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We invite you to Ibaraki Prefecture: An innovation hub that is the gateway to the world.

We welcome companies from the following industries:

- ① Life sciences
(medical treatment, biology, pharmaceuticals, etc.)
- ② IT sector, robotics, etc.
- ③ Pharmaceutical Businesses
(genome information, medical information, biological information, etc.)
- ④ Food Businesses
(food history, breeding information, etc.)
- ⑤ Environmental Businesses
(environmental exposure information, behavioral information, etc.)
- ⑥ Businesses that offer support ① - ⑤
- ⑦ Other projects specially acknowledged by the governor

Quick Facts About Ibaraki Prefecture

Population

2.84million
(11th nationwide)



Foreign Residents

81,478
(10th nationwide)



Land Area

6097.24km²
(24th nationwide)



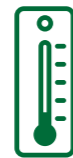
Residential Area

3,888.61km²
(4th nationwide)



Climate

12.6-15°C (54-59°F)
(average temperature)



Primary Industries

Manufacturing

Electric machinery, production machinery, etc.



Agriculture

Rice, vegetables, melons, Asian pears, hog farming



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IBARAKI Prefecture

Ibaraki Prefecture offers the ideal environment for expanding your business.



Advantageous Location

No. 1 in Japan with an abundance of locations for setting up business.



Advantageous Location



Accumulated Technologies

Ibaraki leads Japan both in terms of the total area covered by companies that have chosen to expand their operations here and the number of businesses relocating from other prefectures. In addition to easy access to central Tokyo and Narita International Airport, Ibaraki continues to offer conditions that make it an appealing choice as a business and innovation hub.

Tsukuba Science City is home to 29 Japanese research institutes—nearly 1/3 of the national total—and continues to grow as Japan's leading R&D area. To the north lies the large manufacturing hub of Hitachi City and its surrounding region.



Supportive Ecosystem

The Japanese government, Ibaraki Prefecture and various research institutes have created an ecosystem that supports deep tech startups in Space and other sectors.

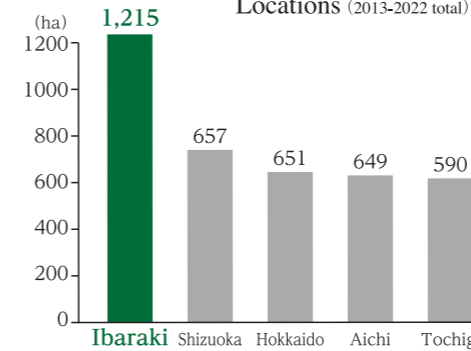


Expatriate-Friendly

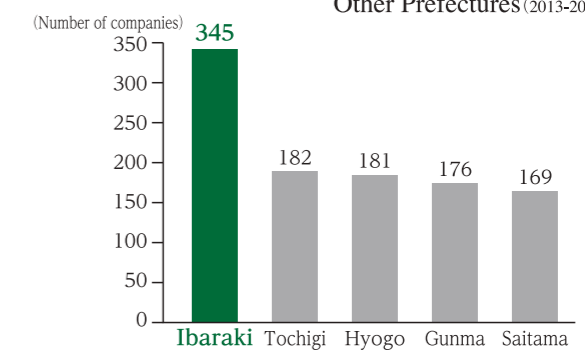
Home to numerous researchers, Tsukuba boasts a rich international atmosphere with a foreign population that is more than twice the national average. A range of services and support are available that make the city a pleasant place for foreign residents to live.

Ibaraki is the preferred destination for numerous companies.

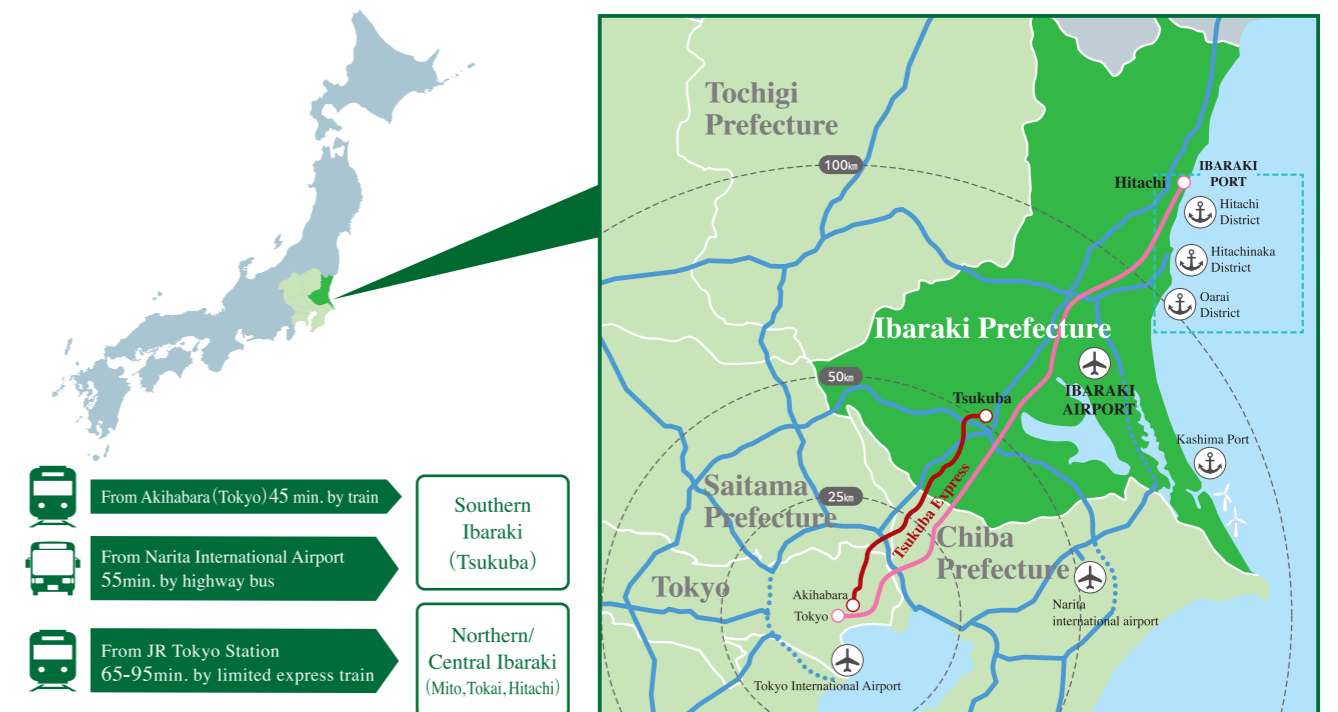
● Top Ranking for Total Area of New Company Locations (2013-2022 total)



● Leading in the Number of Companies Relocating from Other Prefectures (2013-2022 total)



Close to Tokyo: 45 min. to Central Tokyo, 55 min. to Narita International Airport



Excellent Access From the Sea

Port of Ibaraki

Used for exporting automobiles and heavy construction equipment. Also a part of domestic container shipping routes and a port of call for car ferries linking the rest of the capital region and Hokkaido.



A vital maritime transport hub and Japan's largest industrial complex. Ibaraki Prefecture's forward-looking initiatives include the commencement of offshore wind farm construction in 2024, enabling a sustainable future.





Accumulated Technologies

1/3 of research institutes, Japan's leaders in industry, academia and government, are concentrated here in Tsukuba.

Major Research Institutes and Companies in Ibaraki

Tsukuba Science City (Southern Ibaraki)

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



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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)



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High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)

Northern/Central Ibaraki

- J-PARC (Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex)
- Hitachi Works, Hitachi, Ltd.



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Hitachi Works, Hitachi, Ltd.

R&D Results



Prof. Sankai University of Tsukuba or CYBERDYNE Inc.

●HAL® (Hybrid Assistive Limb)
The world's first "wearable cyborg" that improves, supports, enhances and regenerates the wearer's physical functions. (Manufactured by Cyberdyne, Inc., a University of Tsukuba startup)



●Industrial-use underwater drones DiveUnit 300
Domestic underwater drones that support underwater construction as partners of social infrastructure. (Manufactured by FullDepth Co., Ltd)

Comments From Companies That Have Expanded to Ibaraki



Autoliv Japan Ltd.

R&D, manufacturing, sales, import and export of seat belts, airbags, steering wheels and other automotive safety components

In recent years, together with the spread of work-style reform, respect for work-life balance has become one of the most important requirements for an employer to gain the trust of its employees. Therefore, Tsukuba, with its rich nature and great living conditions, is an ideal base for our company and staff.



Valeo Japan Co., Ltd.

R&D, manufacturing and sales of automotive systems and components

Tsukuba has a wealth of manufacturing industries and research institutes which are linked by established industrial networks. This provides a wide range of business opportunities, such as information collection, joint R&D and business matching.



iSYS Technology Solutions Co., Ltd.

Provides IT solutions to engineers involved in manufacturing and R&D

Ibaraki Prefecture provides a wonderful environment that can meet the needs of a wide range of local companies, from agriculture and industry to cutting-edge scientific research. Ibaraki is rich in natural beauty with its coastline, mountains and rivers, and has good access to the Tokyo metropolitan area making it great for not just business but also for daily life.



Many global companies have expanded into Ibaraki Prefecture



Successful Startups



Aron Lentsch
(Austria)
OrbSpace

Space engineering company aiming to develop low-cost, highly reusable manned space transportation systems

With its close proximity to Tokyo and easy access to JAXA and other research institutes, Ibaraki is the ideal place for business development. I'm grateful for the prefecture's support for the Space business.



Hong-Ren Su
[Taiwan (ROC)]
SG AITek

Exploring the feasibility of utilizing its technology to measure vital signs from facial images captured by cameras in healthcare facilities.

Given the presence of numerous universities and research institutions in the prefecture, especially in Tsukuba, along with robust support for startups, Ibaraki is the prime location for aspiring entrepreneurs.

Support Ibaraki Prefecture Offers to Startups

- ① Issuance of "Startup Visas" under the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry's system
- ② Granting of subsidies to foreign-owned enterprises, etc.

Learn more ▶



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Supportive Ecosystem

Ibaraki is actively fostering a supportive ecosystem for the growth of emerging businesses.



Expat-Friendly

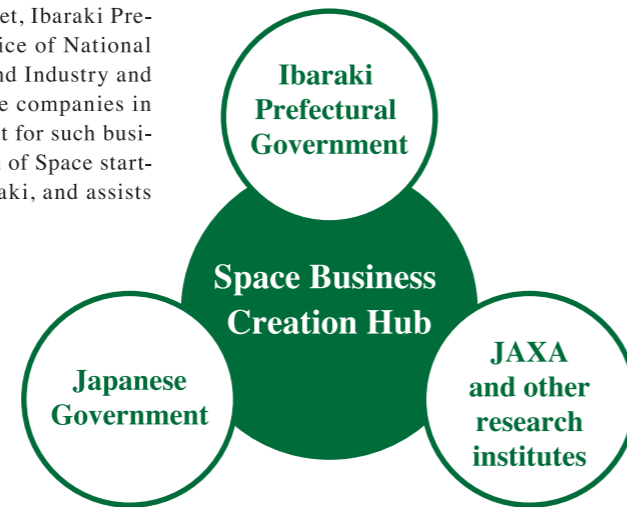
Ibaraki is a place to live, work and have fun.

Ibaraki Space Business Creation Hub Project

Seeing the potential for growth in the Space market, Ibaraki Prefecture is working with the Cabinet Office (Office of National Space Policy), the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and JAXA to create a supportive ecosystem for Space companies in the prefecture, which offers the ideal environment for such business. This project actively encourages the creation of Space startups, invites existing ones to open offices in Ibaraki, and assists local companies' with entering the Space market.



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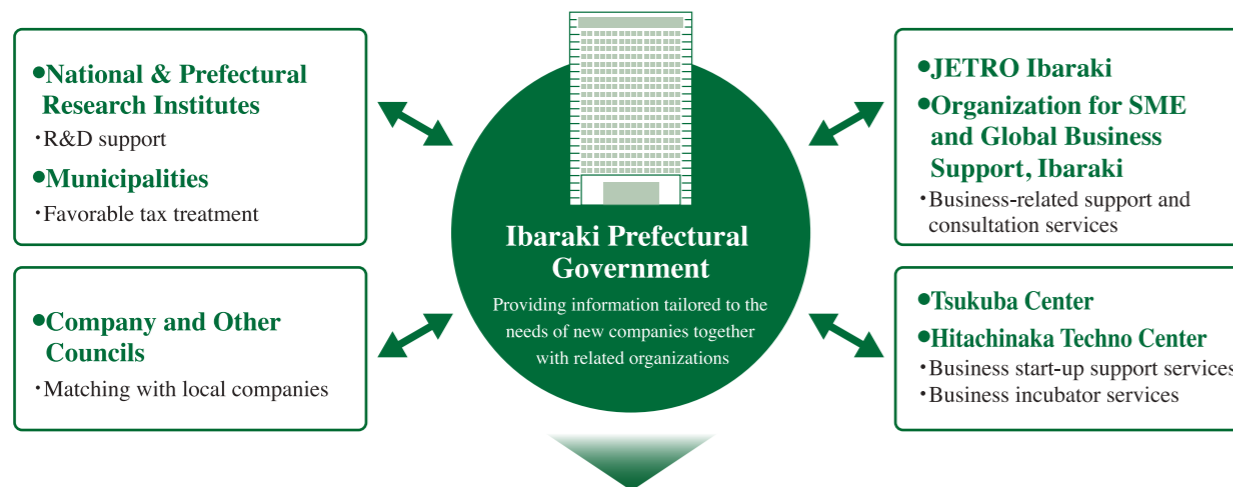


Tsukuba Startup Ecosystem Consortium

The Tsukuba Startup Ecosystem Consortium was created through the cooperation of Tsukuba City, Ibaraki Prefecture, universities, research institutes, private companies and numerous other parties with the goal of making Tsukuba a global hub for deep tech startups.

We support companies expanding to Ibaraki with tax incentives, facilities and information services.

Numerous incentives are available to foreign-owned enterprises, their wholly-owned subsidiaries, and foreign businesses seeking to engage in activities within the thriving landscape of Ibaraki.



We promise a smooth start for your business in Ibaraki with our one-stop service!

Healthcare Facility Offering Peace of Mind with Multilingual Services University of Tsukuba Hospital



One of Japan's leading-edge healthcare facilities with services in English and other languages.

High-quality Education Meeting International Standards Tsukuba International School



Children from 3 to 18 years of age can receive a world-class education at this accredited International Baccalaureate World School that offers the full IB program continuum.

Information Services & Consultation Center Offer Help for Everyday Issues



The Ibaraki International Association offers information to foreigners about daily life in Japan, health care and disasters, as well as a consultation center.

Numerous Large Malls for Convenient, Enjoyable Shopping



Large shopping and outlet malls can be found in Mito, Tsukuba, Hitachinaka and Ami, while Hitachinaka and Tsukuba are also home to major wholesale stores.



An Abundance of Nature and a Mild Climate

Easy access to the ocean and mountains enables enjoyment of a variety of leisure activities year-round. Ibaraki offers a pleasant climate with an average temperature of 14°C (57°F).