support from Osaka City

- Business matching and networking
- Strategic mentoring and visibility
- Help with PR on website
- Promotion opportunities at EXPO 2025 Osaka
- Business Support Office (BSO)

Kawatek K.K.

Alvaro Rios, Proveda



HP ▶ <https://kawatek.jp/>

Business Overview

Electrical machinery and appliances manufacturing (sales, technical development, group supervision for the Aqua and Haier brands in Japan)

Reasons for choosing Osaka City

"We chose Osaka because we were building a partnership with Sanyo Electric and their headquarters was here at the time. Osaka is a modern city with an environment that's easy for people from any country to live in. The IoT age, when all sorts of things in our lives are connected over the internet, is coming, so we want to take advantage of the Osaka, Kansai Expo to accelerate IoT development in Osaka and elsewhere in the Kansai economy."

Support from Osaka City

- Help with PR on website

Haier Group Japan Region

Jingguo Du, CEO



HP ▶ <https://haier.co.jp/en/>

Second Heart Inc.

Yukihiro Ishida, CEO



HP ▶ <https://www.secondheart.co.jp/en>

Business Overview

Professional services (prevention of complications arising from diabetes)

Reason for choosing Osaka City

"We initiated a project to help prevent foot amputations resulting from diabetes in response to needs presented by Malaysia. The project included establishing a base in Osaka to facilitate assistance for specialized businesses, in Japan and overseas, from JETRO Osaka, the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, IBPC Osaka, and other organizations. Osaka has a strong sense of community and humanity where people come together and support one another."

Support from Osaka City

- Help with PR on website
- Business matching
- Support for international business expansion

ENTER FORCE Co., Ltd.

Hiroshi Ikeda, Representative Director



Business Overview

Entertainment (runs pro esports team ENTER FORCE.36, manages players)

Reason for choosing Osaka City

"The most important thing about running a pro esports team is a close connection with the city. The city's people, companies, government, and public-private cooperation are essential to providing the dream of sports. Meanwhile, it's important for the players who lead lives in a competitive environment to have somewhere they can have fun and relax. Osaka's economy is a good size and does well keeping up with fast-changing trends. The people are energetic and lively. There are sightseeing spots and good access to nearby cities. There are also good business opportunities and lots of entertainment. That's our impression. Osaka lets us do esports like nowhere else."

Support from Osaka City

- Business matching
- Help with PR on website

HP ▶ <https://enter-force.co.jp/> (Japanese)

Business Overview

Professional services (foodtech company upcycling food loss)

Reason for choosing Osaka City

"Our representative in Japan was operating his own business in Osaka, and when we considered the size and convenience of the city and the fact that Osaka will host the Expo, we naturally gravitated here. Being at the center of the economy, Osaka has lots of inbound tourism, and the political, business, and cultural communities are teaming up to host Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai and make it a success. So, the city has the energy that creates maximum synergy for a startup like us."

Support from Osaka City

- Referrals to legal and labor specialists
- Business matching
- Help with PR on website

CRUST JAPAN K.K.

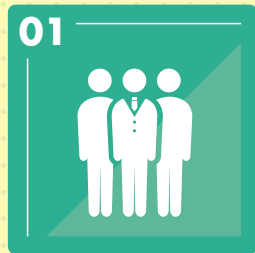


HP ▶ <https://www.crust-group.com/sg>

4 Osaka's Comprehensive Support for Expansion

Support

Support Menu for Expansion into Osaka City



01 Expert referrals
(legal, taxes, labor, hiring, etc.)



02 Free rental offices



03 Information on properties
(offices, factories, etc.)



04 Business matching assistance

► Free rental office: Business Support Office (BSO)

BSO Overview

Rental offices available for a limited time to prepare your expansion into Osaka City.



Private room



Shared office



PORT (6F, ITM, ATC Bldg.)

BSO Advantages

- Merit 1** Can prepare your expansion with market research and job interviews.
- Merit 2** Can hold down initial investments with free rooms.
- Merit 3** Can use the address to establish a Japanese subsidiary.
- Merit 4** Full communications equipment so you can begin working the day you move in.
- Merit 5** PORT (free office lounge) and everything you need in ATC's surrounding area: ATMs, post office, restaurants, etc.

Who has used the BSO?

More than 210 companies and organizations have used the BSO since its opening in 2004.

Address

4F, ITM, ATC Bldg., 2-1-10 Nankokita, Suminoe-ku, Osaka

Available to

A Japanese or foreign company or a foreign government agency with a plan to expand or further invest in Osaka City, such as by opening an office

Availability duration

Max 6 months (renewable in 2-month increments)

Fees

Free rooms (Users pay telephone/fax communication fees)

Deposit

50,000 yen for a private room,
20,000 yen for the shared office

► Incentives available for expansion in Osaka City

For incentive details and how to apply ►►►



Subsidy programs	Eligibility	Subsidy ratio/limit (1US\$=160JPY)	Inquiry
Subsidy for locating head office functions	Enterprises locating a new office with head office functions in Osaka City	Subsidy of up to 50% of building rent, up to 1 million yen (6,250US\$)/month Subsidy available for 24 months	The City of Osaka, Business Development Department, Economic Strategy Bureau Tel: +81-6-6615-6765
Regional tax breaks	Advanced businesses in new energy and/or life science and businesses to support them	Rate on below regional taxes: as low as 0% for 5 years + as low as 50% for 5 years Municipal tax: corporate municipal tax, fixed asset tax, office tax, city planning tax Prefectural tax: corporate prefectural tax, corporate enterprise tax, real estate acquisition tax	The City of Osaka, Business Development Department, Economic Strategy Bureau Tel: +81-6-6615-3764 Osaka Prefectural Government, Growth Industry Promotion Office, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor Tel: +81-6-6210-9406
Subsidy for business start-up of foreign-capital enterprise	Foreign companies, etc., which have their offices with headquarters functions in Osaka Prefecture	If acquiring a building: 5% subsidy of expenses for the building, machinery, etc. (up to 100 million yen / 625,000US\$) If renting a building: subsidy of one-third of rent, etc. (for 24 months) (up to 60 million yen / 375,000US\$)	Osaka Prefectural Government, Growth Industry Promotion Office, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor Tel: +81-6-6210-9406
Tax system for stronger regional locations (relocation)	Companies relocating head office functions to Osaka City from Tokyo's 23 wards	Office tax cut: 25% special depreciation or 7% tax exemption for the price of obtaining a special business facility Hiring tax incentive: tax exemptions according to the number of employees hired at a special business facility	Osaka Prefectural Government, Small and Medium Enterprise Support Office, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor Tel: +81-6-6210-9470
Subsidy for promoting prefectural investment	SMEs building or remodeling R&D facilities recognized as advanced businesses in fields such as life science and new energy	5% of the costs for premises, machinery and equipment, etc. (10% for companies that have their head offices, factories or research and development facilities in the Prefecture) will be subsidized (up to 30million yen / 187,500US\$)	Osaka Prefectural Government, Small and Medium Enterprise Support Office, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor Tel: +81-6-6210-9470
O-BIC Support Program for Foreign Companies	Foreign companies that have established a main office or branch office in Osaka Prefecture	Expenses for obtaining registration: up to 100,000 yen (625US\$)	Osaka Business and Investment Center (O-BIC) Tel: +81-6-6944-6298
Subsidy Program for Foreign Financial companies, etc., Establishing a Base in Osaka City	Foreign financial companies, etc., to establish a new business location in Osaka City	Preliminary Survey: Up to 1.1 million yen (6,875US\$) for office leases and initial expenses related to leasing an office space. Base Establishment: Half of the total amount (max. 10 million yen / 62,500US\$) of office lease payments and initial expenses related to leasing an office space, furniture fixtures and equipment purchases, and recruitment expenses.	Osaka Global Financial One-Stop Support Center Tel: +81-6-6136-3524
Local Tax Reduction System for Overseas Financial Corporations	Foreign financial firms engaged in asset management that are setting up business in Japan or Osaka City for the first time	Up to 100% reduction of regional taxes (corporate inhabitant tax (corporate prefectural tax, corporate municipal tax) and corporate enterprise tax) for up to 10 years.	The City of Osaka, Business Development Department, Economic Strategy Bureau Tel: +81-6-6615-3728 Osaka Prefectural Government, Global Financial City Group, Growth Strategy Bureau, Policy Planning Department Tel: +81-6-6944-6643