



FUKUOKA

Startup Package
For Foreign
Entrepreneurs

Fukuoka
Japan

Why Fukuoka?

Population

1.65M

Area

343 km²

Fukuoka / fu-'kü-ō-kə / Major city in southern Japan known for its modern amenities, rich cultural heritage, and growing prominence as a hub for food, business, technology, and innovation.

FUKUOKA

Highest population growth rate

Fukuoka City has the highest population growth rate among the 20 ordinance-designated city in Japan. Also, No.1 among all metropolises in terms of the growth rate for the young people (teens / 20s).

[Source] Compiled by Fukuoka City based on the 2020 National Census (basic count of population and other data)



YOUNG RESIDENTS

Highest ratio of young residents (15~29 years old)*



FASTEST GROWING

Highest population growth rate (2015~2020)*



MULTI - CULTURAL

Highest growth rate of foreign residents(2000~2020)*

Fukuoka Growth Next

FGN is a startup support facility that provides various supports and opportunities for startups to accelerate growth and develop their business. It is conveniently located in Tenjin, the center of Fukuoka City, making it an accessible hub for startups in the area.



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Office & Co-working space



Team room

Room

From JPY 54,441/month

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Shared Office

Fixed seat

From JPY 27,500/month

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Co-working space

Free seat

From JPY 16,500/month

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FGN provides various types of offices and shared spaces, such as team rooms, shared offices and co-working spaces.



Facility

<https://growth-next.com/en/facility>

GBS Global Business Support

Well experienced advisors provide free consultation for startup's business expansion both in Fukuoka and globally.

Various Supports



Startup Visa

Localization

Business Matching

Incorporation

Pitch Opportunities

Marketing

This initiative is Fukuoka City's way of rolling out the red carpet for foreign entrepreneurs and financial institutions.

Picture a one-stop center where they can access resources, information, and expert advice. Whether you're dreaming up the next unicorn startup or plotting strategic investments, GBS has your back.

Why the spotlight on English support? Well, Fukuoka's got its eyes on the global stage. They're grooving to become the ultimate startup and financial hub in Asia. So, if you're ready to make waves, Fukuoka's waiting with open arms!

- Consultation on business expansion from Fukuoka to overseas
- Consultation on business expansion from overseas to Fukuoka
- Startup visa Reception
- Consultations on international finance

Global Business Support

Startup Visa

point 1

Entrepreneurs can get a Startup Visa valid for up to one year, which allows them to start their business with relaxed requirements.

Number of startup visa applications: **148** cases
(As of the end of October, 2024)



Asia	80
Europe	34
The Americas	26
Africa	4
Oceania	4

Engineer Visa

point 2

By having many foreign IT engineers and companies take advantage of this scheme, Fukuoka City aims to become "engineer-friendly city", where engineers can come, play active roles and grow together.



Apply via email to Fukuoka City



Application is checked by Fukuoka City



Accreditation certificate issued



Apply to the Fukuoka Regional Immigration Services Bureau



Immigration screening takes about one month to complete!

Expanding Sales Routes & Networks

point 3

Fukuoka City Demonstration and Experimental Full Support Project

We are seeking proof-of-concept projects across Japan that utilize AI, IoT and other advanced technologies to address social issues and enhance quality of life. Successful applicants will receive comprehensive support for demonstration experiments in Fukuoka City.

Fukuoka City Certified Excellent Trial Products Certification

Entrepreneurs may receive assistance in promoting their newly developed products in catalogs and exhibition if they receive the certificate of excellency from Fukuoka City.



<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/keieishien/business/trial.html>
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Financial Aid for Residential & Office Space Rentals

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Foreign entrepreneurs with a promising business plan may be eligible to receive financial aid to be used for renting residential or office space within Fukuoka City (Applications are accepted once a year). They will also be given priority entry into residential and/or office space.

Details of the Financial Aid

	Rate & Monthly Limit	To Be Used For	Duration of Aid
Residence	Up to 50% (up to ¥70,000)	Private rental residences	Up to 1 year
Business Office	Up to 50% (up to ¥50,000)	- Private sector incubation facilities - Private rental offices	Up to 1 year

*Applications are accepted once a year

Tax Reduction for Startups

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Entrepreneurs who establish an innovative business in the National Strategic Special Zone (Fukuoka City) may be eligible to receive this tax reduction.

Applicable Industries **IoT** **Medical** **Advanced IT**

Comparison of Corporate Tax Rates

Fukuoka City, (National Strategic Special Zone)	Japan (Other than National Strategic Special Zone)	China	Korea
Approx. 23% *	Approx. 30%	25%	27.5%

*When National tax + Fukuoka City tax reduction are applied

Business Establishment Support Programs

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Startups founded within the last five years meeting specific criteria may qualify for subsidies based on their employee count and office rental expenses.



more details

Contact

Global Startup Support Section
Economy, Tourism & Culture Bureau
Fukuoka City Government
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Global Startup Partners

Fukuoka City has over 16 partners in 12 countries and regions to support the overseas expansion of startups in Fukuoka and the entry of overseas startups into Fukuoka.



International Startup Event "RAMEN TECH"

Fukuoka City holds an international startup event every year in October. Over 4000 startups, VCs and others from around the world will gather in Fukuoka. We look forward to your participation!



Startup City Fukuoka LinkedIn

Startup City Fukuoka Facebook

GBS Home Page

Startup consortium

Fukuoka City's startup consortium consists not only of the startup community, but also universities, governmental agencies and the industrial sector that all support the city's startup ecosystem. By collaborating with the industrial sector, we aim to facilitate the creation of an open innovation environment for startups.

Startup community

Venture Capitals

Support Hub: Fukuoka Growth Next

Community Influencers

Co-Working/Shared Office

Accelerators

Press

University / Academia

University Seeds

University Seeds & Science and
Technology Support

EDGE-NEXT

Global Talent &
International Student
Entrepreneurs

Fukuoka
Growth Next

Kyushu
University

Regional
Startup
Community
明星和楽

Fukuoka
City

Kyushu
Economic
Federation

Fukuoka
Directive
Council

Fukuoka
Chamber
of Commerce
& Industry

Observers

JETRO etc.

Industrial Sector

Prompting Collaboration with Startups

Finance, Investment & Growth Support

Startup Support Organizations:
Startup Growth Support

New Business Hub
Development Startup & Global