

Bring Innovation to Your Business by Establishing an R&D Center in Ibaraki Prefecture

The five reasons why we recommend Ibaraki Prefecture to foreign businesses



Have you considered establishing an R&D center in Japan?

If so, we recommend choosing Ibaraki Prefecture.

Distinguishing itself from all other prefectures, Ibaraki Prefecture boasts a concentration of public and private research facilities in its Tsukuba Science City, it is also within a convenient distance to the Tokyo Metropolis, and the entryway of Japan, Narita International Airport.

This pamphlet will present the five reasons why we recommend Ibaraki Prefecture as the site for establishing your R&D center.



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The five reasons that we recommend Ibaraki Prefecture as an excellent location for your R&D center.

1

An ideal environment for R&D

Home to a concentration of national public research institutions, private research institutions, and highly skilled personnel

2

A sufficient support system

A corporation of related organizations will act as your One-Stop Service to provide necessary information and incentive supports for your business

3

Easy access to the capital city, Tokyo, and to Narita International Airport

45 minutes by train to Tokyo from Tsukuba (located in southern Ibaraki)
55 minutes by expressway bus to Narita International Airport from Tsukuba

4

A reasonable start-up costs and running costs

Lower price for land and office rentals than the neighboring prefectures

5

High-quality of life and convenient living

Pleasant climate, abundant natural environment, international institutions, and multilingual consultation services



The Five Reasons

NO.1

An ideal environment for R&D

【Concentration of research institutions and highly skilled personnel】

- One-third (29) of Japan's research institutions are located in the Tsukuba Science City in southern Ibaraki. One in every ten residents in this area holds a Ph.D.
- Multiple research institutions offer collaboration research program or shared access to facilities.

The population of central Tsukuba Science City	72,000
Number of Research Institutions	108
Number of Researchers	20,758
Number of Ph.D. holders	7,995
Number of Foreign researchers	7,277

(Source: 2015 National Census;Tsukuba Science City Network Website)

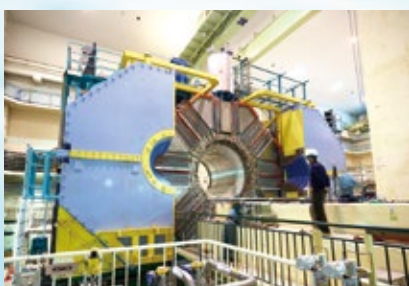
【Major research institutions and companies in Ibaraki】

【 Tsukuba Science City 】

- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) 
- High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK) 
- National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) 
- National Institute for Material Science (NIMS) 



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【 Central/Northern Ibaraki 】

- Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex (J-PARC) (Tokai Village) 
- Hitachi Ltd., Power Business Unit, Hitachi Office



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【Achievement of R&D】

- Cyberdyne Inc., a venture company, emerging from the University of Tsukuba, known for the development of cyborg-type robot "HAL."



Prof.Sankai,Unibersity of Tsukuba/
CYBERDYNE Inc.

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A sufficient support system for relocating companies

[Benefits for foreign businesses setting up in Ibaraki Prefecture]

Eligible Companies	Prerequisite
Foreign businesses that are looking to set up new office/headquarters ※ in Ibaraki Prefecture.	① Foreign Funded Companies (Japanese enterprise that are more than 1/3 funded by foreign capital)
	② Companies affiliated with ① (100% subsidiary of ①)
	③ Foreign Companies (Foreign owned enterprise)

※ Office/headquarters

Facility or facilitation zone that functions as headquarter, research facility or office and employs more than 1 employee at all times. (However, residence, shops or accommodation facilities are excluded.)

Type of Subsidy	Detail	Rate of subsidy
Establishment Fund	- Market surveying expenses - Application processing expenses - Acquisition of Status of Residence expenses - Interpretation, translation fees associated with the above	Within 50% (below 2 million yen)
Rent	Rent for office facilities within 12 months from the start of contract	Within 50% (below 2.4 million yen)
R&D Expenses	Labor cost, subcontract cost, supplies expense, depreciation cost, and other costs associated with research and development	Within 25% (below 2 million yen)

● Requirements apply to receiving the above benefits. Additional benefits might also be available upon request. Please inquire for detail.



We promise you a smooth startup process by providing a one-stop service for your business development in Ibaraki!

Tsukuba International Strategic Zone



- In December 2011, the Prime Minister of Japan designated the area center in Tsukuba City as an International Strategic Zone.
- Implementation of next-generation cancer treatment methods (BNCT), livelihood-supporting robotics, and innovative robotic medical equipment/technology, as well as the formation of a global hub for technology development.
- ★ Companies that receive government certification to perform "specially zoned business" in the area can benefit from relaxed regulations and favorable treatment for financing and taxes.
- ★ By establishing an office or plant in Tsukuba City, companies are eligible to receive benefits through the special zoning system, as well as the following types of tax-related support.
 - Exemption from enterprise taxes on corporation and the real estate acquisition tax. (Ibaraki Prefecture)
 - Exemption from property taxes and city planning taxes, with additional incentive grant. (Tsukuba City)

G7 Science & Technology Ministers' Meeting in Tsukuba, Ibaraki

May.15th (SUN) – 17th (TUE) 2016

The G7 Science and Technology Ministers' Meeting, a G7 Ise-Shima Summit ministerial meeting, was held in Tsukuba City, Ibaraki as a recognition of Ibaraki Prefecture's status as a center of cutting-edge science and technology.



NEWS

G20 Ministerial Meeting on Trade and Digital Economy

June 8th (SAT) – 9th (SUN)

The Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy will take place in Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture.

Discussion topics of this conference will include promoting free -trade and growth of world economy through revolutionary technologies such as IoT, AI etc.

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Easy access to the capital, Tokyo, and to Narita International Airport



[Time required]



From Tokyo / Akihabara 45 min. by train



From Narita International Airport 55 min. by expressway bus



From JR Tokyo Station 65-95 min. by limited express train

Tsukuba

(Southern Ibaraki Prefecture)

**Mito · Tokai
· Hitachi**

(Central/Northern Ibaraki Prefecture)

Introducing : Ibaraki Prefecture

● Population : 2,917,000

● Area : 6,097km²

● Primary industries :

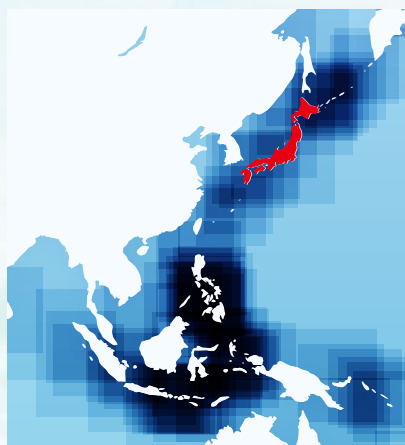
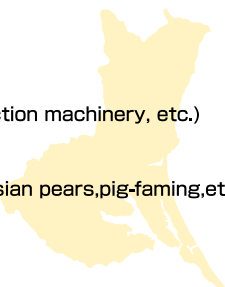
Manufacturing

(electric machinery, production machinery, etc.)

Agriculture

(rice, vegetables, melons, Asian pears, pig-farming, etc.)

(as of October 2015)



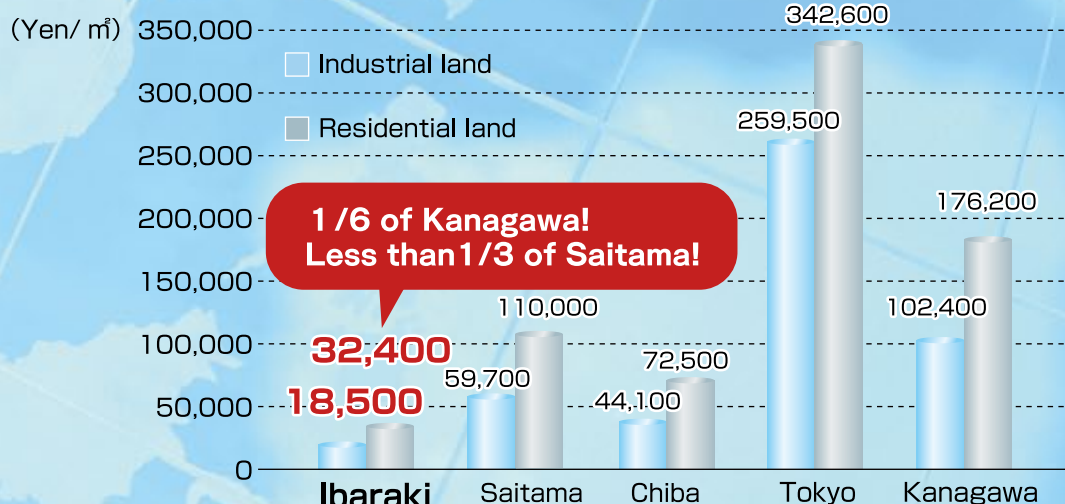
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Reasonable start-up costs and running costs

[Average price of land]

(2017 Prefectural Land Price Survey)



[lab and office space rent-prices]

Reasonable rent for public laboratories and offices

Facilities	Monthly rent (Tax excl)
Tsukuba Center,Inc. (Tsukuba,Ibaraki)	¥3,200/ m²
Hitachinaka Techno Center,Inc. (Hitachinaka,Ibaraki)	¥2,100/ m²
(Non-Ibaraki)Kanagawa Science Park (Kawasaki,Kanagawa)	¥4,000/ m ²

(Created with reference to facilities websites)



Tsukuba Center,Inc.



Hitachinaka Techno Center,Inc.

[Benefits for foreign manufacturers setting up R&D centers in Ibaraki prefecture]

- For manufacturers and businesses establishing or expanding their offices (including R&D centers) in Ibaraki prefecture, the following tax benefits will apply when 5 or more employees are hired within the prefecture.

	Corporate Enterprise Tax	Real Estate Acquisition Tax
Benefits	According to the number of employees increased together with the expansion or establishment, 3 years exemptions of the Corporate Enterprise tax is granted.	Housing or land acquired for the purpose of establishment or expansion is exempted from Real Estate Acquisition Tax.
Applicable Period	For establishment and expansions prior to March 31st of 2019.	For establishment and expansions prior to March 31st of 2021.

- Additional benefits might also be available upon request. Please inquire for detail.

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High quality of life and easy living Safe, secure environment for families



Education

[Tsukuba International School]

PYP, MVP, DP, and designated school for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program.



Health

[University of Tsukuba Hospital]

Provides Japan's cutting-edge medical care. Services available in English and other foreign languages.



Shopping

[Large shopping malls and outlet malls]

(Mito, Tsukuba, Hitachinaka, Ami)

[Foreign wholesale stores]

(Hitachinaka, Tsukuba)



Information & consultation

The Ibaraki International Association offers lifestyle, healthcare, and disaster prevention information in foreign languages, as well as a consultation center for foreigners.

(Phone:029-244-3811)



[Rich natural environment and pleasant climate]

- Close to the ocean and mountains, enabling a variety of activities throughout the year.
- Average annual temperature is 14°C (57° F) with a warm climate.

[Inquiries]

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