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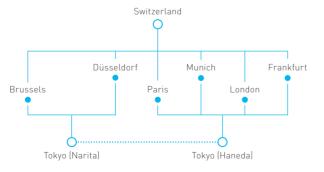


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# WELCOME INTRODUCTION

Swiss World In Japan – Business Guide for Swiss companies in Japan is a project developed under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Switzerland Global Enterprise (S-GE) on July 9, 2014, in Tokyo, Japan. The purpose of this MoU is to strengthen the mutual cooperation between the two organizations and to further expand trade and investment between Japan and Switzerland.

Swiss World in Japan intends to bring you in a single document all basic information for doing business in Japan. This Guide may be considered not only as a business starter set, but also as a tool to further develop your business.

The Guide is divided into two parts. In the first part, you will find the directory which provides not only the names of Swiss companies, institutions, associations and restaurants, but also a list of Japanese organizations. Each company/organization is categorized by a colored sign. If you look at the map - which appears at the beginning of the directory - this sign will help you to quickly locate the company or the organization.

In the second part, you will find useful information on setting up a business in Japan. In addition to the information on the industrial clusters and promising markets, there are three success stories of Swiss companies. Those stories will provide some answers to the questions like: Why Japan? How did they start their business? What difficulties did they face and how did they overcome those difficulties? In addition, some information on the financial incentives offered by the Government of Japan as well as by the local prefectures and cities is also included in this part.

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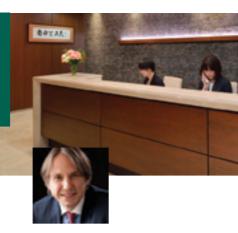
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# INVESTING IN JAPAN

### INDUSTRIAL CLUSTERS IN JAPAN

### Information about the industrial clusters in various regions of Japan.

### AUTOMOBILE AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT

### BIOTECHNOLOGY

TOYAMA Toyama is home to a number of technologically strong manufacturers

HIROSHIMA Manufacturing of machinery, metal processing, and molding, mainly for the automotive industry

FUKUOKA The cluster of automobile-affiliated companies is growing and the area is a major production hub with a capacity of producing exceeding 1.5 million vehicles annually



HOKKAIDO The region's manufacturing industry cluster is gaining attention

FUKUSHIMA Host to a cluster of automobile engines, automobile parts, and aircraft jet engine parts manufacturers

KANAGAWA A growing number of car industry operations including the R&D base of Mercedes-Benz and Nissan's Global Headquarters

#### AICHI

Aichi hosts a concentration of next-generation automotive and automotive-related companies, and has one of the largest aerospace industry in Japan

#### MIE

Mie promotes attracting hub factories with both R&D and manufacturing functions. Support for the establishment of foreign-affiliated (advanced technology) companies' Asian production bases

#### TOYAMA Toyama is home to a number of technologically strong manufacturers

#### FUKUOKA

One of Japan's premier "bio-clusters." Concentration of biotech-related companies, universities and public testing research institutes

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#### MATSUYAMA-CITY Research hub of cell-free protein synthesizing technology

KANAGAWA Japan's 5th largest cluster of biotech industry ventures

#### CHIBA

Host to companies involved in biotechnology, medical care, welfare, and health services located at international R&D sites such as Kazusa

OSAKA World's No. 1 biocluster

OSAKA-CITY Concentration of pharmaceutical, food and medical equipment companies

KOBE-CITY The city's Port Island project contains a medical-industrial complex

### ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS, DEVICES, SEMICONDUCTORS AND PRECISION MACHINERY

### ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY (SMART GRID)

TOYAMA Concentration of innovative, leading-edge IT-related manufacturers

#### FUKUOKA

Growing presence of a brain trust base in "Silicon Island Kyushu," an area that produces some 5% of the world's semiconductors

#### SAKAI-CITY Home to leading companies producing steel, machinery and electronic component materials, as well as to SMEs with special processing technologies

FUKUSHIMA - Clusters of enterprises involved in the semiconductor industry

SHIZUOKA Clusters of enterprises with a core expertise in optical technologies

#### MIE Support for the establishment

of foreign-affiliated (advanced technology) companies' Asian production bases

#### KYOTO-CITY A diversity of industries, from traditional to state-of-the-art technology has converged in the city

OKINAWA Corporate expansion is accelerating in Okinawa, a special economic zone in Japan

#### HIROSHIMA i Concentration of environmental industries

#### KITAKYUSHU-CITY

Environmental model city. Cluster of environmental energy industries

MATSUYAMA-CITY Cluster of solarrelated companies

#### OSAKA-CITY Kansai is becoming the battery factory of the world

#### OSAKA

Companies in environmental and new energy industries are accumulating in the Osaka bay area

#### KYOTO The birthplace of the Kyoto Protocol. Business, university and government communities are addressing environmental issues

KAWASAKI-CITY Aiming to make an international contribution through the relocation of advanced and diverse environmental technologies and know-how

#### SAGAMIHARA-CITY

Major companies excelling in the fuel cell and aerospace sectors have moved to Sagamihara-city

#### AICHI

Aichi hosts a variety of distinctive institutions, like the Aichi Rinku New Energy Research Area, universities and companies

#### MIE

Aim to create a cluster of growing industries in environmental energy, life innovation, and advanced materials

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### FOOD MANUFACTURING AND OTHER INDUSTRIES

### **HEALTHCARE** AND WEI FARE

куото The Port of Kyoto Maizuru is a maior international distribution hub linking the Sea of Japan coast directly with the rest of Northeast Asia

#### FUKUOKA-CITY

Proximity to East Asia, Kyushu ships products and goods valued 21.5 trillion yen and international trade is valued 4 trillion yen

EHIME Home to major companies in basic material sectors, pulp, non-ferrous metals, chemicals, high-function fibers





HOKKAIDO Production of agricultural and fishery products

#### ΤΟΚΥΟ About 630.000 businesses, more than 1/10 the total number in Japan, and over 75% of foreign company headquarters are located in Tokvo

#### CHIBA

Concentration of supply bases for the National Capital Region, Narita International Airport, logistics-related companies

#### SHIZUOKA

New functional food products are created by the fusion of food and medicine

#### MIE

Support for the establishment of foreign-affiliated (advanced technology) companies' Asian production bases

#### Healthcare and pharmaceutical-related companies and R&D centers are located at Kobe Medical Industrial City

HYOGO

#### HIROSHIMA Vigorous efforts to create new industries in advanced medical care and welfare

#### NAGANO

One of Japan's largest clusters of companies engaged in basic manufacturing technologies, such as parts with advanced functions and advanced processing



#### FUKUSHIMA Promotion of "Utsukushima Next-**Generation Medical** Industry Accumulation Project" a collaboration between medicine and engineering

KAWASAKI-CITY

Strengthening international competitiveness in life sciences by using the industrial cluster of the Keihin coastal area

#### SHIZUOKA

Aiming to achieve "best health and longevity in the world", Shizuoka is pushing ahead with world-class medical care and wellness R&D

#### SHIZUOKA-CITY

Food, pharmaceutical and chemical companies have agglomerated. Booming research in food science

### ICT, CLOUD COMPUTING

#### куото

Clusters of content software development companies with a range of state-of-the-art technologies

#### FUKUOKA-CITY

Thriving creative industry with video/fashion, as well as video-game related industry

#### YOKOHAMA-CITY Many global electronic equipment, semiconductor, optical devices and other IT-related companies are located here



HOKKAIDO Because of its cold climate, Hokkaido is garnering domestic and international attention as a location for the establishment of data centers

KANAGAWA Growing R&D center in ICT fields, with Yokosuka Research Park as a hub

KAWASAKI-CITY Aiming to make an international contribution through the relocation of advanced and diverse environmental technologies and know-how

# PROMISING MARKET SITUATIONS

### LIFE SCIENCES

#### OVERVIEW

#### Japan, the second-largest market

Japan is the second-largest market in the world after the United States, occupying about 10% of the market in each of the global drug and medical device markets. Many foreign-affiliated companies have entered the Japanese market and are now active as major players in various fields.

GLOBAL DRUG MARKET JAPAN MARKET SHARE



#### SOURCE

"The World Pharmaceutical Markets Fact Book 2012" espicom JETRO - Invest Japan, Life Sciences: www.jetro.go.jp/ext\_images/en/invest/attract/pdf/e\_life\_rev.pdf

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#### Increase in medical expenses due to the advance of aging society

An aging society with fewer children is growing in Japan today. The percentage of the population aged 65 and older is higher compared to other developed countries. In addition, medical expenses are on the increase every year due to "an increase in the number of elderly aged 75 years and older with characteristics of high consultation rate for chronic diseases, high disease rate, and high nursing care utilization rate," "an increase in the number of elderly who live alone and cannot expect support within the family," and "an increase in medical cost per person due to the upgrading of the service in medical care and nursing care."

To solve these problems the government, in the "Japan Revitalization Strategy," set the goal of the "realization of a society where people are able to live a healthy life and grow old by enhancing effective preventive care services and health management", and at the same time worked out a policy of aiming to improve international competitiveness of medicine-related industries. In the "Regulatory Reform Implementation Plan" decided by the cabinet in June 2013, the government specified four priority action items for the realization of a "healthy life expectancy society" to build an environment for the medicine-related market.

#### ATTRACTIVE MARKET FIELDS

#### 1

#### MEDICAL DEVICE MARKET

#### High-end models sold well in the medical equipment industry

The size of the domestic market for medical equipment in FY 2011 was 2,385,998 million yen, 103.0% of the market size in the previous year. The volume of imports from overseas companies amounted to 1,058,373 million yen, occupying 44.4% of the total. Of all the medical devices, the market for high-end models is booming for the following reasons: While the number of operating rooms has decreased throughout Japan due to (rationalization by) merging and closing down hospitals, the number of operating rooms in special functioning hospitals has increased due to such hospitals' extension or reconstruction, and a supplementary budget was posted by the government. The fields in the medical device market where foreign-affiliated companies are expected to be active include endoscopic surgery medical equipment, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment, medical X-ray computerized tomography (CT) equipment, artificial organs, catheters and tubes, and interventional radiology (IVR) products.

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#### 2 DRUG MARKET Many foreign-affiliated companies active in the drug market

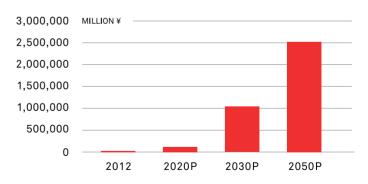
The size of the domestic market for drugs in FY 2011 was 9,380,257 million yen, 104.8% of the market size in the previous year. The volume of imports from overseas companies amounted to 2,531,292 million yen, occupying 27.0% of the total. The introduction of a "premium for promoting new drug research and resolving problems of treatment not covered by insurance" had a significant impact on the domestic medical drug business and worked especially in favour of foreign-affiliated companies in Japan. For the number of FY 2012 new drug research premium target items, eight foreign-affiliated companies are included among the top ten companies. Generic drugs, biopharmaceutical products, and biosimilar products are areas to which attention should be paid in the domestic drug market.

#### 3

#### REGENERATIVE MEDICINE MARKET Accelerated effort for practical application of iPS cells

The 2012 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine was awarded to Professor Shinya Yamanaka (Director, Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA), Kyoto University), and the research on the practical application of iPS cells was selected to be subsidized by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology for the forthcoming 10 years.

#### JAPAN REGENERATIVE MEDICINE FUTURE MARKET FORECAST



#### SOURCE

"Report on Practical Application and Industrialization of Regenerative Medicine" published by Regenerative Medicine Application and Industrialization Study Group, in Ministry of Economy Trade, and Industry

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Expectations are therefore growing in Japan that iPS cells can be used in various fields such as organ regeneration and drug design research. Against this backdrop, a plan to build a "cell bank" which gathers a stock of cells to be used in regenerative medicine is under way. Professor Yamanaka announced the idea of an "iPS cell bank" to gather a stock of iPS cells by human leukocyte type and said in December 2012 that the Japanese Red Cross Society and CiRA, Kyoto University, would cooperate with one another to build a "medical-use iPS cell stock."

#### **GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS**

The building of a market environment in the life sciences field in Japan is in progress, with advances in regulatory reforms by the government such as simplification and speed up of processes through deregulation relating to regenerative medicine and medical devices; promotion of new drug research and promotion of the use of generic drugs; establishment of Orphan Drug/Medical Device Designation System; and release of Guidelines for the Quality, Safety, and Effectiveness of Biosimilar Products.

### HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY SOCIETY ACTION ITEMS

Promotion of regenerative medicine

- 2 Promotion of regulatory reform relating to medical devices
- 3 Building of a system allowing the functionality of general health food to be displayed
- 4 Promotion of ICT in medicine

SOURCE

"Regulatory Reform Implementation Plan" decided by the cabinet on June 14. 2013

### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

#### **OVERVIEW**

### The Information and Communications Industry — Japan's Largest Industry

The market size (real GDP) of Japan's information and communications (ICT) industry in 2010 was 98.8 trillion yen. The ICT industry accounted for 10.7% of 922.7 trillion yen for the total of all industries, representing the largest.

The ICT industry also displayed a steady increase in growth rate. The average annual growth rate between 1995 and 2010 was 3.0%, higher than the 0.3% for all industries. Even when compared with other industries— 2.8% for the electrical machinery industry and 1.4% for the transport machinery industry—the ICT industry showed the highest growth rate of all industries.

### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO REAL GDP



#### SOURCE

Economic Research Office, Information Policy Division, Global ICT Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "Survey on Economic Analysis of ICT (2011)" JETRO - Invest Japan, Information and Communication Technology: www.jetro.go.jp/ext\_images/en/invest/attract/pdf/e\_ict\_rev.pdf

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#### INVESTING IN JAPAN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

### Proliferation of Broadband — Expanding Data Traffic (Communication Volume)

With the proliferation of broadband, Internet traffic (communication volume) has continued to increase in Japan. The traffic was 1,905 Gbps in 2012, up more than 7-fold in 8 years from 257 Gbps in 2004.

#### Penetration Rate of Mobile Internet — Leading the World

According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the penetration rate of mobile Internet in Japan as of 2010 was 89.5% (Note), the highest in the world. Mobile traffic (communication volume) has also rapidly increased, more than doubling in the one year between 2011 and 2012.

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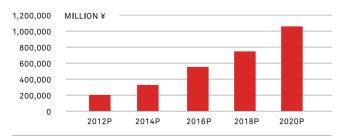
Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, "Information and Communications in Japan (2012)," White Paper

To relieve such exploding mobile traffic, mobile phone operators have pro-actively taken an action called "offload," where the traffic is routed to public wireless LAN services instead of mobile phone lines. For new entries to the market, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications developed "Wireless LAN business guidelines," consisting of notes to which public wireless LAN service providers should pay attention.

#### **Recovery in IT Investment by Japanese Companies**

In recent years, trends of IT investment in Japan have been affected by the world economy, especially financial situations. However, enterprise IT investment, which slumped in the wake of the Lehman shock, is now in an uptrend with the overall improvement in business sentiment.

#### **BIG DATA MARKET FORECAST**



#### SOURCE

Yano Research Institute, "Big Data Market 2012"

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#### ATTRACTIVE MARKETS

As broadband has proliferated and mobile communications have risen due to the rapid growth of smartphones, the data volume has steadily increased. Under these circumstances, fields such as "Data center" and "Big data" are likely to be promising markets in Japan. Now that enterprise IT investment is rebounding from the recession caused by the Lehman shock, the ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) market could also be attractive with high future growth potential.

#### 1

#### DATA CENTER MARKET Expanding Market for Hardware and Software

The data center market has been growing for both hardware and software. For hardware, the total floor area of data centers is expected to continue to increase due to data center investment by IT businesses. For software, the compound average growth rate (CAGR) for data center services from FY 2010 to FY 2016 is expected to be 5.4% and the market size is likely to reach 1.0559 trillion yen in FY 2016. In this promising data center market, there will likely be a stable demand for data centers in Japan.

#### 2

#### BIG DATA MARKET Expecting Future Market Growth

Analyzing big data for marketing is now drawing attention. For this reason, the big data market is largely comprised of BI (business intelligence) services, where a large amount of a company's data is used for its decision-making after being stored, analyzed, and processed. The market size of big data in FY 2011 was estimated to be 190 billion yen, including software license, system architecture, hardware, and support.

The positioning and role of big data are likely to change in the short, medium, and long term, and the market size will expand accordingly. With active use of big data for company business, in the long run, the market size is predicted to become 630 billion yen in FY 2017, more than 3 times the current size, and to exceed 1 trillion yen in FY 2020, more than 5 times of what it is today.

The big data market includes many foreign-affiliated companies, such as IBM Japan, Ltd., Hewlett-Packard Japan, Ltd., and SAP Japan Co., Ltd..

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#### INVESTING IN JAPAN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

#### 3ERP MARKET Expecting Future Revitalization of the Market

The ERP package license market plunged due to the Lehman shock in 2009, followed by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the floods in Thailand, and its growth rate remained in the single digits until 2011.

However, the market seems to have recovered from the economic downturn in 2012 and is back in a full uptrend. With a steadily increasing number of projects to newly install ERP for replacement of aging systems, business enhancement, and improvement of operating processes, the market has now been revitalized.

Generally, IT investment has a slight lag time to economic trends. However, if the economy continues to improve in 2013 and beyond, companies could spend more on IT investment, including ERP. In addition, the need for implementation of ERP overseas could drive the market for the time being. In particular, Japanese companies expanding their business into international markets have a strong intention of using IT for enhancement of overseas operations and optimization of supply chains. Therefore, they have accelerated their moves to implement ERP overseas and integrate ERP globally. High-priority ERP investment target systems include SCM (supply chain management), production management systems, and accounting systems. This can be because there is a need for global production, inventory management, distribution optimization, and quick understanding and management of business information.

The ERP market includes foreign-affiliated companies such as SAP Japan Co., Ltd., Oracle Corporation Japan, and Microsoft Japan Co., Ltd..

#### **GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS**

#### **Promoting Regulatory Reforms**

In a cabinet meeting on June 14, 2013, the government approved the "Regulatory Reform Implementation Plan," which is designed to steadily proceed with regulatory reforms in various areas. Based on this plan, a number of reforms will be advanced, including the following for ICT:

- Establishing guidelines for the use of big data
- Promoting the use of ICT in medicine

### RENEWABLE ENERGY/ SECONDARY BATTERY

#### OVERVIEW

### Renewable energy drawing attention as energy issues become apparent after 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami

As a measure against global warming, various actions have been taken to promote renewable energy on a global scale. Since the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami occurred on March 11, 2011, energy issues have become more and more prominent in Japan because of earthquake-stricken thermal power plants and unprecedented large-scale and long-term damage to the nuclear power plant of Tokyo Electric Power in Fukushima. In order to solve those issues, renewable energy is drawing further attention in Japan.

#### Increasing the share of renewable energy in power generation

According to the forecast on power generation released by the Japanese government in June 2012, the share of renewable energy is expected to increase greatly from 11% in FY 2010 to 25%–35% in FY 2030. The government recognizes the rising importance of renewable energy and states that it will accelerate the development and use of renewable energy in order to acquire energy security.

Specific measures include the widening of system operations, maintenance and improvement of power grids, reformation of regulations on location, acceleration of technical development, acquirement of backup power, and improvement of systems that enable us to live in harmony with the community.

### MARKETS AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING – EXPECTED MARKET SIZE OF NEW ENERGY

MARKET IN MILLION ¥	2008	2020	% GROWTH
Solar power generation device	164,800	1,287,600	781%
Wind power generation plant	63,000	249,000	395%
Lithium battery	42,900	600,600	1,400%
Charging station	0	148,000	
Geothermal power generation plant	0	78,400	
New-energy business	75,200	2,431,100	3,233%

Source:

"Research on Japan's Environmental Business in 2020,"

by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

JETRO - Invest Japan, Renewable Energy / Secondary Battery:

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#### INVESTING IN JAPAN RENEWABLE ENERGY / SECONDARY BATTERY

#### **GOVERNMENTAL EFFORTS**

#### ATTRACTIVE MARKETS

#### 1

#### SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS

#### Expanding the market share of products by overseas manufacturers

The market size for solar power systems in Japan in FY 2012 was 1,624,763 million yen. The amount for residential systems was 869,071 million yen (53.5%) and the amount for non-residential systems was 755,692 million yen (46.5%). The government's subsidy system for the introduction and the feed-in tariff program for surplus power will continue and the system price is likely to drop. Therefore, the market is predicted to continue to grow after FY 2013.

#### 2

#### WIND POWER SYSTEMS Products by overseas manufacturers account for 70% of the wind power market in Japan

The wind power introduction volume (cumulative) in Japan in FY 2012 was 2,649,000 kW, and the single-year capacity was 92,000 kW. The market size was 73,800 million yen in FY 2010. The volume of new introductions to the wind power business decreased after 2010 because of the cancellation of subsidies for the construction of new businesses in anticipation of the feed-in tariff program, in addition to the confusion caused when power companies limited the capacity required and the Building Standards Act was revised, but the market has been improving since the feed-in tariff program started in July 2012. Because wind power generation became applicable to the environmental assessment in FY 2012, the introduction volume is not increasing at the moment, but the introduction volume is expected to increase sharply from now on.

#### 3

#### THE MARKET FOR LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FOR STATIONARY ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE Demand for electricity storage devices rose sharply after the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami

Lithium-ion batteries for stationary electrical energy storage have been used and promoted in demonstration experiments and professional backups in order to standardize the electric power and stabilize the power system. However, due to power issues after the Tohoku earthquake and tsunami, various companies started to sell electricity storage devices in succession for home and professional use. Japan is advancing a number of initiatives to bolster the renewable energy and secondary battery markets through the following efforts: "feed-in tariffs (FITs)" for renewable energy and introduction of the "fund to introduce and promote renewable energy (green new deal fund)".

### Expanding facility investment by "feed-in tariffs (FITs)" for renewable energy

In order to promote the use of renewable energy, feed-in tariffs (FITs) took effect in July 2012. Electric power suppliers are now required to procure electricity generated by renewable energy (solar power, wind power, hydraulic power, geothermal power, and biomass) at a fixed cost for a certain period of time determined by the government. The system has made it easier for the installer of the renewable energy generation facilities to forecast the cost recovery. The government announced that the capacity of the facilities that have been certified by the end of February 2013 reached approximately 13,059,000 kW.

### Expanding public investment through a fund to introduce and promote renewable energy

The projects to introduce and promote renewable energy through a "fund to introduce and promote renewable energy (Green New Deal Fund)" promote the introduction of renewable energy to disaster prevention centers of local authorities with a view to introduce independent and distributed energy by using renewable energy and promote the development of a region that is environmentally friendly and robust in the event of disasters. The implementation period is the 5 years from 2012 to 2017. It is predicted that the fund will promote the introduction of renewable energy and electricity storage systems to private and public facilities such as government agencies, hospitals, police stations, and fire stations.

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### M-INDUSTRY JAPAN

# SUCCESS STORIES OF SWISS COMPANIES IN JAPAN

As a subsidiary of the Migros Group, M-Industry is an entity of 24 companies manufacturing and marketing over 20,000 products for its customers in Switzerland and abroad. It exports to more than 50 countries.

Established in November 2014, M-Industry Japan imports a range of over 50 food and non-food products to the Japanese market. Depending on the business and the product, it sells online, to wholesalers or directly. It employs a total of four people in Tokyo and plans to increase its headcount with the growth of its business.

"Because our production facilities are all designed for low-cost, efficient, large scale production, we have to find the right clients and segments. Small niche markets are not ideal for us. Our target clients are national retailers, but due to the strengthening of the Swiss currency and weakening of the yen, we had to adjust our strategy. In the longterm, we remain focused on finding suitable products that can be enjoyed by all Japanese", explains David Chalk, Managing Director, M-Industry Japan.

#### M-Industry has four pillars to its business:

- Capsule coffee produced by M-Industry's company "Delica" (although the regular drip coffee segment is stable, the capsule segment is expected to continue growing at 25-30% per year)
- "Swiss Delice" a 100% export brand for Swiss products such as Jam, Biscuits, Iced tea and Rösti
- Cosmetics such as day and night creams, serum and body lotions under the brand "Zoé of Switzerland" (Mibelle group)
- Other opportunities such as to leverage the network of other similar MI companies in other markets (for example, exporting Japanese food to MI USA to sell to US retailers)



DAVID CHALK Managing Director

#### NAME

M-Industry Japan

Consumer Products

ESTABLISHED 2014 in Japan 1928 in Switzerland

HEADQUARTERS Zurich (Canton of Zurich)

**EMPLOYEES** Japan: 4 Worldwide: 12,169

NET SALES CHF 6,016 million in 2014 "In other markets, we produce mainly private label products but in Japan we changed our strategy to creating and marketing brands."

Japan is the first Asian office, and MI will continue building its network in this dynamic region. "JETRO has been very helpful in providing advice on how to set up a company in Japan, including providing legal advice and introduction to professionals. It made it a lot easier for us to come in. It was like using a book on how to do it", says David Chalk.

"Among the obstacles we faced was the currency exchange rate. Whenever you are involved in exports, you can do all the homework you want – and then central banks around the world have their policies and can change. From when we began the project until now, I think the Swiss franc has probably strengthened by about 25%. When you get into actual production, you can also encounter difficulties. We have preventive measures in place."

M-Industry Japan has just launched Mibelle's cosmetic products in October 2015. "The key to success in cosmetics is new product development. There is always demand for new products or new technologies. Mibelle introduces 1,000 new products per year."

M-Industry introduced its products at an antenna shop in Ginza-Melsa from October 5th to 19th, 2015, to sell Café Royal (Delica) and Swiss Delice. "I wanted to have a small shop somewhere, so that people can come and have a Swiss experience in Tokyo, and to anchor the brand".

When asking about life in Japan, David Chalk states "I love Japan. I do not want to live anywhere else. The challenge is the language, if you don't speak Japanese, then it is difficult. But in terms of culture, I visited and lived in many countries, and I can say that Japan is probably the easiest country to live in: safe, easy to get around, and people are polite and respectful. The only thing that could be better is the humidity in the summer".

### FEINTOOL JAPAN Co. Ltd.

The Feintool Group is a leader in the niche area of fineblanking systems, fineblanked and formed components. It targets two types of businesses: For companies wanting in-house production of metal parts, it sells tool and press technology; for the others, it offers large volumes of high-precision parts developed together with the customer – these include drive-train components, seat adjusters and safety systems for the automotive industry. It is a partner to all major automotive manufacturers and suppliers: up to 200 Feintool fineblanked parts can be found in one car.

Feintool Japan was founded in 1984 in Atsugi, a city in the Kanto plain in Kanagawa prefecture. "Feintool was a global company early on. We are present in the four main automotive markets: Europe, the United States, Japan and China", says Marcel Pernici, Director and Vice-President, Feintool Japan. "When it was first established, Feintool Japan served as a showroom to prove to our customers that our technology works. But it took us until 1990 to operate profitably, after having focused on the seating business. We never lost money since then".

The Feintool Group has established two additional factories in Japan to increase its production capacity, one in Tokoname, Aichi prefecture (near Nagoya) in 2005, and another one in Atsugi in 2012. "Our business in Japan is still growing. Currently we are planning to reduce the number of presses required and are investing in faster presses and newer technologies. We are fully integrated into the supply chain of our customers. We have two major clients in Japan and I am convinced that with our technology, performance and high quality we can be a long-term partner for them. Long-term relationships are very important in Japan".



MARCEL PERNICI Vice President & Director Business Unit Asia

#### NAME

Feintool Japan Co., Ltd.

Precision manufacturing of metal parts, presses and tools

ESTABLISHED 1984 in Japan 1959 in Switzerland

HEADQUARTERS Lyss (Canton of Berne)

**EMPLOYEES** Japan: 130 Worldwide: 2,000

NET SALES CHF 503.4 million in 2014

### "It would be difficult to manage Asian operations from Europe"

### SEFAR Co. Ltd.

Feintool has also set up a plant in Taicang to the north of Shanghai, China. This factory produces precision high-quality parts for seating and drive train components, predominantly for the Chinese market. Before starting up the operation, all key employees were trained in the Japanese plants. "It was a strategic decision that the Chinese factory should be supported and managed from Japan. It would be difficult to lead Asian operations from Europe because of the time difference and also of differences in mentality". Feintool employs a total of 130 people in Japan, including 90 in Atsugi and 40 in Tokoname, plus 80 in China.

"The biggest challenge in Japan is to build up a new business. It can take more than five years in the automotive industry. You need to have enough capital and time, and also a product or technology that is not already available in Japan. Generally it is more challenging for a foreign company to find highly qualified staff as most graduates prefer employment with a Japanese company", Mr. Pernici says.

Feintool Japan plans to establish another factory in China, which will also be led from Japan. It is scheduled to open by 2018 – an investment worth USD 40 million. It will focus on drive-train applications for automatic transmission vehicles.

When asking about life in Japan, Marcel Pernici says "I have lived in Japan for more than twenty years. My wife is Japanese and one part of my family is here. I really like Japan. Everything is orderly, stable and safe. People are reliable. I decided to make my home here". Sefar AG's origin dates back to 1830s, when it was producing silk bolting cloth. In 1907-1912, three operating units SST (Schweizerische Seidengazefabrik Thal), SSZ (Schweizerische Seidengazefabrik Zürich) and ZBF (Züricher Beuteltuchfabrik AG) were established by merging 7 familyowned enterprises. Following in 1995, Sefar AG was incorporated as part of a reorganization of SST, SSZ and ZBF.

Today, Sefar AG has become a leading manufacturer of precision fabrics for monofilaments for the screen printing and filtration markets. "Our core business is monofilament with a thread diameter from 0.02 mm to 2 mm, which is quite unique, and we do custom-tailored solutions", explained Kiyoko Okamoto, Managing Director, Sefar Japan.

From 1997 Sefar started to expand, establishing subsidiaries worldwide. Nevertheless, 65% of Sefar's weaving is still done in three factories located in Switzerland. The filtration business accounted for 73% of its turnover in 2014, screen printing for 26%, and architecture for 1%

In Japan, Sefar has been established in Osaka in 2006 catering to the screen printing business. "We wanted to be closer to our worldwide competitors. The biggest companies in this industry are located in Japan and in the rest of Asia. But in the past 10 years, this market segment has shrunk, which is one of the reasons why we have diversified our business activities in Japan", says Kiyoko Okamoto. Starting in 2010, Sefar proceeded to reorganize its Asian business, its divisional business operation in the whole group, and merged printing and filtration divisions. More specifically, it expanded its Japanese businesses related to industrial filtration, such as water treatment, filter components, medical disposables, blood filtration, dust filters, mining and refining.



KIYOKO OKAMOTO Managing Director

#### NAME

Sefar Co., Ltd.

Manufacturing of precision fabrics

ESTABLISHED 2006 in Japan 1995 in Switzerland

HEADQUARTERS Heiden (Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden)

**EMPLOYEES** Japan: 4 Worldwide: 2,200

NET SALES CHF 295 million in 2014 "Since we expanded our business to other segments, our sales are steadily growing in Japan"

Sefar Japan benefited from a temporary office space in Osaka, provided for free by JETRO Invest Japan Business Support Center (IBSC), from June to September 2006, just before the opening of its sales office. It currently employs 4 employees.

One obstacle in doing business in Japan is related to the differences in standards and regulations. "Our products are based on DIN and ISO standards, but Japanese customers were asking for a product matching JIS standards (Japan Industrial Standards). We already had good products, but it takes time to be accepted. We keep doing our utmost to prove that our products can satisfy our Japanese customers", says Kiyoko Okamoto.

"We started the promotion of a new product line for the pharmaceutical market in November 2014, with the opening of a new clean room in Germany. Our second priority for the medical market are very precise filters integrated into oxygenators".

On the question of the advantages of having Japanese management staff, Kiyoko Okamoto says that administrative procedures are quite complicated, and not many people are willing to explain them in English. In addition, it is not easy to read Japanese minds without speaking the language. "If you speak English, you will not understand what people really think, it might lead to wrong decisions".

# INCENTIVES FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

To facilitate investment in Japan, the government offers appealing incentives, as well as operating single contact points in relevant ministries and agencies for inquiries and support when doing business in Japan.

### TAX CREDIT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) EXPENSES

#### **R&D** tax incentives

Tax incentives through which a certain rate of R&D expenses conducted by private companies as part of their business activities can be deducted from their corporate tax (national tax) of the relevant fiscal year. Four types of tax incentives are provided under "R&D tax system." In the revision in 2015, the incentive was drastically enhanced to promote open innovation of companies.

- · Significant increase of the deduction rate
- Combining incentives for "the aggregate amount-type system" and "open innovation-type system" to set a deduction upper limit of 30% of corporate tax
- Expanding the scope of subject expenses (e.g., making it possible to record usage fees for the intellectual properties of SMEs as special R&D expenses)

#### **Competent Authorities**

Innovation and Industry-University Collaboration Division, Industrial Science and Technology Policy and Environment Bureau, (METI) \*Japanese only

### TAX INCENTIVES FOR STRENGTHENING LOCAL BUSINESS FACILITIES

The governments offers tax incentives for companies that relocate their headquarters from the 23 wards in Tokyo to other regions, or that enhance and expand the function of their headquarters in those regions. Target regions for support are regions other than the Tokyo Metropolitan Area, central Chubu region (Nagoya area) and central Kinki region (Osaka area).

- Employment promotion taxation (tax credit for new employees)
- Tax credit for office acquisition
- Compensation for decreased local tax revenue

### ON THE INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT ACT Tax incentives to promote capital investment to improve

#### **production efficiency** Tax incentives for corporations to promote capital investment in

 $\operatorname{cutting-edge}$  facilities to improve production efficiency.

TAX CREDIT BASED

Incentives include:

- Immediate depreciation of assets or tax credit of up to 5%
- Special depreciation of 50% of assets or tax credit of 4%

#### **Applicable Period**

From January 20, 2014 until the end of March 2016 From April 1, 2016 until the end of March, 2017

#### **Competent Authorities**

Hotline for consultation regarding productivity improvement tax (METI)  $\star_{Japanese\ only}$ 

### SPECIAL ZONES

#### National Strategic Special Zone

Special regulatory measures, tax treatment (for corporate income tax), and financial/monetary support are available for companies with business plans in National Strategic Special Zones.

#### **Comprehensive Special Zones**

Special regulatory measures, tax treatment (for corporate income tax), and financial/monetary support are available for companies with business plans in designated zones. CSZs have two types: those for international competitiveness and those for local revitalization. CSZs aim at providing tailored, integrated support for comprehensive and strategic challenges in selected regions.

#### **Competent Authorities**

Office for Regional Revitalization Promotion, Cabinet Office \*Japanese only

#### **Special Zones for Reconstruction**

Special measures such as deregulation, tax incentives, etc. are available for companies with business plans in disaster afflicted areas.

**Competent Authorities** Reconstruction Agency

To obtain detailed information, please visit www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/incentive\_programs.html

### IMMIGRATION

### Points-based preferential immigration treatment for highly skilled foreign professionals

Under the points-based system, foreign professionals who earn 70 points or more will be recognized as "highly skilled foreign professionals" and will be given preferential immigration treatment.

Recent changes of the treatment include:

- Easing certification requirements of "Point-based System for Highly Skilled Foreign Professionals" (December 2013) (e.g., criteria of annual salary, research activities, etc.)
- Creating a new residence status allowing indefinite period of stay for highly skilled foreign professionals (legislation enacted in June 2014, enforced in April 2015)

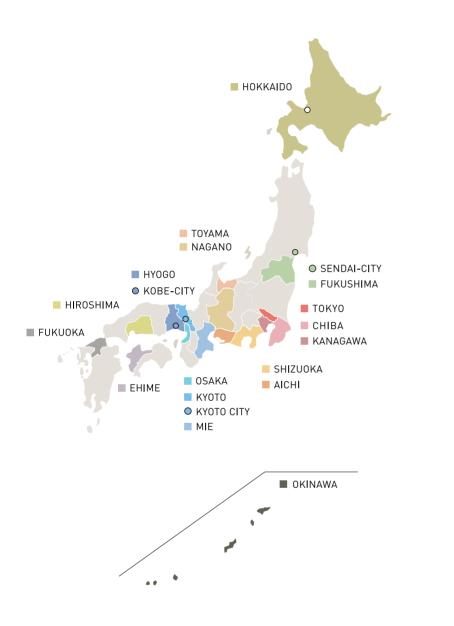
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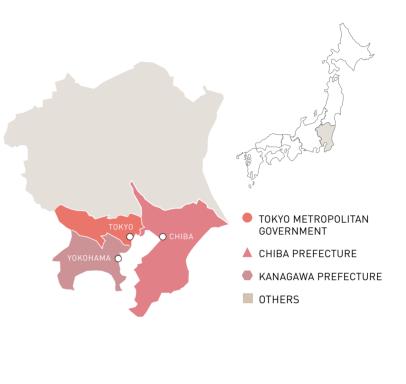
To facilitate investment in Japan, local governments also offer various incentives and support exclusively for foreign-affiliated companies and foreign companies that are planning to open an office in their region.

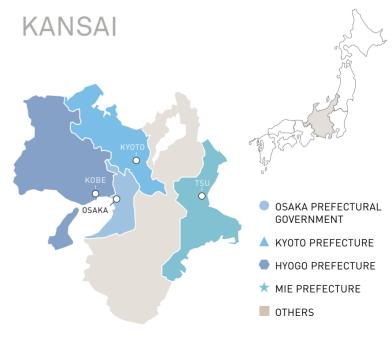
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### FEATURED PREFECTURES

### KANTO







## HOKKAIDO REGION HOKKAIDO PREFECTURE

FOOD PRODUCTS PULP & PAPER PETROLEUM COAL IRON & STEEL TRANSPORT INSTRUMENTS



HOKKAIDO BUREAU OF INDUSTRIAL LOCATION PROMOTION, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, HOKKAIDO GOVERNMENT Kita 3-jo Nishi 6-chome, Chuo-ku, Sapporo-city, Hokkaido 060-8588 Phone: +81 (0)11 231 4111 | Fax: +81 (0)11 232 2139

### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

The Government of Hokkaido has enacted the Hokkaido Code on Industrial Promotion, which aims to encourage businesses to locate branches in the prefecture. Subsidies of up to 1.5 billion yen (for automotive-related industries) are available for automotive-related industries, electrical and electronics manufacturing industries, food industries, plant factories and new-energy industries.

## TOHOKU REGION SENDAI-CITY

WHOLESALE & RETAIL SERVICES CONSTRUCTION TRANSPORT COMMUNICATIONS MANUFACTURING



INDUSTRY PROMOTION SECTION INDUSTRY POLICY DEPARTMENT

3-7-1 Kokubun-cho, Aoba-ku, Sendai-city, Miyagi Prefecture 980-8671 Phone: +81(0)22 214 8245 | Fax: +81 (0)22 214 8321

### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Sendai City has a well developed support system in place related to business location for early reconstruction of the area affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, including preferential tax treatment under the Special Zone for Reconstruction program. Business Location Promotion Subsidy to subsidize 70-100% of the equivalent amount of fixed-asset taxes for 1-5 years (there may be cases where fixed-asset taxes are untaxed for 10 years max. combined with the Special Zone for Reconstruction program) and Employment for **Business Reconstruction Subsidy** providing ¥2.25 million max. in 3 years depending on employing those who are affected by the disaster.

The city is ready to offer various types of support for companies expanding into the area, such as recruitment and HR development and matching with technical resources of universities.

## TOHOKU REGION FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE

INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONIC PARTS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY CHEMICALS BEVERAGES



### FUKUSHIMA INDUSTRY AND LABOR DEPARTMENT, BUSINESS SETUP GROUP OF COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRY AND LABOR DEPARTMENT

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Subsidy Program for new business establishment in the areas recovering from tsunami and nuclear disaster are available towards employment creation.

Fukushima also offers a number of tax-exemption programs based on the Act on Special Measures for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation for Fukushima as well as the Special Zone for Reconstruction program.

Subsidy for Companies Creating Jobs in the Affected Areas of Tsunami and Nuclear Disaster Subsidy of a certain percentage of the amount of the initial investment in the establishment of a new plant, land acquisition cost, acquisition cost of a new building and equipment, and costs of other appurtenant works.

### Fukushima Special Zone for Promoting the Investment in the Reconstruction of Industry Special depreciation and tax deduction for the investment in machineries, equipment, and buildings; special tax deduction of enterprise tax and other taxes; tax exemption or unequal taxation of local tax such as business tax, estate acquisition tax, and fixed property tax.

Fukushima Prefecture Subsidy for the Operations Costs for Promoting Companies to Set Up Plants or Office in the Neighbouring Areas of Nuclear Power Plants Fukushima Prefecture subsidizes part of the electricity bills that were paid for a maximum of eight years.

## KANTO REGION CHIBA PREFECTURE

CHEMICALS PETROLEUM AND COAL STEEL FOOD PRODUCTS AGRICULTURE



### CHIBA INVESTMENT SUPPORT CENTER

WBG Marib East 23 Fl., 2-6 Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba 261-7123 Phone: +81 (0)43 271 4011 | Fax: +81 (0)43 271 4480

AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

The Chiba Investment Support Center (CISC) is a one-stop source of information, and our special feature is the advisors from the private sector who give foreign companies that are considering moving to Chiba Prefecture quick and friendly advice about a variety of business-related matters, including offices, visas, registration, and recruitment.

### System of Grants

In addition to grants for foreign companies to rent offices and plants, etc., the prefecture also offers measures such as subsidies and tax reductions.

### Incubation Facilities

The Foreign Affiliates Startup Center (FASuC) provides rental office space for foreign companies (20 units, 20 to 70 square meters each) in Makuhari New City, through an alliance between the prefectural government and building operators, suitable for startups with a small number of employees. Companies rent these offices at a discount, thanks to a subsidy from the prefectural government.

Other incubation facilities set up in Chiba Prefecture include Tokatsu Techno Plaza and Tohdai Kashiwa Venture Plaza in the Tokatsu region, Creation Core Kazusa in the Kazusa region, and Chibadai Inohana Innovation Plaza in the Chiba area.

## KANTO REGION TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION FOOD & BEVERAGE RETAILING FINANCIAL & INSURANCE PUBLISHING & PRINTING ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING



### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER TOKYO**

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES Subsidies and

### Tax Reduction Measures

Support measures for small and medium-sized businesses in Tokyo include low interest financing, subsidies, and tax preferences among other services. Foreign affiliated companies may take advantage of these benefits if they establish a Japanese corporation.

### Tokyo's Special Zone for Asian Headquarters

Foreign companies establishing their Asian headquarters or R&D centres within the Tokyo's Special Zone for Asian Headquarters are eligible to receive subsidies and tax reduction.

\* Companies must fulfill certain conditions to receive these benefits. Subsidies will not exceed one-half of the actual expenses listed below and will be limited to a maximum of ¥5 million.

- Fees related to obtaining "status of residence"
- Fees for registering the establishment of the headquarters/R&D center and other relevant filing procedures
- Employee recruitment costs

However, the following limits will apply to fees related to obtaining status of residence and fees for registering the establishment of the regional headquarters/ R&D center and other relevant filing procedures.

- Fees related to obtaining "status of residence" ¥200,000
- Fees for registering the establishment of the regional headquarters/R&D center and other relevant filing procedures ¥300,000

## KANTO REGION KANAGAWA PREFECTURE

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT GENERAL EQUIPMENT CHEMICALS FOOD PRODUCTS PETROLEUM PRODUCTS



## INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS DIVISION, INDUSTRY AND LABOR BUREAU

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- Population of over 9 million people (second highest in Japan).
- Concentration of universities and graduate schools in science and engineering areas, ranked number one in Japan with a wealth of specialized human resources.
- Concentration of advanced technological industries, and the second highest concentration of research institutions in Japan.
- Kanagawa Prefecture also cooperates with such institutions as JETRO to provide one-stop assistance in meeting the needs of companies from overseas.

### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES Financial grant to promote new locations for foreign businesses

- Applicant must be a foreign business with 100% foreign ownership that is planning to establish a new factory or laboratory within Kanagawa.
- 2. Applicant must be in the manufacturing or information technology sector.
- 3. Applicant must hire more than 5 new employees at a newly established facility, and at least 3 of these must be either Japanese or permanent residents.

### Maximum ¥3 million \*1/3 of the monthly rent, up to 6 months

## CHUBU REGION TOYAMA PREFECTURE

ALUMINIUM MACHINERY PHARMACEUTICALS PLASTICS ELECTRONICS



### INDUSTRIAL LOCATION & TRADE DIVISION, TOYAMA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

- Subsidies for plant, etc., relocation or to assist with land, building and equipment investment costs during expansions: up to ¥5 billion (total amount issued)
- Subsidies for natural science research facility relocation or to assist with land, building and equipment investment costs during expansions: up to ¥500 million
- Subsidies for hiring new employees to work in natural science research facilities, etc.: up to ¥100 million
- Subsidies for logistic facility, relocation or to assist with land, building and equipment investment costs during expansions: up to ¥100 million

## CHUBU REGION NAGANO PREFECTURE

ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS INFORMATION MACHINERY FOOD PRODUCTS TOURISM



## INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND BUSINESS SUPPORT DIVISION, INDUSTRY AND LABOR DEPARTMENT

692-2 Minami-Nagano, Habashita, Nagano-city, Nagano 380-8570 Phone: +81 (0)26 235 7193 | Fax: +81 (0)26 235 7496 URL: www.pref.nagano.lg.jp/keieishien

### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Nagano Prefecture is actively working to attract companies from outside the prefecture and from overseas. Incentives include exemption from real estate acquisition taxes and subsidies.

### Subsidy for Shinshu Manufacturing Industry Investment Support

- Subsidies are provided when companies establish or expand factories within the prefecture.
- Between 5-20% of production facilities acquisition
- Maximum limit: ¥1 billion
- Requirements: investment amount; number of new employees

Exemption from real estate acquisition taxes based on the Business Location Promotion Act Exemption from real estate acquisition taxes on land for buildings for business purposes. Requirements: Pre-approval of business location plan/investment exceeding ¥50 million for agriculture-, forestry-, and fishery-related businesses and ¥200 million for other businesses.

### Tax exemption based on Shinshu Manufacturing Industry Investment Support Ordinance Exemption from real estate acquisition taxes on land for buildings for business purposes and their sites

### Loan scheme for Nagano Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (New Activation Business Fund (for business locations)

Target business: equipment funding for small and medium sized companies that establish or move a factory into an industrial park

- Conditions: land or building investment of ¥100 million or more
- Finance amount: funds needed for equipment
- Maximum amount: general cases = ¥300 million; special designation by governor = ¥500 million
- Financing conditions: annual interest of 2.1%, finance period of 15 years or less

## CHUBU REGION SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE

TRANSPORTATION ELECTRICAL MACHINERY CHEMICAL ENGINEERING BEVERAGES & FOOD PAPER & PULP



### ONE STOP SERVICE CENTER,

### SHIZUOKA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Shizuoka offers office rent subsidies for foreign-affiliated companies, as well as subsidies for new facility establishment, land acquisition, and new employment as more convenient system to correspond flexibly to company expansion diversifying forms.

Foreign-affiliated companies who are setting up office in Shizuoka for the first time Subsidizing 50% of office rent for a year, up to 500,000 yen

## Subsidies for new facility establishment

Manufacturing (factories and research centers) and distribution centers

### Subsidies for land acquisition and new employment

Manufacturing (factories and research centers), software businesses, and distribution centers

## CHUBU REGION AICHI PREFECTURE

TRANSPORT MACHINERY GENERAL MACHINERY IRON AND STEEL ELECTRICAL MACHINERY PLASTICS



### AICHI-NAGOYA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ACCESS CENTER

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

The Tax Reduction Fund to Countermeasure Deindustrialization was introduced in 2012, facilitating Aichi Prefecture's support of firms that are seeking to establish manufacturing facilities, and carrying out research and development and proving tests.

Subsidy Program to Promote Investments in the Cutting-Edge Sectors of the 21st Century was established, in which the limit of the subsidy is increased to ¥10 billion, making it one of the largest subsides in Japan.

Aichi Prefecture provides investment support to companies that have contributed to the local economy and employment for many years. The prefecture also supports small and medium sized companies in core supply chain fields. Aichi-Nagoya International Business Access Center (I-BAC) provides a free and speedy "one-stop service" relating to markets, clients and business partner candidates, support measures, offices and factories, transportation and other infrastructure, human resources, housing, education and medical care, and licensing and other related procedures.

The Greater Nagoya Initiative (GNI) provides subsidies to foreign companies locating in Aichi for expenses such as registration-related expenses, real-estate company fees, and staffing company fees (specific conditions must be met).

Nagoya City grants can be used for office rental costs (specific conditions must be met).







### **Greater Nagoya**

Home to Japan's advanced industries such as **next-generation vehicle** and **aerospace** industry, the area serves as the national base of **manufacturing innovation**.

### **Greater Nagoya region**

Situated in the middle of the Japanese archipelago, Greater Nagoya is a region within a 100 kilometer radius of Nagoya, the third largest city in Japan after Tokyo and Osaka.

### What is GNI?

The Greater Nagoya Initiative (GNI) is a cross-border industrial revitalization and promotion project, jointly participated in by local municipalities, businesses and academia to attract excellent global companies, technologies, people and information to invest in the region.

### **GNI one-stop support**

The GNI acts as a one-stop business support center for foreign companies considering doing business in central Japan, by helping them gather local information, networking arrangement of business meetings, and aiding their operations in the region.

#### **Greater Nagoya Initiative Center**

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## KANSAI REGION MIE PREFECTURE

TRANSPORTATION MACHINERY ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS CHEMICALS GENERAL MACHINERY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT



### INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICE

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

- Promotion to attract new growing industries such as clean energies, life innovation, etc. as well as advanced materials industry, etc.
- Investment in facilities such as mother factories, etc.
- Attracting R&D centers
- Attracting a foreign-affiliated companies' Asian base
- Starting attracting service industry
- Promoting investment of companies utilizing regional resources

### Subsidy for

- Growing Industry LocationInvestment requirement:
- ¥5 billion or more
- Employment requirement: 10 (5 for prefectural companies)
- Subsidy rate: 10% (up to ¥5 billion)
- \*12% for advanced materials industry

#### Subsidy for

#### Mother Factories Location

- Investment amount required: ¥500 million or more
- Number of employees required: 10 (5 for local companies)
- Subsidy rate: 15% (Limit: ¥500 million)

### Support for personnel transfer

• Personnel transfer of more than 50 staff for strengthening the research division and procurement division (that would be considered as an investment of ¥500 million).

### Subsidy for R&D Center Location

- Target: Construction of R&D centers or testing and certification centers
- Investment requirement: ¥200 million or more (¥100 million or more for Ise, Shima, Tamashiro, and Watarai; ¥30 million or more for Higashi Kishu, Toba, Odai, and Minami Ise).
- Subsidy rate: 10% of invested depreciable assets up to ¥500 million.

### Location Subsidy for Asian Base of Foreign-affiliated Companies

- Investment requirement: ¥500 million or more
- Employment requirement: 10 employees (5 for prefectural companies)
- Subsidy rate: 20% (up to ¥500 million)

## KANSAI REGION KYOTO PREFECTURE

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT PRECISION EQUIPMENT TEXTILE INDUSTRY CHEMICAL INDUSTRY



### TRADE & COMMERCE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LABOR & TOURISM

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

In addition to a good job environment and a cluster of many universities and research centers, many globally active companies are located in Kyoto. It is believed that the 'Kyoto brand' that has been inherited from cultures sophisticated throughout its history and traditional industry to advanced industry will give new business development. Kyoto Prefecture offers support for your location in coordination with municipalities, offering incentives such as subsidies, loans, and special provisions on taxation.

## Business location promotion loans for the creation of jobs

Loans available at low interest, 1.2%, for new office set-up or existing office expansion that result in job creation Maximum amount: 2 billion yen

### Industry location strategy 21 special project grant

For companies located in Kyoto or its municipalities will provide:

- •Office Establishment Subsidy
- Subsidizing 10% of invested fixed assets \*1 \*2
- Employment Subsidy
- •¥100,000 to ¥500,000 \*2
- \* 1 Fixed asset excluding land
- \* 2 In the case of locating in Kyoto City, the subsidy rate and unit price change.

Limit amount varies depending on areas to locate and the number of full-time employees within the prefecture.

Ordinance on Business Location Promotion to revitalize regional economy and for stable employment and job creation in Kyoto Reduction of real estate acquisition tax up to 50% for companies newly establishing or expanding factories in Manufacturing Cluster Promotion Areas. \*Requirements are applicable

## KANSAI REGION KYOTO-CITY

ELECTRIC MACHINERY PUBLISHING & PRINTING FOOD PRODUCTS TEXTILES GENERAL MACHINERY



### DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY OFFICE

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Companies (primarily those in the manufacturing and information processing service industries) building new plants/ research institutes or expanding existing facilities and start-up small and medium sized companies setting up new offices are eligible to participate in subsidy and financing programs. The city is also committed to supporting and fostering venture companies by creating inter company matching programs to assist small and medium sized companies in the city to expand their range of business and technological collaboration partners, promoting industrial academic and public collaboration, establishing industrial support organizations, and setting up incubation facilities.

## KANSAI REGION OSAKA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

MANUFACTURING METALLIC PRODUCTS MACHINERY TOOLS SERVICES WHOLESALE & RETAIL



### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC STRATEGY BUREAU

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES Business Entry Support

Introducing companies for business negotiations, providing short-term leased spaces to serve as preparatory locations for expansion, and providing subsidy programs and other services that meet the needs of companies.

### Kansai Innovation International Strategic Zone Taxes

Companies in New energy or life-sciences businesses, which are newly moving to the special zone: no taxes for 5 years+1/2 taxes for 5 years.

### **Special Zone Taxes**

When performing projects involving new energy or life sciences in special zones in Osaka, special zone taxes apply, with up to Zero local taxes for 5 years + 1/2 for next 5 years. Eligible tax items as Corporate citizens' tax, business office tax, real estate tax, and city planning tax.

There are seven free office rooms that can be used for 365 days as the base of opening business offices in Osaka city. They are equipped with telecommunication and office facilities.

## KANSAI REGION HYOGO PREFECTURE

MANUFACTURING SERVICE REAL ESTATE WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRANSPORT



### HYOGO-KOBE INVESTMENT SUPPORT CENTER

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Support measures for businesses expanding into the designated areas include: (1) reduced real estate acquisition tax; (2) grants for new employment of local people, capital investment, and office rents; and (3) low-interest loans. Though subsidy rate of equipment investment is 3%, it is favorable for large-scale equipment investment, because the maximum of the subsidy is not set. This is unique to Hyogo Prefecture. The Hyogo-Kobe Investment Support Center serves as the one-stop service provider for companies setting up a business in Hyogo Prefecture. JETRO Kobe provides rent-free preparation office spaces.

Reduction on non-uniform taxation of real estate acquisition taxes Reduction on non-uniform taxation of real estate acquisi-

tion taxes (50% reduction up to

200 million yen)

Office Rent Subsidy for Foreign-affiliated Companies Subsidy rate: 50% or less Subsidy amount: 1,500 yen/m²/month Annual Limit: 2 million yen Period: Within 3 years

### **Employment Subsidy**

Subsidy for employing local people: 300,000/person Limit: 300 million yen Requirement: 11 or more new local employees, and in the case of acquiring or renting land, capital investment of 5 million yen or more (excluding land itself)

Subsidy for Capital Investment New growing businesses expanding into the designated area

## KANSAI REGION KOBE-CITY

GENERAL MACHINERY TRANSPORT MACHINERY ELECTRIC MACHINERY IRON & STEEL FOOD PRODUCTS



### KOBE ENTERPRISE PROMOTION BUREAU FOREIGN INVESTMENT GROUP

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Subsidy programs for office rent are available for foreign companies that have established their business sites in the International Economic Site Zone and have been accredited by Hyogo Prefecture as meeting the standards of International Economic Exchange Business.

In addition, Kobe City is taking advantage of the preferential treatment measures to actively induce businesses which are granted through the Ordinance of Kobe Enterprise Zone, Business Entry Support Programs and by the Act on the Promotion of Establishment of Enterprises. Furthermore, Kobe has been designated (December 2011) as the Kansai Innovation International Strategic Zone, and with an aim to found the global site for Life Innovation, the City has been actively attracting domestic and foreign healthcare industries centred around Port Island.

Kobe City was designated as one of the "National Strategic Special Zones" in the field of health and medicine. The city, therefore, makes the best of the support such as relaxation of regulations so as to prepare a good international business environment and to introduce healthcare technology such as regenerative medicine and innovative medical devices from Kobe to other parts of Japan and overseas.

## CHUGOKU REGION HIROSHIMA PREFECTURE

SERVICE INDUSTRY WHOLESALE / RETAIL REAL ESTATE MANUFACTURING COMMUNICATION



### HIROSHIMA FOREIGN BUSINESS DIVISION

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AVAILABLE INCENTIVES Among the incentives in place are start-up support and factory location incentives for foreign companies via corporate location promotion incentive programs, subsidy programs for purchases of land, building and equipment (maximum of 5 billion yen), and financing programs.

### Subsidies for new plants

Subsidy for equipment investment including manufacturing and research facilities in leading-edge fields related to medical and health care, environment and energy etc. Subsidies for land purchases in prefecture-run industrial complexes, and building and equipment subsidies. (certain cities and towns have their own subsidy programs; applicable until Mar. 2016)

- Contract programs: Programs for fixed-term leases of land for business use
- Discount programs: Discounts on land for large scale sales

## SHIKOKU REGION EHIME PREFECTURE

PAPER & PULP NONFERROUS METAL INDUSTRY CHEMICAL INDUSTRY SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY ELECTRICAL MACHINERY



## LOCATION PROMOTION DIVISION, ECONOMIC AND LABOR DEPARTMENT

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

## Support for invited enterprises such as manufacturing companies

Support for leased property and incentives is provided depending on the number of newly employed full-time workers and invested fixed-asset value for pre-designated construction companies, factories of 4 types of distribution companies, and call centers invited by the prefecture. Additionally, a special support system is in place for SMEs expanding into Toyo Industrial Parks, one of the prefectural industrial parks, information- and communication related companies, and venture companies.

### Support for capital investment in line with the basic plan based on the Business Location Promotion Act

Industries seeking accumulation and further expansion by 5 basic plans based on the Business Location Promotion Act in 5 regions of the prefecture.

### **Preferential Tax Treatment** All industries

(There is special exception of requirements for agriculture-, forestry-, and fisheryrelated industry.)

In depopulated areas, preferential treatment is available for targeted facilities, including special depreciation, enterprise tax and real estate acquisition tax.

### Loan Scheme for Business Location

A low-interest long-term loan scheme is in place for capital investment fund for new establishment and expansion of factories.

## KYUSHU REGION FUKUOKA PREFECTURE

TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT ELECTRONIC PARTS & DEVICES IRON & STEEL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FOOD & BEVERAGE



### FUKUOKA FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROMOTION CENTER

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Fukuoka Prefecture provides consistent support including giving information on the market, laws and regulations, real estate such as offices and factories and residences, and information on human resources, extending to introductions of prospective partners companies and follow-up services after corporate advances.

The Business Location Promotion Subsidy in Fukuoka is provided depending on the investment amount and the size of employment, and many local governments in the prefecture also provide various types of incentives. Subsidies for Promoting Investment from Foreign Companies Diverse incentive programs are available for companies establishing a presence in Fukuoka. The prefectural government's programs, in combination with incentives offered by individual cities in the prefecture, provide generous assistance to nonnative businesses. In addition, financing from the Development Bank of Japan is also available.

### Subsidy for Visit to Fukuoka

Partial subsidy of travel expenses for foreign companies considering expanding into Fukuoka.

### Incentives to encourage establishment of its subsidiary in Japan

Partly subsidize the cost of company registration for establishing its Japanese subsidiary associated with expanding into Fukuoka.

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### AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

The most beneficial tax treatment measures in Japan can be accessed in the various special zones such as the International Logistics Hub Industry Development Zone, the Designated Information and Communications Industry Promotion Zone, and the Financial Business Promotion Zone.

### **Financing Program**

Low-interest financing can be accessed from the Okinawa Development Finance Corporation.

### Subsidies and Tax Breaks

- Companies that locate in the International Logistics Hub Industry Development Zone receive a number of tax advantages, such as a 35 percent deduction in taxable income for corporation tax purposes, and partial exemptions from local government taxes such as real estate acquisition tax and fixed asset tax.
- Companies are able to choose between alternative systems for the application of tariffs.
- Companies hiring employees under 35 years of age receive subsidies equal to one third of the employees' wages. (Other conditions also apply)

# AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND JAPAN

### SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT 01.03.2012

The agreement ensures that Swiss and Japanese nationals receive equal treatment whenever possible in respect of social security entitlements and to determine to which national social security system a person is subject to.

Federal Social Insurance Office, Switzerland www.bsv.admin.ch

### **REVISED DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT 30.12.2011**

Withholding tax exemption has been agreed for dividends and royalty payments to companies that hold at least 50% of the voting rights. Dividend payments to pension funds are also to be exempt from tax. The withholding tax on dividends paid to companies that hold at least 10% (previously 25%) of the voting rights of the distributing company are reduced from 10% to 5%. All other dividend payments are subject to withholding tax of 10% (previously 15%). Certain interest payments are also exempt from withholding tax, e.g. if they are made to financial institutions (banks, insurance or reinsurance companies, securities dealers) or pension funds.

Federal Department of Finance FDF www.efd.admin.ch

### FREE TRADE AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FTEPA, 01.09.2009

The FTEPA is for the improvement of framework conditions as well as legal certainty for Swiss exporters, investors and services providers. Moreover, the FTEPA prevents potential discrimination that may result from the conclusion of FTAs between Japan with third countries.

With the FTEPA, the largest part of customs duties on Swiss exports to Japan has been dismantled. Although most Swiss export products (machines, watches and some pharmaceutical products) had already been exempted from custom duties or subject to very low tariff rates, Swiss exporters can still expect significant cost savings.

The FTEPA contains substantive provisions on trade in goods (liberalization of trade in industrial products as well as selected processed and basic agricultural products, rules of origin, custom procedures, trade facilitations and provisions relating to non-tariff barriers), trade in services, the movement of natural persons for business purposes, the establishment and protection of investments, the protection of intellectual property, the promotion and facilitation of electronic commerce, provisions in the field of competition and the promotion of a closer economic relationship.

State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO www.seco.admin.ch

### AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION 10.07.2007

This agreement establishes the terms of science and technology cooperation between Switzerland and Japan. The priorities or topics that should guide the two countries' joint endeavours are agreed on in separate discussions among the public and private sectors of both countries. Swiss and Japanese institutions share a strong interest in many different scientific fields, ranging from life sciences, nanotechnologies and information and communication technologies to environmental sciences, humanities and social sciences. In each country, various institutions are chosen to act as Leading Houses, which means that they are called upon to coordinate bilateral cooperation between the two countries and ensure that all universities and research institutes are involved at the national level. Also an arrangement fostering cooperation in innovation was signed in 2013 by the Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI) and the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT).

Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research EAER www.wbf.admin.ch/en/

State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI www.sbfi.admin.ch/index.html?lang=en

### MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENTS

**Good Laboratory Practices (GLP)** for Pharmaceuticals (30.08.1983), Agrochemical Products (18.01.1993) and Chemical Industrial Products (28.03.1994)

**Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)** for Pharmaceutical Products (02.06.1988)

Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products Swissmedic www.swissmedic.ch

## ORGANIC EQUIVALANCY AGREEMENT 01.07.2012, EXPANDED 01.07.2013

Since 01.07.2013, Swiss organic certified products are allowed to be exported to Japan, provided that the exporter is shipping to a JAS (Japan Agricultural Standards) certified importer who is willing to affix the JAS seal in Japan or be processed by a JAS certified processor/ manufacturer in Switzerland. For import from Japan the same mutual recognition applies as long as the organic products and their ingredients either originate from Japan, imported from Switzerland to Japan or imported from a third country whose manufacturing and control rules are recognized as equivalent to JAS (i.e. Argentine, EU, Australia, USA and New Zealand as of the date of entry into force of this agreement).

Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG www.blw.admin.ch

### AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT 03.04.1957 OPEN SKY AGREEMENT 05.02.2014

The agreement allows Swiss and Japanese air carriers to make decisions on routes, capacity and pricing without government interference.

Federal Office of Civil Aviation FOCA www.bazl.admin.ch

# REFORM 2020

The Japanese Government is making an all-out effort to leverage the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games by promoting 6 core projects to be accomplished by the year 2020. These projects are intended to accelerate innovation, rise attention from around the world and lead to strengthening economic growth.

- 1. Use of next-generation transportation systems and automatic driving technology. The Government will make the utmost use of the research and development results of its public-private collaboration promotion body, and the Strategic Innovation Promotion Program (SIP) under the Council for Science, Technology and Innovation to realize the next generation transportation systems (ART-Advanced Rapid Transit). Moreover, by utilizing sophisticated automatic driving technology, the Government will strive to realize the securing of transportations for those with restraint on movement such as the elderly, and convoy traveling of trucks.
- 2.Solutions to energy/environmental problems through use of distributed energy resources. The Government will strive to establish the utilization of CO2-free hydrogen derived from renewable energy sources and innovative energy management systems.
- 3.Realization of a universal future society through leading-edge robotic technology. Addressing social issues such as labour shortage due to a decrease in population, the Government will take advantage of robotic technologies in every space of life. For example, these technologies can enable the elderly and the handicapped to enjoy wide-ranging services necessary for realizing a stress-free life.

4.International implementation of high-quality Japanese medical services and technology (inbound use of medical care).

The Government will list medical institutions which actively accept patients from foreign countries who visit for medical services such as health check ups, medical treatment and follow-up examinations after medical treatment. "Visiting foreign patients" may thereby experience the benefits of the Japanese medical care system in person, including sickness prevention, early detection, medical treatments and rehabilitation.

**5.Showcasing Japan as a tourism country.** The Japanese Government aims to attract 20 million foreign visitors in 2020, and 30 million in 2030, by taking advantage of attractive tourism areas and easy access points such as Narita and Haneda International Airports. The Government will select a private-public run tourism management organization, with policy input from ministries and agencies, to facilitate the development of tourism resources. The goal is a stress free environment for visitors providing multilingual services and to become a tourism-oriented nation by 2020.

### 6.Policies to attract more foreign direct investment in Japan.

The Japanese Government is focusing on foreign direct investment leading up to the year 2020, when international attention is heightened due to the hosting of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and efforts will be most effective. Important is to develop an attractive business environment for domestic and foreign companies and to strategically engage, identify and attract investment projects, by actively disseminating improvements in the business environment. The promotion of policy measures in this growth strategy, under the cooperation with local governments, will accelerate reforms in regulations and systems. In order to expand foreign direct investment in Japan, the Government is making the utmost use of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games by hosting a number of high-profile international events such as:

### 2019: Rugby World Cup

2019-2020: Regional Business Conference 2020: Japan Business Conference (Tokyo) 2020: Global Venture Summit (Tokyo) 2020: Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games

### To obtain detailed information, please visit

www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/keizaisaisei/pdf/dai2\_3en.pdf www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/keizaisaisei/pdf/kaikaku2020\_gaiyouen.pdf

# JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) is a government-related organization promoting mutual trade and investment between Japan and the rest of the world. As one of our activities, we offer foreign investors with abundant information on all aspects of doing business in Japan, by providing expert consultation and offering free temporary office space in major business areas across the country. Talk to JETRO first and see more of what we offer to help set up your business in Japan.

JETRO has a network of 73 overseas offices in 54 countries, and over 40 offices within Japan consisting of JETRO Headquarters Tokyo, JETRO Osaka, Institute of Developing Economies and regional offices. (as of October 2015).

## INVEST JAPAN BUSINESS SUPPORT CENTER (IBSC)

The JETRO IBSC (Invest Japan Business Support Center) is a business facility which provides you with the most convenient and cost-effective way to enter or expand your business in Japan.

### CONSULTATION

## Free individual consultation for your company

IBSC staff and advisors can provide information about such matters as industrial structures and market shares, Japanese business practices with regard to procurement, product sales, and industrial systems, as well as offering advice based on the needs of your company.

Provide information on the regulations and incentives from national and local governments National and local authorities offer a number of incentives to encourage investment. In addition to information on these incentives, the IBSC staff can also help you to efficiently gather information on laws, standards, regulations and authorization procedures and can arrange meetings with representatives from national and local authorities. The IBSC staff can assist you with submitting certain requests for deregulation to the relevant government bodies.

### Estimate the cost to set up a Japan office

IBSC can provide a customized estimate based on a number of factors showing how much it would cost you to set up an office in Japan.

### Help with procedural requirements for establishing a business

Our in-house team of experts can provide you with information on company registration, visa applications, tax procedures, and labor procedures. We can also introduce you to outside professionals who can create and submit the procedural documents on your behalf.

### Find qualified staff

Our staff can search for specific candidates, including representatives in Japan, salespeople, accountants, and engineers, through recruitment and jobplacement companies and present the candidates to you. We also cooperate with recruitment companies in arranging interviews with promising candidates.

### Find a location for your office

IBSC can help you find possible locations for your permanent office according to your needs using local real estate companies. Since you will need to have a set address for the majority of the procedures required for setting up your office—including establishment registration and public notification, certificate of eligibility application procedures, opening a bank account, and hiring employees—it is necessary to begin finding an office early in the process. IBSC can help you find an office quickly using our nationwide network with real estate companies.

### FACILITIES

## Temporary office space offered free of charge

IBSC temporary offices are located near major government offices and have convenient access to important business centers across Japan. Such proximity enables you to complete applications, registrations, business negotiations and other preparations to smoothly establish your business.

### Multipurpose hall and conference rooms

Multipurpose hall and conference rooms are available to hold seminars, meetings, and other business activities so as to avoid having to reserve outside facilities.

### Gather a wide range of information needed for your business

The JETRO Business Library is an academic library devoted to international business. Our libraries in Tokyo and Osaka hold collections of over 230,000 books and 100,000 books, respectively. Our resources include an excellent selection of English-language documents and reference materials on Japan, Asia and other countries, and visitors have free access to all items in the library.

### TOKYO ONE-STOP BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT CENTER

The Japanese Government and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government together launched the Tokyo One-Stop Business Establishment Center on the 7th floor of JETRO Headquarters in Tokyo, which commenced operation on April 1, 2015.

This is the first center in Japan that has integrated the procedures for establishing business by overseas-affiliated or venture companies in one location.

Through face-to-face consultation, well-versed staff members and experts in this field assist with a wide range of administrative procedures required when forming a legal entity and starting operations in Tokyo including certification of articles of incorporation, corporate registration, taxes, pension, social insurance and immigration control. At the request of these companies, the center will also provide interpretation and translation services in multiple languages.

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# SWISS BUSINESS HUB JAPAN

The Swiss Business Hub Japan (SBH Japan) is the Tokyo based representative of the official international trade and investment promotion agency Switzerland Global Enterprise (S-GE). Part of the Embassy of Switzerland in Japan, it is responsible for implementing Swiss export strategies in Japan and for promoting Switzerland as a business location.

## **EXPORT PROMOTION**

## Are you looking to export or develop your business further in Japan?

The SBH Japan is the point of contact for Swiss and Liechtenstein companies.

Our team in Switzerland and Japan will help you decide on a suitable market strategy for Japan. We will prepare a service package based on your specific requirements and business priorities. We work with a wide network of local partners and industry experts. Examples of our services are:

### Marketing services

Industry analysis and trend-spotting, bespoke market studies, market compatibility tests, indepth competition assessments and benchmarking, adaptation of marketing material etc.

### Partner search

Identification and profiling of suitable distributors, agents, representatives or import partners. Introduction to a shortlist of potential partners, with portfolios consistent with your targeting strategy.

### **Promotional events**

Organisation of exclusive opportunities and provision of facilities for Swiss and Liechtenstein companies to promote themselves and their products in Japan.

## INVESTMENT PROMOTION

## Are you interested in establishing a presence in Switzerland?

The SBH Japan offers free consulting services to Japanese companies wishing to set up a subsidiary or technological partnership in Switzerland.

### Swiss economic and business structure

Information about the administrative and legal environment, practical steps to establish a company, labour market and laws, financial issues (costs and tax), real estate etc.

Local economic networks Introduction to key stakeholders who can help accelerate your expansion. Assisting with the choice of business site(s), organisation of fact-finding visits to possible locations/partners/ contacts, guidance on staff

### Support in finding the right business or research partners in key Swiss industries

recruitment. etc.

The SBH Japan benefits from a wide network of economic and technological contacts. It offers introductions to relevant research and technology transfer centres, business networks and clusters and can also help to target R&D partners.

As part of our mandate on behalf of the Swiss Government (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO) and the Swiss cantons, we work closely with the regional and cantonal business promotion agencies in Switzerland. Switzerland Global Enterprise Switzerland Global Enterprise (S-GE) works all over the world to support entrepreneurs and promote Switzerland as a business location. S-GE is represented abroad by the Swiss Business Hubs. The majority of these local teams are based at a Swiss Embassy or Swiss Consulate-General.

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