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Okinawa Prefecture Industrial Site Guide

OKINAWA INDUSTRIAL LOCATION



**Okinawa : The Business
HUB Connecting Asia
and Japan**

**Connecting
through
Okinawa**



Okinawa Special Economic Zone



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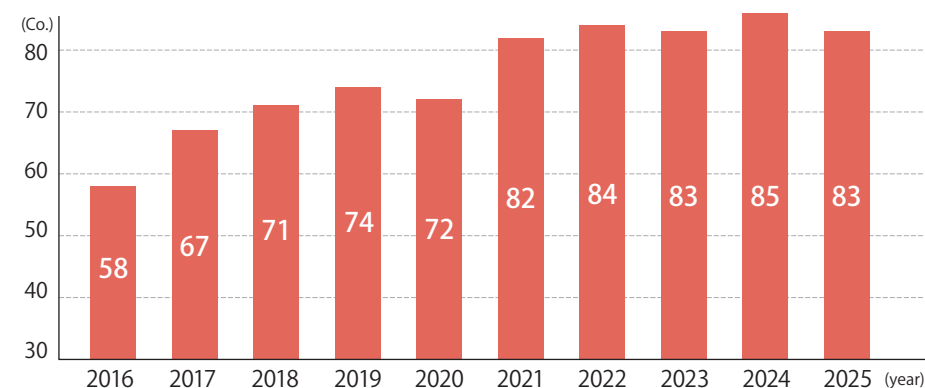
Overview of the Environment in Okinawa Prefecture

■ Overview of the Business Environment in Okinawa Prefecture

~Okinawa – Crossroads of Asia Connecting People and Goods~

□ Okinawa Attracting Companies as a Business Hub

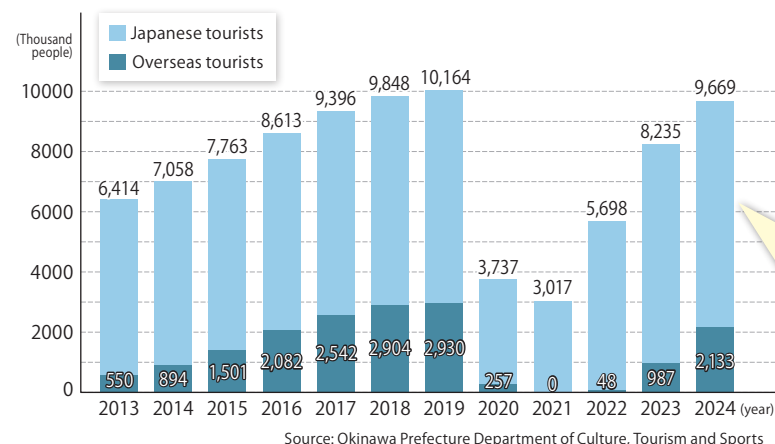
■ Trends in the number of companies located in the Former Special Economic Zone (Manufacturing industry)



Source: Business Creation Promotion Division; Department of Commerce, Labor, and Industry; Okinawa Prefectural Government (As of March 2026)



■ Progression of number of visitors to the region



Source: Okinawa Prefecture Department of Culture, Tourism and Sports

■ A V-shaped recovery in visitor numbers

The total number of visitors to Okinawa in 2024 was 9,668,800, an increase of 1,433,400 (17.4%) over the previous year. In terms of annual visitor arrivals, domestic visitors exceeded pre-COVID-19 levels to reach a record high. International visitor numbers recovered to 72.8% of pre-COVID-19 levels.

《2024 Results》

- Number of visitors 9,668,800 people to the region (of which overseas visitors ... 2,132,800 people)
- Tourism revenue 946.3 billion yen

<As of January 2026>

- Domestic flights provide service to and from 23 cities.
- International flights provide service to and from major cities in Taiwan, South Korea, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia.

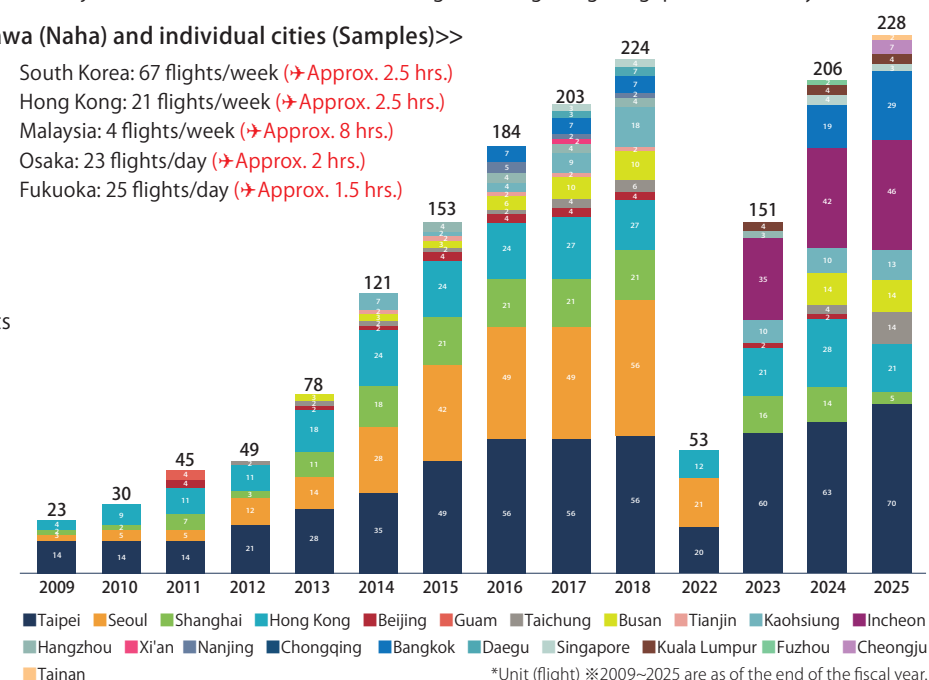
<<Flights and travel time between Okinawa (Naha) and individual cities (Samples)>>

Taiwan: 99 flights/week (→Approx. 1.5 hrs.)
Bangkok: 29 flights/week (→Approx. 4.5 hrs.)
Singapore: 3 flights/week (→Approx. 6 hrs.)
Tokyo: 42 flights/day (→Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Nagoya: 13 flights/day (→Approx. 2 hrs.)
South Korea: 67 flights/week (→Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Hong Kong: 21 flights/week (→Approx. 2.5 hrs.)
Malaysia: 4 flights/week (→Approx. 8 hrs.)
Osaka: 23 flights/day (→Approx. 2 hrs.)
Fukuoka: 25 flights/day (→Approx. 1.5 hrs.)

■ Number of scheduled international passenger flights in service

The number of international passenger flights at Naha Airport has increased by approximately a factor of 10 in 2025 compared to 2009.

Source: Okinawa Convention Bureau research
*All services were suspended from 2019 to 2021 due to COVID-19



Living Environment in Okinawa Prefecture

~A fulfilling environment to live in "Okinawa"~

An overview of Okinawa Prefecture

Location	Southwestern tip of the Japanese archipelago	Distance north to south of Okinawa main land	Approx. 100km
Marine area	Approx. 1,000km East to West, Approx. 400km North to South	Highest temperature	34.2 °C in October
Number of islands	160 islands of various sizes (48 inhabited islands) * 0.01 km ² or larger	Lowest temperature	10.2 °C in February
Total land area of Okinawa Prefecture	2,282.15km ²	Climate	Subtropical climate and warm throughout the year compared to other prefectures

(Source: Japan Meteorological Agency; Okinawa Prefecture)

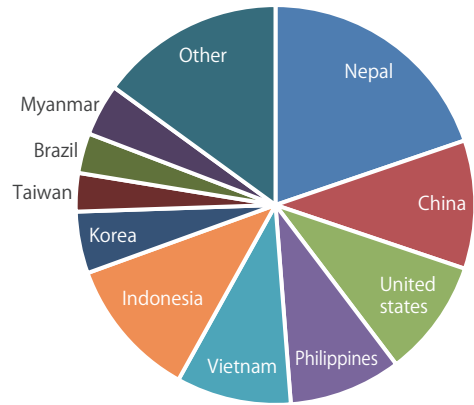
Life in Okinawa

Since Okinawa has historically close relationships with overseas countries, many people from abroad already have the experience of living in Okinawa, which has promoted the development of an environment and communities that are friendly to people from abroad.

Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation

The *Business & Life in Okinawa* provides a wide range of information, including information on the living environment in Okinawa Prefecture that overseas companies need to make their move trouble free.

Source: Statics on Foreign Nationals Residing in Japan by the Immigration Services Agency
Number of Foreign Nationals Residing in Japan by Prefecture, Nationality, and Region as of June 2025



RANKING

\\ Okinawa: Japan's youngest and most vibrant prefecture //

■ Average age	1st in Japan (43.5)	1
■ Total fertility rate	1st in Japan (1.7)	1
■ Youth population	1st in Japan (16.1%)	1
■ Rate of natural change in population	1st in Japan (-2.3%)	1
■ Percentage of residents returning to home prefecture	1st in Japan (69 %)	1
■ Startup rate	1st in Japan (5.4%)	1
Source: The Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, 2024 White Paper on Small and Medium Enterprises in Japan		
■ Population growth over the past five years	2nd in Japan (2.4%)	2
■ Total population	#25th in the nation (1,467,394 people)	

Source: The Statistics Bureau of Japan and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare



Okinawa as seen from 100 metrics (Japanese language only)

Safety and Disaster Prevention in Okinawa

Japan is known as a country that is peaceful and orderly. According to the 2025 Global Peace Index, Japan is the 12th most peaceful country in the world.

Useful Websites in the Event of Disaster

Most local governments in Okinawa have prepared local community disaster prevention guide maps and evacuation center maps in multiple languages for foreign residents in the event that a typhoon, earthquake, or some other disaster occurs. The Okinawa Disaster Prevention Information Portal also provides information about typhoons, earthquakes, tsunami, advisories, and warnings in English, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), and Korean.

<https://bousai-okinawa.my.salesforce-sites.com>

In the Event of Emergency

Fire, injury, or sudden illness TEL 119
Dial 119 direct to call for a fire truck or ambulance.

Accidents and crimes TEL 110
Dial 110 direct to call the police.



Medical Care in Okinawa

The prefecture operates six hospitals covering the northern, central, and southern (including Naha) parts of the main island as well as the Miyako and Yaeyama islands, respectively, as well as another 16 clinics associated with those hospitals. Also, there are emergency hospitals in every part of the prefecture with staff who can handle foreign languages as well, so the non-Japanese speaker need not be concerned if worst comes to worst.

Emergency Hospitals with Foreign Language-Speaking Staff

EN English CN Chinese KR Korean

Northern Okinawa Medical Center

EN

1712-3 Umusa, Nago City
TEL: +81-980-54-1111

Urasoe General Hospital

EN

CN

KR

1-56-1 Maeda, Urasoe City
TEL: +81-98-878-0231

Makiminato Chuo Hospital

EN

CN

1199 Makiminato, Urasoe City
TEL: +81-98-877-0575

University of the Ryukyus Hospital

EN

CN

KR

1076 Kiyuna, Ginowan City
TEL: +81-98-894-1301

Chubu Tokushukai Hospital

EN

CN

KR

801 Higa,Kitanakagusuku Village
TEL: +81-98-932-1110

Okinawa Kyodo Hospital

EN

4-10-55 Kohagura, Naha City
TEL: +81-98-853-1200

Nakagami Hospital

EN

610 Noborikawa, Okinawa City
TEL: +81-98-939-1300

Nanbu Tokushukai Hospital

EN

CN

171-1 Hokama, Yaese Town
TEL: +81-98-998-3221

Nanbu Medical Center & Children's Medical Center

EN

CN

KR

118-1 Arakawa, Haebaru Town
TEL: +81-98-888-0123

Naha City Hospital

EN

CN

KR

2-31-1 Furujima, Naha City
TEL: +81-98-884-5111

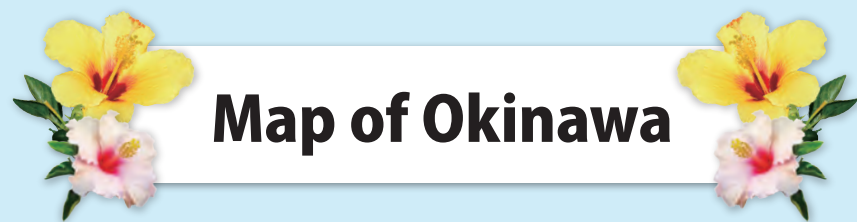
Source: Japan Tourism Agency and Okinawa Prefecture, Department of Public Health, Medical and Long-Term Care, Medical Policies Division

A Useful Website Should You Fall Sick

Should it become necessary to get medical treatment in Japan, this website should be useful. It provides easy-to-understand information in English, Chinese, and Other languages about where you should go if you have various symptoms.

Japan Tourism Agency, "Guide to Medical Institutions"
https://www.jnto.go.jp/emergency/eng/mi_guide.html





Map of Okinawa

~Okinawa: Where businesses and resorts thrive alongside each other~

Okinawa offers one of the world's premier resort environments, a place to refresh the body and uplift the spirit. With an environment where the work-life balance is ideal, Okinawa attracts many business professionals as a prime place for workation—a combination of work and the enjoyment of a vacation.



Okinawa Churaumi Aquarium



Kouri Bridge



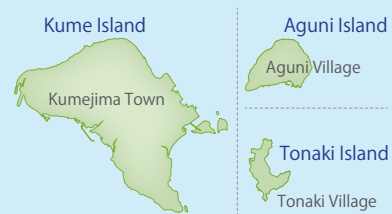
Provided by Japan Entertainment



National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College P.40~



Uezu & Nakamine Districts, Uruma City P.29~



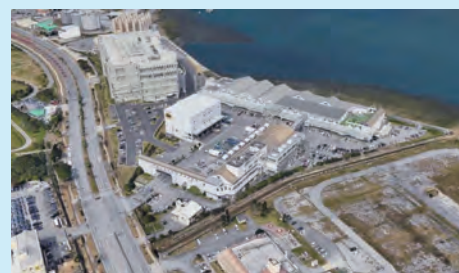
Umikaji Terrace Senagajima



Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) P.40~



Naha Port International Container Terminal P.12~



International Logistics Hub Integrated Industrial Area, Naha District



Maezato District, Itoman City P.30~



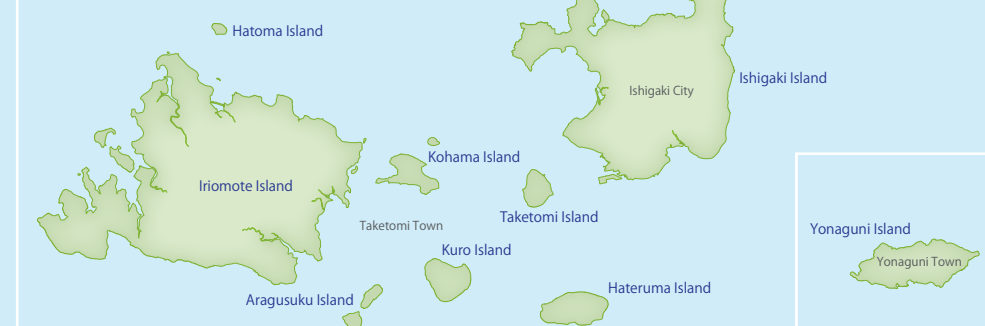
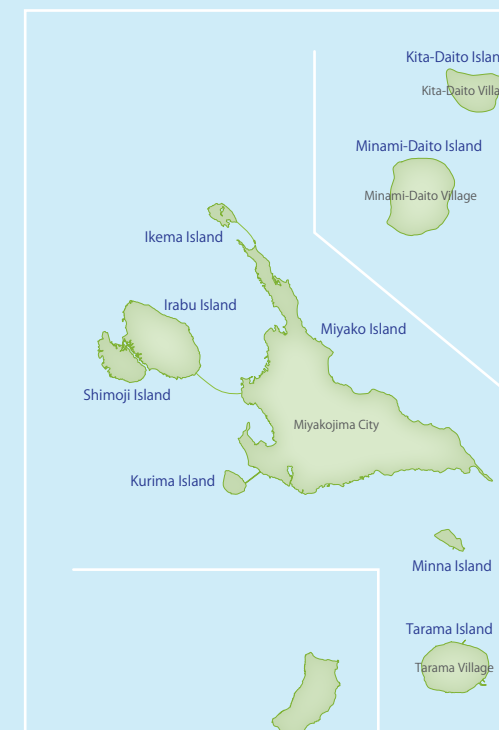
Okinawa IT Shinryo Park



International Logistics Hub Integrated Industrial Area, Uruma/Okinawa District (Around 27km/45-minute drive from Naha Airport) P.25~



Tomoyose-Higashi District, Yaese Town P.31~



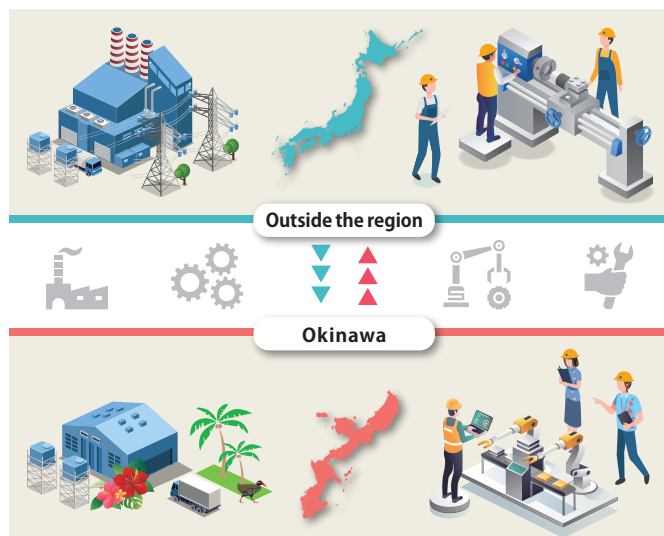
1 Geographic Features of Okinawa

In recent years, business continuity planning (BCP) and disaster recovery measures have become indispensable in preparation for such unforeseen emergencies as earthquakes, tsunamis, heavy rainfall, and other natural disasters or accidents; therefore, Okinawa's business resilience—its adaptability and recoverability in times of crisis— have drawn attention because of the region's unique geographic characteristics.



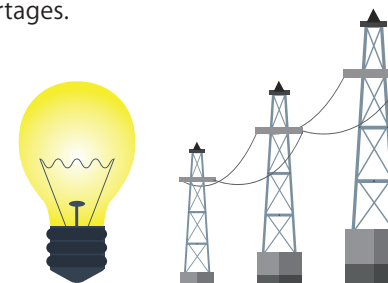
Point 1 Distant From the Mainland, There Is a Low Risk of Simultaneous Disaster Occurrence

Due to its remote location, far from the mainland, Okinawa is considered to have a relatively low risk of simultaneous disaster occurrence in the event of a large-scale disaster on the mainland. Some companies have actually moved their bases of operations to Okinawa, or placed a base for data backup and BCP measures here, after large scale disasters. The government also sees Okinawa as a valuable base for risk diversification, with some government offices adopting Okinawa as the place for their data backup centers. Okinawa's proximity to the mainland also has the advantage of speeding up disaster recovery. Okinawa is an ideal location for disaster countermeasure system backups and dual centers (operation centers that operate simultaneously).



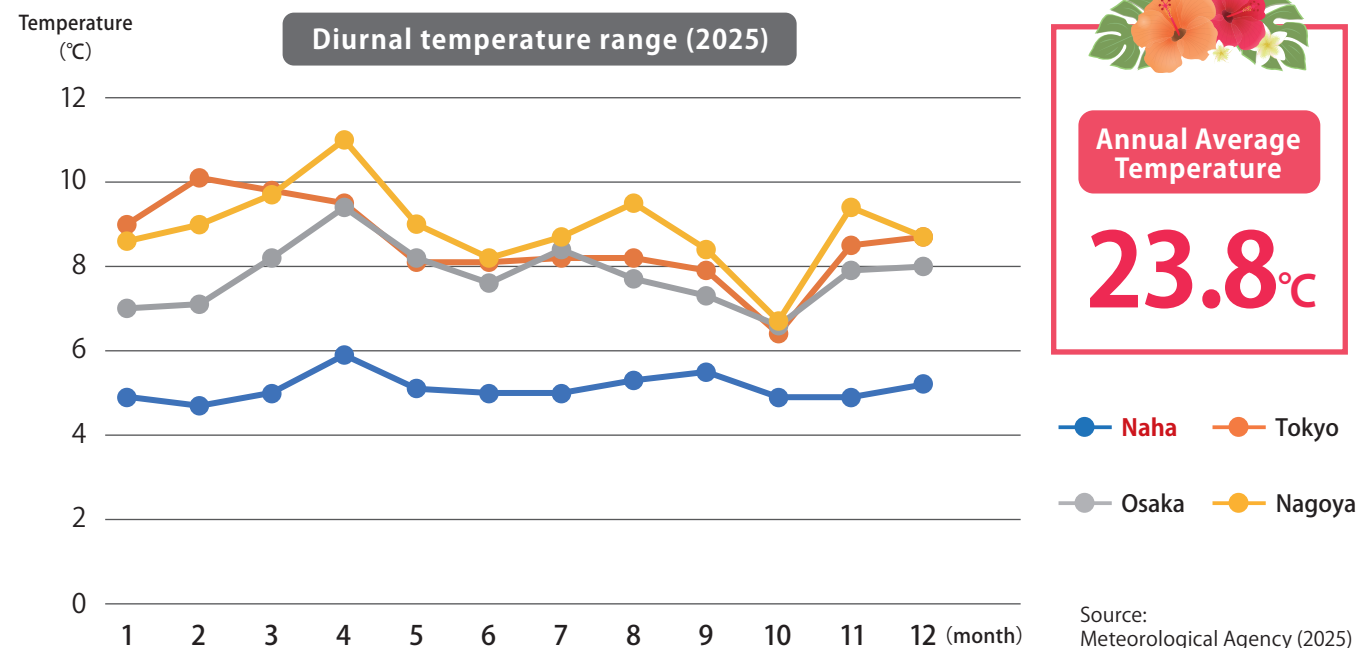
Point 2 Power Distribution System Independent From the Mainland

Okinawa has stable power distribution based in thermal power generation which is independent from the Japanese mainland. This makes favorable conditions for mitigating and diversifying the risk of halted operations or data loss due to power shortages.



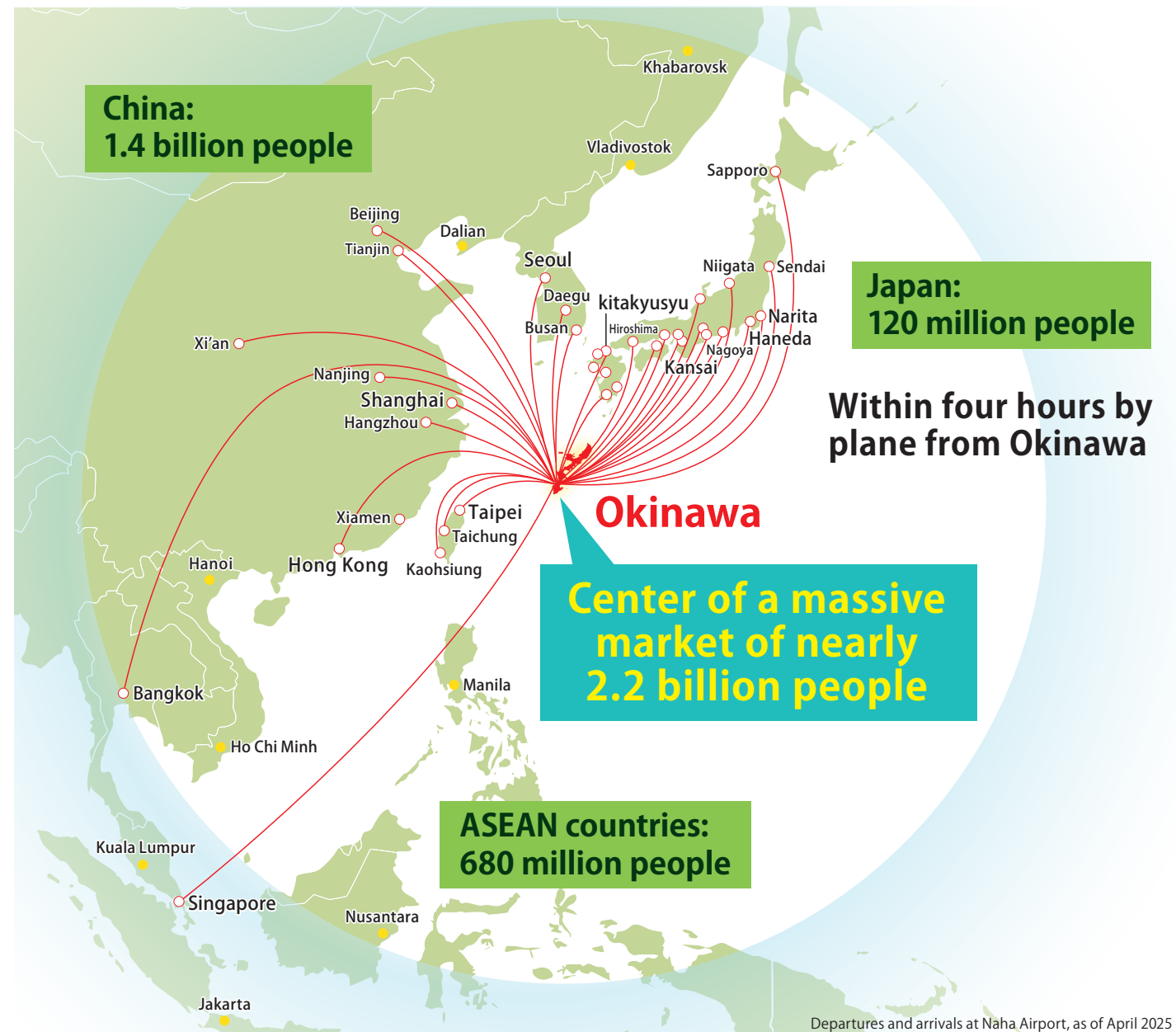
Point 3 Consistent, Comfortable Climate!

Okinawa Prefecture is the only subtropical region in Japan and has a mild climate year-round which generally has no snowfall. For example, the required environmental temperature for a clean room in semiconductor manufacturing is said to be 23 degrees Celsius, which is near the average temperature for Okinawa. Temperature fluctuations throughout the day are markedly smaller here than in other prefectures as well, and this adds the benefit of making it possible to reduce the costs of maintaining a constant temperature. In this way, a climate with small temperature differences is another unique advantage of being located in Okinawa.



Distribution Networks Connecting People and Goods Across Asia

With a geographical advantage located at the heart of East Asia, Okinawa beats with energy and has been garnering attention as a vital business hub interlocked with the Asian economy. In order to develop Okinawa as an international business city connecting Japan and Asia, Okinawa Prefecture is working on building an international logistics network centered around Naha Airport and Naha Port, Okinawa's sky and sea gateways. This distribution hub will be excellent for companies looking to expand in Asia.



International flights

Taipei	70flights/week
Required Travel Time 1:25 (640km)	
Kaohsiung	13flights/week
Required Travel Time 1:45 (843km)	
Taichung	6flights/week
Required Travel Time 1:40 (746km)	
Seoul	42flights/week
Required Travel Time 2:20 (1,260km)	
Busan	14flights/week
Required Travel Time 2:15 (1,008km)	
Hong Kong	28flights/week
Required Travel Time 2:35 (1,440km)	

Beijing	2flights/week
Required Travel Time 3:40 (1,852km)	
Shanghai	21flights/week
Required Travel Time 2:00 (806km)	
Fuzhou	2flights/week
Required Travel Time 2:50 (803km)	
Bangkok	4flights/week
Required Travel Time 4:40 (3,130km)	
(via Taipei)	
Kuala Lumpur	5flights/week
Required Travel Time 7:30 (3,800km)	
Singapore	6flights/week
Required Travel Time 5:10 (3,760km)	

Domestic flights

Tokyo	42flights/day	Haneda 36flights/day	1flight/day
Required Travel Time 2:20 (1,687km)		Narita 6flights/day	
Nagoya	14flights/day		
Required Travel Time 2:05 (1,483km)			
Kansai	27flights/day	Kansai 14flights/day	
Required Travel Time 1:50 (1,261km)		Itami 5flights/day	
Fukuoka	24flights/day	Kobe 8flights/day	
Required Travel Time 1:30 (1,008km)			
Kagoshima	2flights/day		
Required Travel Time 1:15 (758km)			
Okayama	3flights/day		
Required Travel Time 1:50 (1,165km)			

*5 flights/week between Seoul and Shimoji Island
 *5 flights/week between Seoul and Ishigaki Island
 *7 flights/week between Hong Kong and Ishigaki Island

*The time required is an estimate from Naha Airport to each destination.

Naha Airport: An airport that connects major cities in Japan and Asia

Located within approximately four hours of major cities in Japan and key Asian destinations, Naha Airport, which is supported by an extensive air route network, holds a strategic advantage as an international air logistics hub. Okinawa Prefecture is promoting a transportation model that uses cargo space on passenger flights to and from Naha Airport, in addition to dedicated freighters, in order to establish Okinawa as an international logistics hub. In response to growing demand for high-frequency, multi-destination shipments driven by e-commerce and other sectors, Okinawa is working to expand this model and to enhance awareness, while strengthening logistics functions to reinforce and expand the international air cargo network.

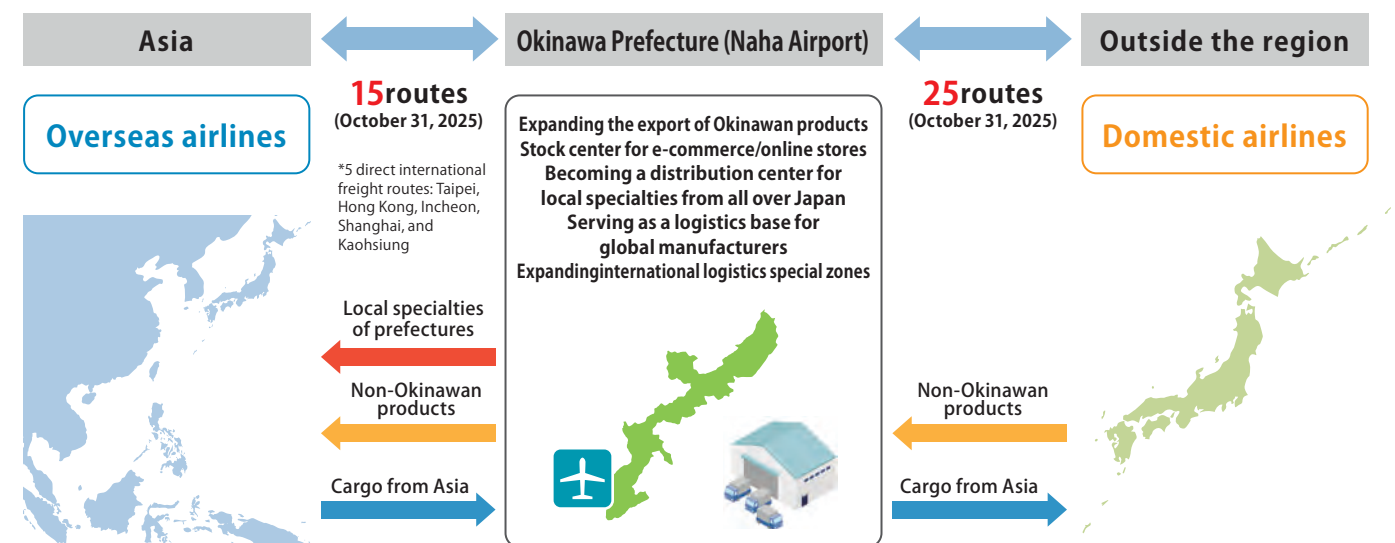
Okinawa International Logistics Hub

Key features

- ◆ Development of an air cargo network utilizing cargo space on passenger flights to and from Naha Airport, in addition to dedicated freighters
- ◆ Leveraging the dynamism of Asia
- ◆ Responding to e-commerce and diversifying logistics needs

Effects

- ◆ Establishment of a high-performance international logistics hub with low costs, improved convenience, and a diversified logistics network
- ◆ Establishing sales channels for both Okinawa and non-Okinawan products, fostering further industrial integration



Operation of Domestic Cargo Planes

On April 11, 2024, domestic freighter operations commenced at Naha Airport. The aircraft are owned by the Yamato Group and operated by the JAL Group. Initially, there was one daily one-way flight from Narita Airport and another one-way flight to Kitakyushu Airport. As of December 2, 2025, there has been one daily round-trip flight between Narita Airport and Naha Airport.

(Flight Schedule: December 2, 2025, to February 28, 2026)

■ Narita Airport 6:00 am → Naha Airport 9:20 am ■ Naha Airport 1:00 pm → Narita Airport 3:35 pm



The 14th Great Okinawa Trade Fair 2026

Face-to-Face Business Introductions

[Date] Thursday, November 26 &
 Friday, November 27, 2026
 [Venue] OKINAWA SUNTORY ARENA

Online Business Introductions

[Date] August–December 2026
 [Venue] Online only



One of the largest food trade fairs, the Great Okinawa Trade Fair seeks to expand overseas sales routes for specialty products of Okinawa and Japan utilizing its international logistics hub. This highly successful event has been held 13 times. The Great Okinawa Trade Fair 2025 attracted about 400 buyers and suppliers from both Japan and overseas, and facilitated about 2,600 business introductions.

[Inquiries]

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 (inside the Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation)
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 E-mail: daikouekikai@okinawa-ric.or.jp



Official Website



Video
 (about 10 min.)
 (Japanese language only)

Naha Port : An international trade hub linking Japan and Asia

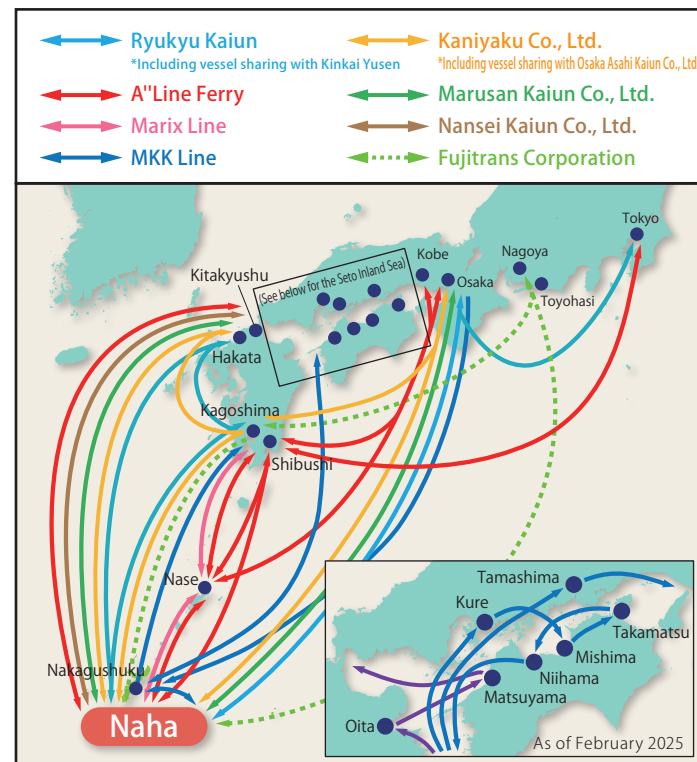
(1) Marine transport network connecting Japan with other countries

As the maritime gateway for Okinawa, Naha Port has 7 regular international container routes serving Taiwan, North America, China, South Korea, and the Philippines and 29 regular and irregular domestic routes (of which 10 are intraprefectural) featuring RORO, general cargo, and other ships serving such locations as Tokyo, Osaka, Kobe, Hakata, and Kagoshima.

■ Naha Port regular routes (overseas)



■ Naha's regular and irregular shipping routes (out of prefecture)



■ Naha's regular foreign trade shipping routes (as of December 2025)

Region	Port of Call	Ship Type	Gross Tonnage (International Tonnage)	Frequency	Time of Passage	Operator
North America	Los Angeles (San Pedro) — Auckland — Yokohama — Naha — Busan-Qingdao — Shanghai-Busan — Los Angeles (San Pedro)	Full container	82,794	1/wk	26d	APL
	Long Beach — Honolulu — Apra (Guam) — Naha — Ningbo — Shanghai — Long Beach	Full container	32,575	1/wk	15d	MATSON
China	Shanghai — Osaka — Kobe — Naha — Shanghai	Full container	9,994	1/wk	1d	Shanghai Jinjiang Shipping
Philippines	Davao — Naha — (Hakata) — (Kobe) — Davao	Freezer container	8,597	1/2wk	3d	FRESH CARRIERS
East Asia (Taiwan)	*Sakishima route extension Naha — Hirara — Ishigaki — Kaohsiung — Naha — Hakata — Kagoshima — Naha	RORO ships	22,633	1/wk	2d	RKK Line
	*Sakishima route extension Naha — Hirara — Ishigaki — Xiamen — Kaohsiung — Naha — Hirara — Ishigaki — Naha	General cargo ship	3,409	1/2wk	3d	NAMSUNG
	Naha (1st) — Yatsushiro — Busan — Matsuyama — Oita — Shibushi — Naha (2nd) — Keelung — Taichung — Kaohsiung — Naha (1st)	Full container	9,996	1/wk	3d	Ehime Ocean Line

*Final ports are in red *Ports of call in () are irregular ports

(2) Measures to strengthen functionality as an international logistics hub

Measures are being implemented to increase the volume of cargo handled, with the aim of realizing a international maritime logistics hub connecting domestic markets with East Asia.

① Facility maintenance

The Naha Port International Container Terminal has been fitted with gantry cranes and reefer power supply facilities, and the Naha Port Logistics Hub is being developed on an adjacent site.



■ Naha Port Logistics Hub

Currently, at Naha Port, which handles the majority of Okinawa Prefecture's port cargo, the development of the Naha Port General Distribution Center is underway. We aim to increase the amount of cargo handled by promoting the collection and creation of cargo, improving the sophistication of our logistics, and focusing creating new value-adding industries, such as distribution and processing. The first phase of the Naha Port Integrated Logistics Center opened in May of 2019, and we are currently analyzing the possibilities for the commercialization of the second and third phases of the Integrated Logistics Center.

Floor specifications of logistics building	Dedicated footprint area	Tenants	Handled cargo (Results)
3rd floor: dry goods only	approximately 10,495m ²	Okinawa Koun Co., Ltd., Maruei Logistics Co., Ltd., Ryukyus Logistics Co., Ltd.,	Food, Beverages, General Goods, etc.
2nd floor: frozen, refrigerated, dry goods	"	Okinawa Prefecture Black Sugar Cooperative, Okinawa Kyuso Co., Ltd. Ryukyu Freight Forwarders Co., Ltd.,	Okinawa black sugar, inshore tuna, etc.
1st floor: frozen and refrigerated goods only	"	Nichirei Logistics Kyushu, Inc.	Various frozen and refrigerated foods

② Initiatives to increase foreign cargo

Support systems such as the Naha Port Transport Efficiency Support Project have been set up to encourage companies to ship more cargo through Okinawa and to establish new sea routes.

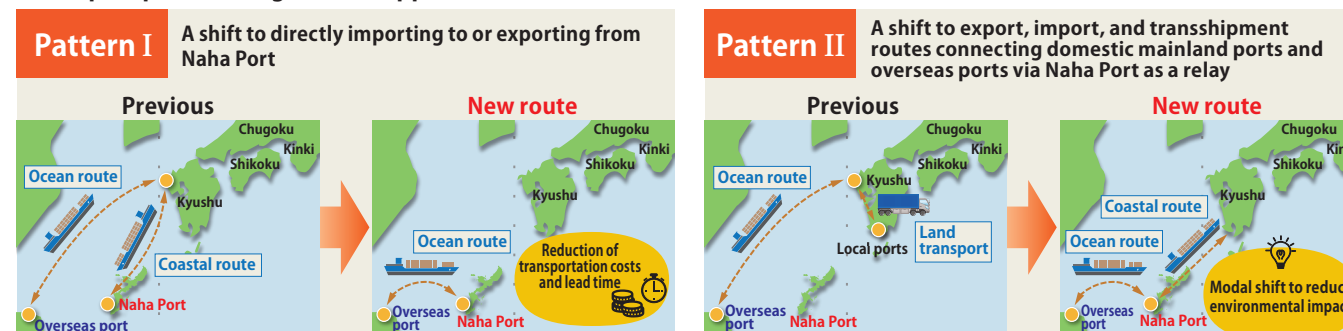
Scan the 2D code for details on the Naha Port Transport Efficiency Support Project▶



Naha Port Transport Streamlining Support Project

- Objective The Naha Port Transport Streamlining Support Project aims to promote the expansion of international container cargo and streamline transport using Naha Port. It will achieve this by helping operators shift to more efficient transportation patterns for international container cargo via Naha Port.
- Target operators **Shippers** and **logistics companies transporting** international container cargo
- Support We will **subsidize 50% of the expenses related to maritime transportation costs, land transportation costs, and storage costs incurred** after shifting the transportation route utilizing Naha Port, **with a maximum subsidy of 1 million yen per project.**
- Main requirements for support
 - 1) Containers must be imported or exported through Naha Port
 - 2) Transportation must generally use transport pattern I or II (see chart below).
 - 3) Applicants must meet the project's objectives and be planning to use Naha Port continuously

《Transport patterns eligible for support》



Inquiries: Naha Port Management Association, Planning and Construction Department, Minato Promotion Division TEL +81-98-868-2582

Average age
in the nation

#1



Percentage of
residents returning to
home prefecture

#1

As we move into an era of population decline, Okinawa Prefecture is still experiencing population growth. Okinawa is also Japan's youngest prefecture, with the average age by prefecture the lowest at 43.5 years old and Japan's highest proportion of young people (ages 0 to 14) at 16.6%. Each year, a large number of students enroll in the prefecture's industrial education institutions, where the human resources who will lead the manufacturing industry of the future are trained.

(Source: The Basic Survey on Social Security and Population Issues, The Population Census by the Statistics Bureau of Japan)

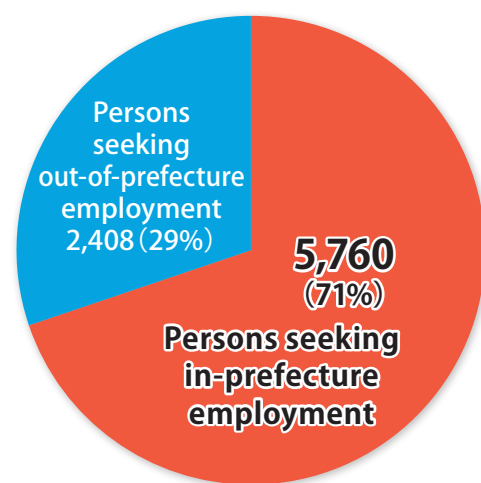
71% of new graduates want to find employment inside of Japan.

■ Data on the employment status of new graduates (job seekers) in the prefecture.

	High school	Junior college	University	Vocational schools, etc.	Total
#of graduates (people)	21,095	529	3,772	3,661	29,057
#of job seekers (people)	1,703	394	2,865	3,206	8,168
Within the prefecture	1,099	263	1,871	2,527	5,760
Outside the prefecture	604	131	994	679	2,408
#of people with unofficial job offers (people)	1,692	375	2,488	2,981	7,536
Within the prefecture	1,092	254	1,563	2,320	5,229
Outside the prefecture	600	121	925	661	2,307
Unofficial job offer rate	99.4%	95.2%	86.8%	93.0%	92.3%
Within the prefecture	99.4%	96.6%	83.5%	91.8%	90.8%
Outside the prefecture	99.3%	92.4%	93.1%	97.3%	95.8%

Source: Employment Security Division, Employment Security Department, Okinawa Bureau of Labor Graduation in March 2025 (as of March 2025)

■ Employment status of new graduates



■ Capacity of universities, technical colleges, prefectural technical high schools, etc.

	Name of school	Capacity	Name of school	Capacity
North	National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College (Regular Course)	160	Nago Commercial and Technical High School	200
Central	Okinawa Prefectural Mirai Senior High School of Technology	320	Misato Technical High School	280
	University of the Ryukyus (Faculty of Engineering)	350		
South	Urasoe Technical High School	280	Naha Technical High School	320
	Nambu Technical High School	120	Okinawa Technical High School	320
Remote Islands	Yaeyama Commercial and Technical High School	160	Miyako Technical High School	120
Overall total		2,630		

■ Polytechnic colleges

Name of school	Capacity
Okinawa Polytechnic College	190
Gushikawa Polytechnic College	135
Urasoe Polytechnic College	130
Total	455

*Okinawa Polytechnic Development Promotion Center also has a Faculty of Engineering.

Source: Okinawa Prefectural Board of Education, schools' websites

Education in Okinawa

Okinawa Prefecture provides an educational system and guidance on how to enroll in it in multiple languages with the goal of becoming a place where foreign residents can also feel easy when it comes to living here. The local government conducts information sessions about student life and holds orientation sessions on its systems for helping students to enroll. Thanks to its efforts to promote supplying information about the educational system with non-Japanese in mind, anyone relocating here with school-age children should have no concerns on this front.

International Schools in Okinawa

● Okinawa Amicus International (Kindergarten, Elementary and Junior High School)

1212-1 Enobi, Uruma City TEL: +81-98-979-4711
<http://www.amicus.ed.jp/en/>

● Okinawa Christian School International

1835 Zakimi, Yomitan Village TEL: +81-98-958-3000
<http://ocsi.org>

● New Life Academy

134-1 Noborimata, Nakagusuku Village TEL: +81-98-870-3893
<http://www.newlifeacademy.com>

● Okinawa International School

143 Tomizato, Tamagusuku, Nanjo City TEL: +81-98-948-7711
<https://ois.ac.jp/>

● Zion Christian Academy International

586-10 Kuwae, Chatan Town TEL: +81-98-936-9986
<https://www.zcaiokinawa.org/>

● Busy Bee School

885 Kitamae, Chatan Town TEL: +81-98-935-4751
<https://www.busybee-school.jp/>

● Da Vinci International School

449-3 Uezu, Uruma City TEL: +81-98-973-4637
<https://www.davinci.okinawa/>

● World Mission Christian School

572-2 Minami-Uehara, Nakagusuku Village TEL: +81-98-895-6670
<https://www.wmcs-oki.net/>

● Amerasian School In Okinawa, NPO

1-15-22 Shimashi, Ginowan City TEL: +81-98-896-1966
<https://sites.google.com/amerasianschoolokinawa.org/home-en/>

Japanese Classes + Japanese Language Vocational School

● Okinawa International Exchange & Human Resources Development Foundation

3F, 3-4-1 Isa, Ginowan City TEL: +81-98-942-9212
<http://www.oihf.or.jp>

● ICLC Okinawa Japanese Language School

Sun Hills Tabaru 2F, 1-4-1 Tabaru, Naha City TEL: +81-98-859-3881
<https://k-stworld.com/>

● SAELU Gakuin

2-4-4 Tomari, Naha City TEL: +81-98-943-3297
<http://www.saelu.net/>

● Okinawa JCS Japanese Language School

1-23-7 Kume 1-chome, Naha City TEL: +81-80-4913-0952
<https://okinawajcs.com/>

● Step World Japanese Language School

1-10-8 Uenoya, Naha City TEL: +81-98-860-5353
<https://k-stworld.com/>

● Nichia Institute of Foreign Languages

1-1-1 Matsukawa, Naha City TEL: +81-98-833-8666
<https://nichia1997.com/english/eindex.htm>

● Gores Academy Educational Corporation Japan Institute of Culture and Economics

2-12-14 Nishi, Naha City TEL: +81-98-869-8686
<https://gores.ac.jp/en/>

● JSL Japan Academy

1-1-1 Nakanishi, Urasoe City TEL: +81-98-875-1456
<http://www.jslnippon.jp/>



Support for Launching a Business in Okinawa

What is Okinawa Investment Support Center?

We provide information about business environment and economic situation of Okinawa as well as consultation services for incorporation of a business. We also introduce hubs of international distribution and provide information and support about various incentives for business. In addition, for those who wish to visit and observe companies in Okinawa before you deploy investment or other specific plans, we coordinate and accompany your visit.

【 Normal scenario to establish a company in Okinawa 】



Okinawa Investment Support Center is characterized by its ability to provide one-stop services. We can provide consultation and support as a single point of contact for all your needs.



Available in Japanese, Chinese and English



Available via telephone and Email



Available for face-to-face consultation

《Inquiries》

Okinawa Investment Support Center

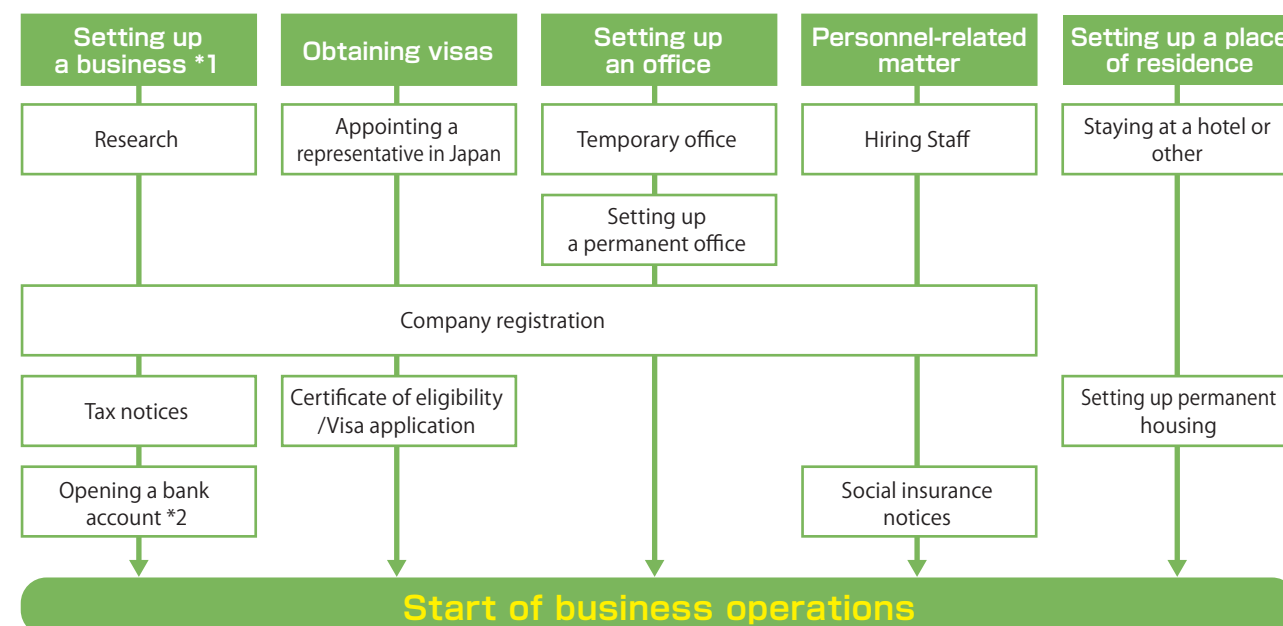
Overseas and Business Support Division, Okinawa Industry Promotion Public Corporation
Business Hours : Monday - Friday JST 9:00-17:00 (Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays)

TEL: +81-98-894-6288 FAX: +81-98-859-6233

Email: business_s@okinawa-ric.or.jp WEB: <http://invest-okinawa.biz/en>



Steps of setting up business in Japan



Reference: JETRO Website - Setting up Business https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/setting_up/
Okinawa Investment Support Center will provide support for the above procedures as necessary.

*1 General flow of procedures for establishing a Kabushiki-Kaisha (joint-stock corporation)

1. Advance preparations

- ☐ Determination of profile of joint-stock corporation to be established
- ☐ Examination at the Legal Affairs Bureau of identical corporate names
- ☐ Preparation of joint-stock corporation's articles of incorporation and preparation of the statement of beneficial owner
- ☐ Acquisition of registration certificates, etc. for the parent company, and preparation of affidavits regarding the profile of the parent company and affidavits regarding signatures of the representatives of the parent company

2. Application for establishment

- ☐ Notarization of joint-stock corporation's articles of incorporation by a Japanese notary and acceptance of the statement of beneficial owner
- ☐ Remittance of joint-stock corporation capital to the account of the incorporator, or representative director, or director at incorporation
- ☐ Appointment of directors and other officers, such as representative directors and auditors
- ☐ Examination by directors and auditors of the legality of establishment procedures
- ☐ Application at the Legal Affairs Bureau for registration of joint-stock corporation establishment and the registration of company seal at the Legal Affairs Bureau

3. Procedures after application

- ☐ The acquisition of a certificate on registered information and a company seal impression certificate
- ☐ Opening of a bank account under the company name *2
- ☐ The notification of stock acquisition to the Bank of Japan

Reference: JETRO Website - Procedures for registering establishment https://www.jetro.go.jp/en/invest/setting_up/section1/page3/

*2. Opening a bank account under company name

In general, the following documents are required to open a corporate bank account. However, the necessary documents vary by financial institution, so, please check with the bank where you will apply for an account for details.

- Landline phone number
- Business card
- Contracts with business partners, etc.
- Passport
- Residence card
- Corporate seal
- Materials that show your business, such as websites
- Certified copy of the corporate register
- Certificate of seal impression of the corporation
- Articles of Incorporation
- Copy of the tax office report

Support Towards the Reduction of Initial Investments

Financing system of the Okinawa Development Finance Corporation

Financing is available if needed to conduct business in international logistics hubs/industrial clusters or industrial innovation promotion areas.



Okinawa Development Finance Corporation

Fund name	Amount limit	Repayment period	Inquiries
Business Development Fund	70% of required capital	Within 25 years	Financing Department No. 1 Industrial Development Financing Group TEL: +81-98-941-1765
Fund for Small and Medium Businesses	720 million yen	Within 20 years	Financing Department No. 2 Small and Medium Enterprise Financing Group No. 1 TEL: +81-98-941-1785
Occupation Fund	72 million yen		Financing Department No. 2 Environmental Health and Start-up Financing Unit TEL: +81-98-941-1830

*In addition to the above, a variety of other financing systems are available depending on type of business and objective in use of funds.
*For more information, please visit the website of Okinawa Development Finance Corporation or contact us by phone.

Support for transport

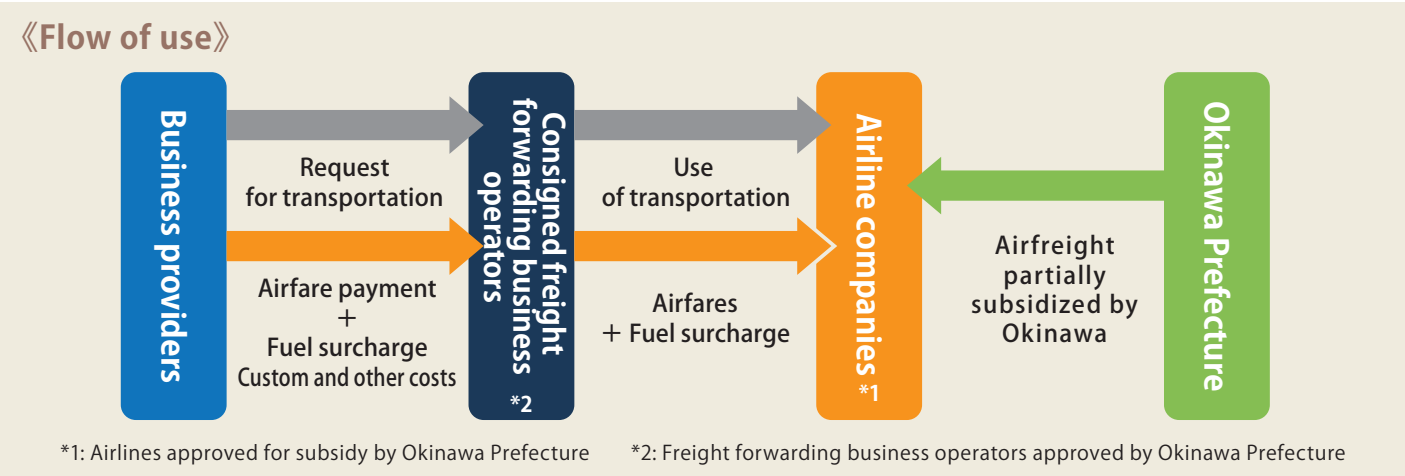
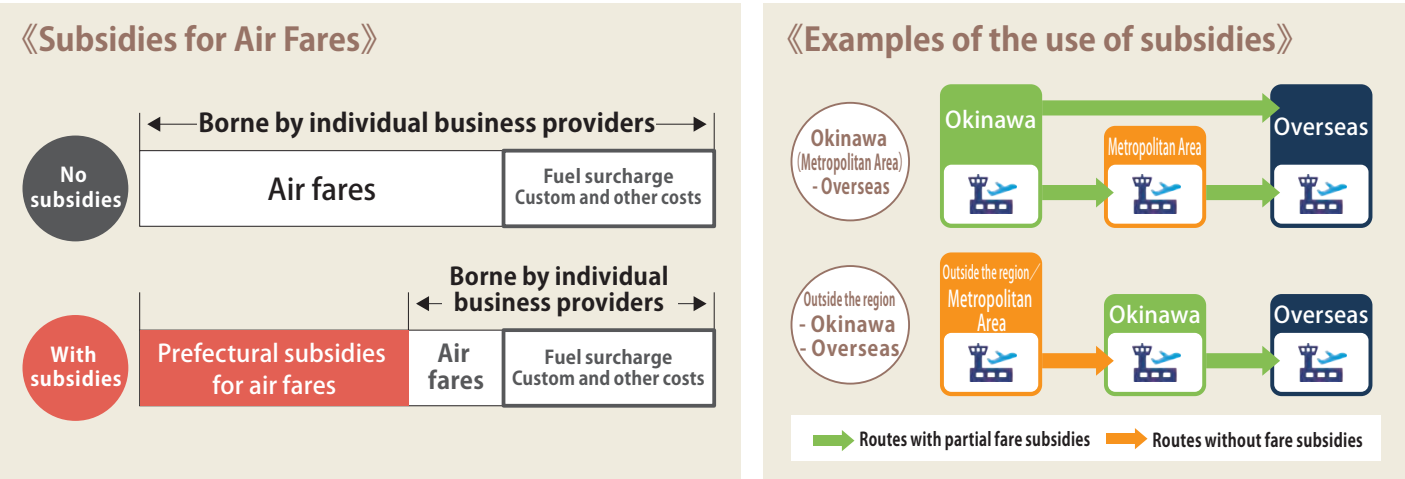
Project for Promoting the Use of Aerial Cargo Space on Passenger Flights

To expand the international air logistics network centered on Naha Airport and enhance its logistics functions, Okinawa Prefecture provides subsidies to airlines. These cover a portion of the airfreight charges associated with exporting goods from Naha Airport to overseas destinations.



Airline Cargo Capacity Use Promotion Project (Japanese language only)

- Target Users: Producers, manufacturers, trade companies and other wholesalers, distributors, consigned freight forwarding business operators
 - Target Cargo: Agricultural products, livestock products, marine products, processed food, cosmetics, crafts, precision machines, etc.
 - Target Destinations: Taiwan, South Korea, China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), Hong Kong, Macau, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Cambodia.
 - Usage, Conditions, Amount of Subsidy, etc.: Please contact consigned freight forwarding business operators registered with and approved by Okinawa Prefecture for details.
- *For the latest information on eligible destinations and approved freight forwarding business operators, please visit the Global Market Strategy Department page on the official Okinawa Prefecture website.



Okinawa Industry Promotion Corporation Support Services

List of other support services

Okinawa Prefecture supports businesses operators from Okinawa and other prefectures with various services provided by experts. Please feel free to consult us at any time.

Business Name	Inquiries
Logistics Consultation Desk (Comprehensive Support Project for Logistics Measures) We have a desk for free consultation with advisors who are experts in logistics. They provide advice, information, and suggestions on how to improve logistics.	Okinawa Industrial Promotion Public Corporation Overseas Business Support Section TEL : +81-98-859-6238
Okinawa Special Zone/Regional Tax System One-stop Consultation Desk (Business to Promote the Utilization of Special Zones in Okinawa and Regional Tax Benefits) Various tax exemptions may be available to business operators from Okinawa and other prefectures who make capital investments in Okinawa. We have a one-stop consultation desk that provides information on how to utilize these systems, offers a preliminary consultation service, and assists with the preparation of application forms.	Okinawa Special Zone/Regional Tax System One-stop Consultation Desk TEL : +81-98-894-6377  (Japanese language only) Okinawa Prefecture Industrial Policy Division TEL : +81-98-866-2330
Manufacturing Support for Acquiring Local Orders and Improving Productivity To enhance the regional economic cycle and strengthen the profitability of the manufacturing industry in Okinawa, we resolve issues by supporting inter-company matching of local businesses and dispatching experts to help secure orders, assist technological development to improve productivity, and develop human resources to bring about improvements at manufacturing sites and save labor.	Okinawa Industrial Promotion Public Corporation Business Support Division TEL : +81-98-851-8760  (Japanese language only)
Support Program for Product Development and Technology Introduction in Okinawa's Manufacturing Sector To strengthen the competitiveness of the manufacturing industry in Okinawa, we provide support for projects led by local manufacturers that focus on developing high-value-added products and introducing advanced production technologies.	Okinawa Industrial Promotion Public Corporation Industry Promotion Section TEL : +81-98-859-6239  (Japanese language only)
Support Program for Profitable Overseas Expansion Models This program provides strategic, stage-based support tailored to each company's development phase to guide Okinawa-based companies pursuing overseas expansion toward sustainable growth. Hands-on assistance is emphasized, including practical market development and the establishment of profitable overseas business models.	Okinawa Prefecture Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Global Market Strategy Division TEL : +81-98-866-2340
Business for Networking with Asian Businesses 1) We support the establishment of networks with overseas companies when local companies expand their business overseas. 2) We provide support for overseas companies engaged in investment, site location, business transactions, company inspections, economic exchanges, etc. in Okinawa.	Okinawa Industrial Promotion Public Corporation Overseas Business Support Section TEL : +81-98-859-6238 Okinawa Prefecture Global Market Strategy Division TEL : +81-98-866-2340 



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Support for Demonstration Experiments

Demonstration Experiment Support



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Okinawa Prefecture promotes initiatives that support demonstration experiments by companies for the implementation of new technologies for society. Through these efforts, the prefecture seeks to attract companies with advanced technologies and highly skilled talent to Okinawa, while fostering open innovation with local businesses and municipalities to generate new products and address social challenges. As part of these initiatives, the prefecture established a one-stop consultation desk to respond to inquiries from companies regarding demonstration experiments. Support is provided in coordination with national, prefectural, and municipal governments.

Demonstration Experiment Support Program

《Inquiries》 Okinawa Prefecture Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, Industrial Site Promotion Division
TEL +81-98-866-2770

【Eligible Projects】

Demonstration experiment projects (hereinafter referred to as “Projects”) conducted in Okinawa Prefecture by companies aiming to implement new technologies and contribute to solving social issues.

【Support Services】

1. Consultation services through the one-stop desk
2. Provision and coordination of demonstration fields, including public facilities
3. Matching with Okinawa-based companies, support organizations, and research institutions
4. Assistance with local coordination related to Project implementation
5. Consultation on regulatory matters (including the use of National Strategic Special Zones and regulatory sandbox systems)
6. Introduction of other applicable support programs
7. Support for recruiting monitors and participants
8. Public relations support for Projects
9. Other support necessary for Project implementation

Testbed Demonstration Support Program

《Inquiries》 Okinawa Prefecture Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor, IT Innovation Promotion Division
TEL +81-98-866-2503

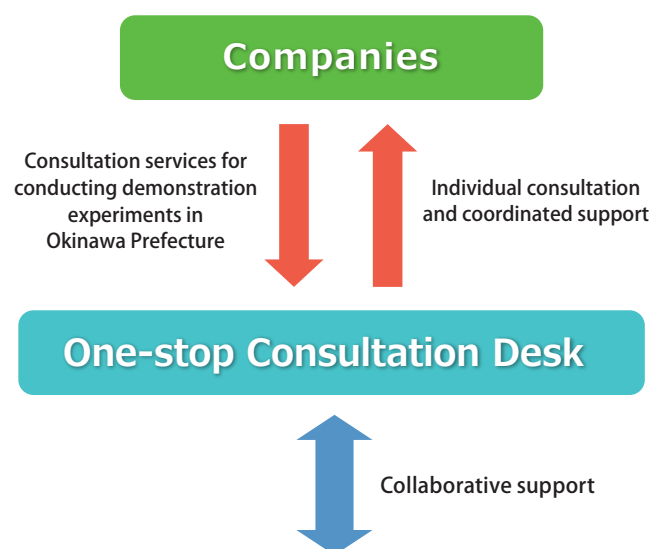
This program provides partial subsidies for demonstration experiments in Okinawa Prefecture by companies inside or outside the prefecture that possess innovative digital technologies and services. Hands-on support is provided during the subsidy period.

【Subsidy Details】

- Eligible Applicants : Projects implementing demonstration experiments involving digital technologies or services in Okinawa Prefecture
- Subsidy Rate : Fifty percent of eligible expenses
- Maximum Subsidy Amount : Ten million yen
- Eligible Expenses : Personnel expenses; project-related expenses

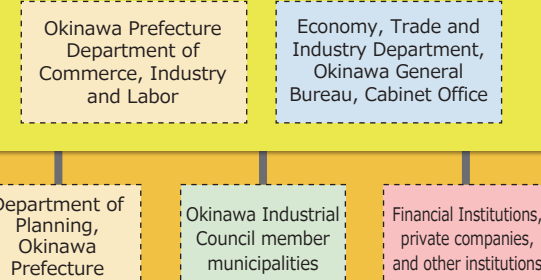


One-stop Consultation Desk



Okinawa Demonstration Experiment Support Platform

Operated by the Secretariat of the Okinawa Prefecture Industrial Establishment and Regional Revitalization Promotion Council



Okinawa Industrial Technology Center Support Services

~Okinawa Prefecture Supports the Resolution of Technical Challenges~

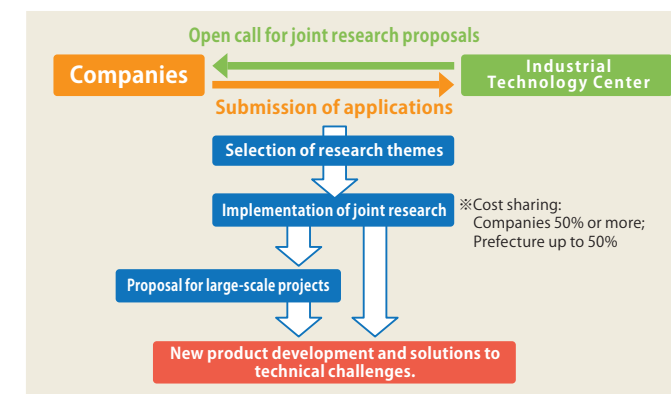
《Inquiries》 TEL +81-98-929-0111

The Okinawa Industrial Technology Center provides a wide range of technical consultation services for companies. Through joint research, the sharing of technical information, and technical guidance, the Center supports companies in resolving and overcoming technical challenges. If you are experiencing technical issues, please feel free to contact us. For details of the programs listed below, please visit the Center's website or contact us by phone.

(1) Joint Research and Development Support Program with Companies

The Center works with companies to address technical challenges through collaborative research.

- Eligible Applicants: Small and medium-sized enterprises(SMEs) located in Okinawa Prefecture
 - Support Services: Development of new technologies and products that would be difficult for a company to achieve independently, improvement and refinement of manufacturing processes, and resolution of technical challenges
- Companies are required to bear 50% or more of the research expenses (e.g., consumables and travel expenses).
○The typical project budget ranges from approximately 300,000 to 2,000,000 yen per project with company contributions of approximately 150,000 to 1,000,000 yen.



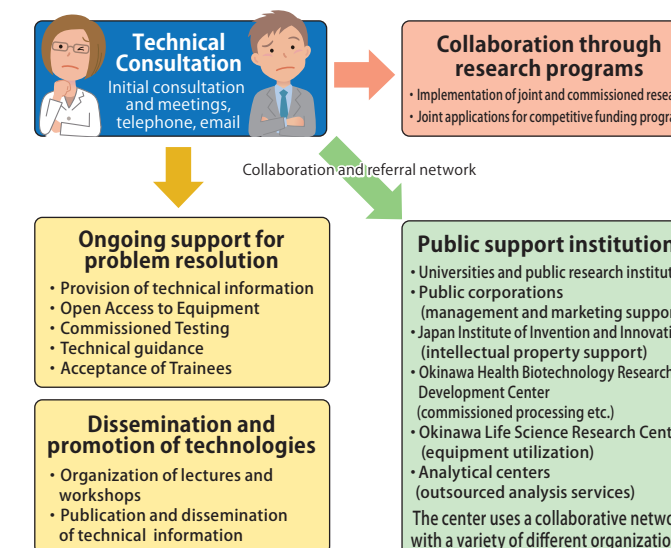
(2) Industrial Technology Support Program

The Center identifies technical challenges faced by companies and supports resolutions by leveraging its technologies, research findings, and technical expertise to enhance productivity, improve quality, and augment product development in local industries, such as manufacturing.

- Eligible Applicants: SMEs and prospective entrepreneurs in Okinawa Prefecture
- Support Services:

1. **Technical Consultation (Free of Charge)**
Specialist advisors provide consultations on such technical issues as product development and quality improvement via telephone, email, or in-person visits.
2. **Acceptance of Trainees**
The Center accepts trainees seeking to acquire analytical techniques or conduct prototyping for product development.
3. **Commissioned Testing (Fee-Based)**
The analytical testing necessary for product quality control and development is conducted on a commissioned basis.
4. **Open Access to Equipment (Fee-Based)**
Companies may use the Center's processing machinery and analytical instruments for raw material processing tests, quality control analyses, and related activities.
5. **Technical Seminars and Workshops**
The Center organizes technical seminars in the specialized fields of testing and analytical techniques, welding, food processing, and hygiene management.

《Technical Support Framework》



Okinawa Mold Technology Institute

《Inquiries》 TEL +81-98-929-0280

~The Okinawa Mold Technology Institute is attached to Rental Factory Building No. 1 for the materials and tooling industry~

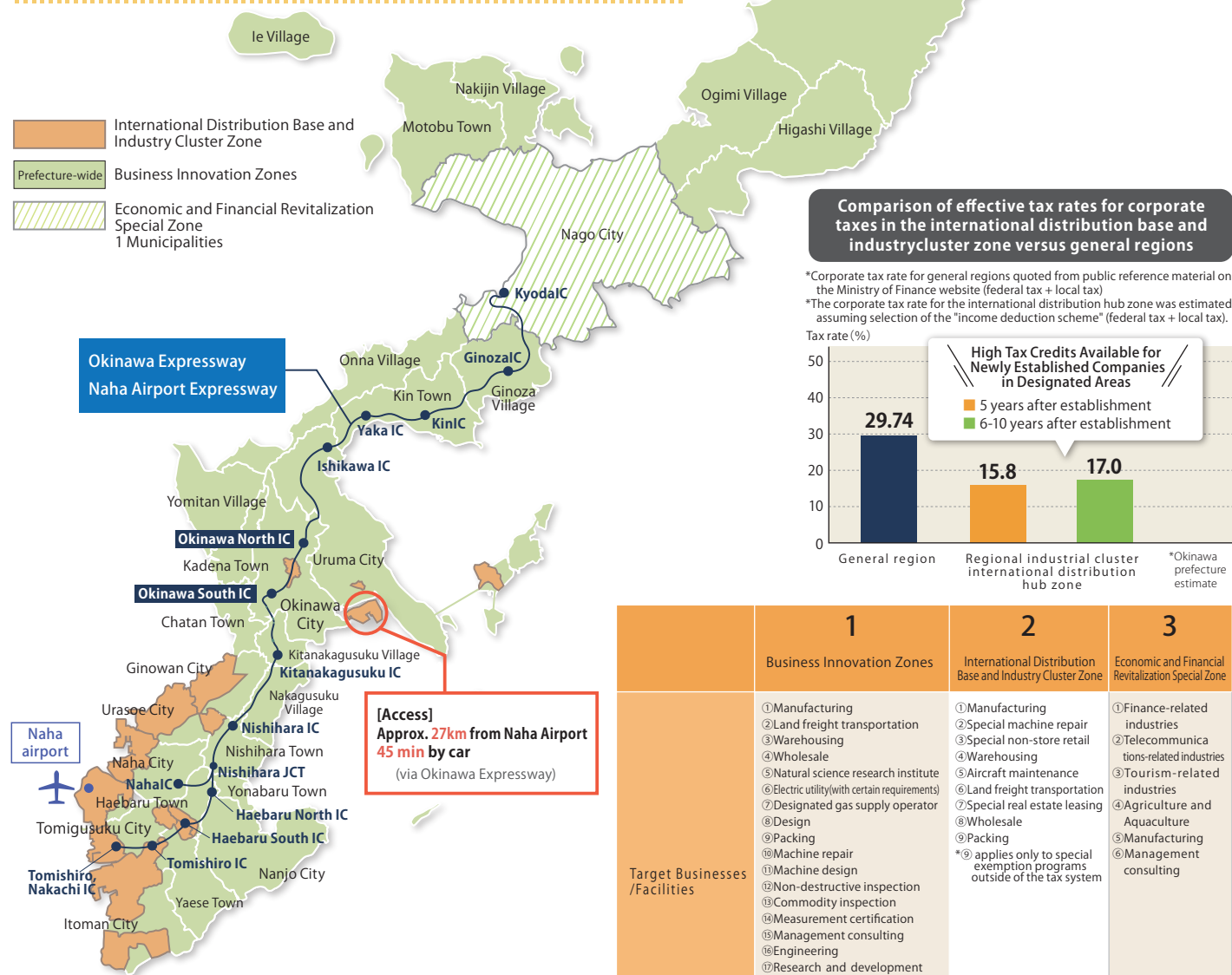
Established in April 2010, the Institute works to enhance mold technology capabilities among Okinawa-based companies through human resource development, research and development, and open access to equipment (fee-based).

■ Major Equipment Installed



Special Zones and Regional Programs Offering Japan's Most Favorable Tax Incentives

Under the Act on Special Measures for the Promotion and Development of Okinawa, a range of tax incentive programs are available, including one of the highest **income deduction rates in Japan (up to 40%)** and special tax measures to promote capital investment. These incentives cover national taxes, customs duties, and local taxes.



For more information about the application of the tax system, please consult the Okinawa Special Zone/Regional Tax System One-Stop Assistance Services.

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(Japanese language only)

*1. For national tax, only one special measure can be selected for each fiscal year.
*2. Office tax is based on Article 33 of the Local Tax Law Supplementary Provisions. In all other cases, Prefectures and Municipalities will implement measures according to laws and regulations, following the national deficit compensation measures.

Business Innovation Zones All over the prefecture (41 municipalities)

Businesses within the limits of the area designated in the Industrial Innovation Promotion Plan established by the Okinawa prefectural governor (throughout the prefecture) may take advantage of tax incentives with regard to the following national and local taxes for plans to implement industrial advancement and business innovation measures, provided that they have first received approval regarding the eligibility of said plans from the prefectural governor and confirmation by the responsible cabinet minister.



(Japanese language only)

Incentives	Outline of tax incentives	Applicable industries
National tax	① Investment tax credit If new or additional facilities that exceed a certain value (machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures 1 million yen Note 2, buildings and their attached facilities 10 million yen Note 3) and are in accordance with the approved implementation plan for industrial upgrading and business innovation measures are increased within Okinawa, a set percentage of the acquisition value of said facilities will be deducted from the corporate income tax. Deduction rate : Machinery, installations, appliances, fixtures 15% Buildings and their auxiliary facilities, structure* 8% (Limited to 20% of the corporate tax amount, can be carried forward for 4 years, maximum acquisition price of 2 billion yen)	1. Manufacturing 2. Road freight forwarding 3. Warehousing 4. Wholesale 5. Natural science research institute 6. Electric utility (with certain requirements) 7. Designated gas supply operator 8. Design 9. Packing 10. Machine repair 11. Machine design 12. Non-destructive inspection 13. Commodity inspection 14. Measurement certification 15. Management consulting 16. Engineering 17. Research and development support inspection and analysis
	② Special depreciation If new or additional facilities that exceed a certain value (machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures 1 million yen Note 2, buildings and their attached facilities 10 million yen Note 3) and are in accordance with the approved implementation plan for industrial upgrading and business innovation measures are increased within Okinawa, special depreciation is granted. Special depreciation rate: Machinery, installations, appliances, fixtures 34% Buildings and their auxiliary facilities, structure* 20% (Upper limit of acquisition price of 2 billion yen)	
Local tax	③ Tax exemption from corporate enterprise tax Within the designated zones, if the cost of installing new equipment (5 million yen for machinery, installations, appliances, fixtures, 10 million yen for buildings and their auxiliary facilities) for the implementation of activities certified as promoting industry development / business innovation exceeds a certain price, there is partial tax exemption from corporate enterprise tax (5 years) ^{2,3}	*Items from 8 to 17 are not subject to the tax incentives related to national and local taxes (excluding business office tax).
	④ Tax exemption from real estate acquisition tax Within the designated zones, if the purchase of buildings or land for the implementation of activities certified as promoting industry development / business innovation exceeds a certain price (10 million yen), there is partial tax exemption for real estate acquisition tax ²	
	⑤ Tax exemption from property tax Within the designated zones, if the cost of installing new equipment (1 million yen for machinery, installations, appliances, fixtures, 10 million yen for buildings and their auxiliary facilities) for the implementation of activities certified as promoting industry development / business innovation exceeds a certain price, depending on the ordinances of each municipality, there is partial tax exemption from property tax (5 years) ³ *Except warehousing businesses	
	⑥ Tax reduction of business tax *Only in Naha City Within Naha City, if the cost of acquiring new equipment is 10 million yen or more, and the cost for acquiring buildings, etc. is 100 million yen or more for the implementation of activities certified as promoting industry development / business innovation, out of the the payable office tax, the taxable office floor surface area can be calculated as half the actual surface area (5 years)	

* Certification is required in order to take advantage of these special tax measures. To receive tax incentives ①, ②, ③, ④, and ⑤, approval of the implementation plan by the governor of Okinawa and confirmation by the competent minister are required.

When applying for the tax incentives, please consult the nearest tax office and Okinawa Regional Taxation Office (for national taxes), the prefectural tax office (for prefectural tax), and nearest municipal tax division (for municipal tax).

Please understand that approval, however, does not ensure application of the tax incentives. (Judgment for application shall be made by the relevant tax office.)

Note 1: For national tax incentives, choose either ① or ②. (Individuals can only choose ②.)

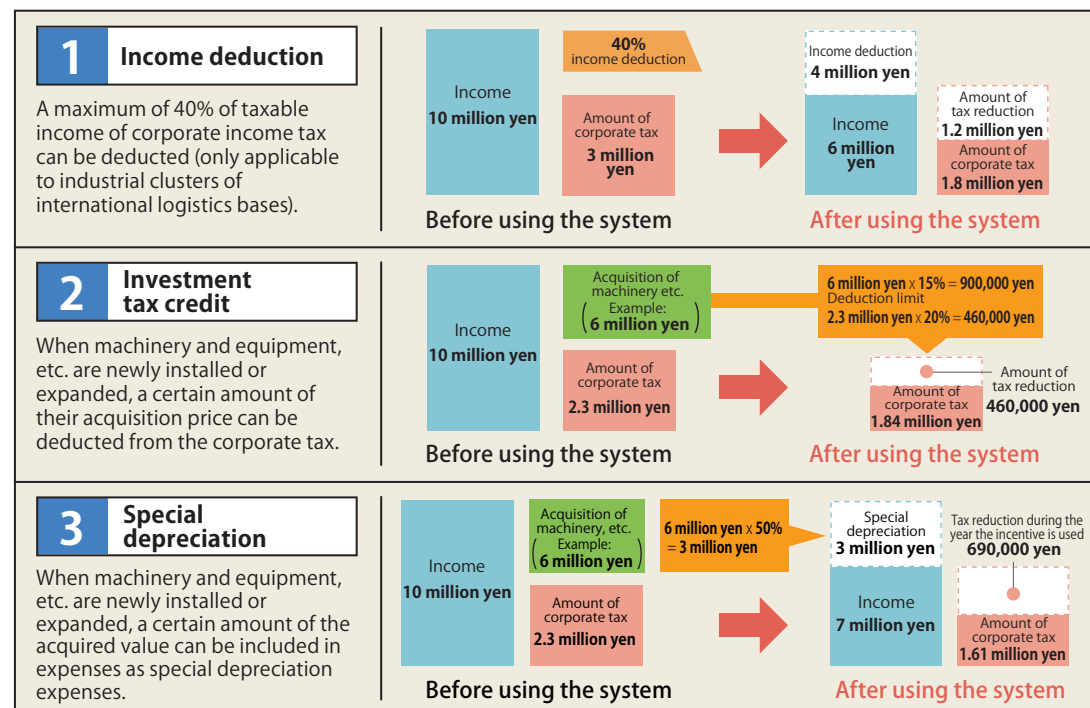
Note 2: Appliances and fixtures are limited to those used exclusively for research and development, or other appliances and fixtures specified by government ordinances.

Note 3: Only auxiliary facilities installed at the same time as the building are eligible for tax incentives.

Note 4: Structures are limited to gas storage tanks for storing liquefied natural gas used by a gas supply business or manufacturing business, and pipelines for the use of said gas.

Note 5: Limited to land acquired where construction starts within one year after acquisition (purchase).

Advantages of utilizing special zones / local systems



* Corporate tax (national tax + local tax) is calculated as 30%
* When using income deduction, the effective corporate tax is About 30%→20%

* Income refers to the amount when deducting only ordinary depreciation
* Income tax (national tax) is calculated as 23%
* Amounts exceeding the maximum deductible limit (20% of corporate tax) can be deducted from the following fiscal year (can be carried forward for 4 years)

* Income refers to the amount when deducting only ordinary depreciation
* Income tax (national tax) is calculated as 23%
* The special depreciation rate of 50% can only be used when utilizing the International Distribution Base Industrial Cluster Region System

International Distribution Base and Industry Cluster Zone

Naha, Urasoe, Tomishiro, Ginowan, Itoman district, Uruma, Okinawa district, Haeburu, Yaese district (Nakagusuku Port Shinko Zone, Nakamine/Kamiesu Zone, Henza Zone, Ikento Zone)

Companies in zones designated under the International Logistics Hub Industry Concentration Plan formulated by the Governor of Okinawa are eligible for the following tax structure incentives after passing a screening process including approval from the Governor and verifications by the relevant Minister regarding points such as their business plan.



(Japanese language only)

	Incentives	Outline of tax incentives	Applicable industries
National (Japan) tax Note 1	① Income Deduction	Corporations that have been newly established in an international logistics hub/industrial cluster, operate exclusively in any of the targeted industries, and have 15 or more permanent employees , will receive a 40% deduction on corporate taxes for 10 years after being established. (The same also applies to corporate business tax and corporate inhabitant tax.)	1. Manufacturing businesses 2. Warehousing businesses 3. Specified equipment maintenance businesses 4. Specified nonstore retailing 5. Aircraft maintenance businesses
	② Investment tax credit (ITC)	If new facilities are built or expanded exceeding a specified amount (1 million yen for machinery and equipment; 10 million yen for buildings and their related equipment ; see note 2) for supplying target industries in the target region, a fixed proportion of the acquisition cost will be deducted from corporate taxes. Tax credit rate: 15% of machinery and equipment; 8% of buildings and their related equipment (up to 20% of the amount of corporate tax; carry-forward: 4 years; upper limit of 20 million yen for acquisition costs)	
	③ Special depreciation system	If new facilities are built or expanded exceeding a specified amount (1 million yen for machinery and equipment; 10 million yen for buildings and their related equipment ; see note 2) for supplying target industries in the target region, special depreciation will be recognized. Special depreciation rate: 50% for machinery and equipment; 25% for buildings and their related equipment (upper limit of Acquisition price of 2 billion yen)	
Customs duties	④ Application of selective system for customs duties	If you accept products in Japan processed or manufactured in a bonded factory, or similar, from raw materials that were foreign cargo and you are charged customs duties on those products, you are allowed to choose either a taxation scheme applying to the materials (excluding special items) or a scheme applying to the products.	1. Manufacturing businesses 2. Warehousing businesses 3. Road cargo transportation businesses 4. Wholesaling businesses 5. Specified equipment repair businesses 6. Specified nonstore retailing 7. Specified real estate leasing 8. And aircraft maintenance businesses 9. Packing businesses*Note 4
	⑤ Reduced customs bond permission fee	The customs bond permission fee will be halved for bonded warehouses, bonded factories, bonded show rooms, and general bonded areas.	
Local taxes	⑥ Corporate enterprise tax exemption	If facilities are built out or expanded exceeding a specified amount (10 million yen for machinery and equipment; 10 million yen for buildings and their related equipment) for supplying target industries in the target region, a portion of corporate enterprise taxes will be waived (for 5 years)(see note 2).	
	⑦ Real estate acquisition tax exemption	If facilities are built or expanded exceeding a specified amount (10 million yen for machinery and equipment; 10 million yen for buildings and their related equipment) for supplying target industries in the target region, a portion of real estate acquisition taxes will be waived(see note 2,see note 3).	
	⑧ Fixed asset tax exemption *Except warehousing businesses	If facilities are built or expanded exceeding a specified amount (1 million yen for machinery and equipment; 10 million yen for buildings and their related equipment) for supplying target industries in the target region, a portion of fixed asset taxes levied according to each municipality's regulations will be waived (for 5 years)(see note 2,see note 3).	
	⑨ Business office tax exemption *Naha city only	In Naha city, if the total cost for acquiring machinery, equipment, etc. to supply target industries equals or exceeds 10 million yen, or if the total acquisition cost of constructing new buildings, etc. equals or exceeds 100 million yen , calculations will be halved for commercial floor space subject to asset taxation as part of the business facility tax. (for 5 years)	

*To receive the tax incentives ①, an approval for the specific international logistics hub project is required by the Governor of Okinawa and the confirmation by the relevant minister.
To receive tax incentives ②, ③, ④, ⑦, and ⑧, approval of the implementation plan by the governor of Okinawa and confirmation by the competent minister are required.
To receive the tax incentives ⑥ and ⑨, a permission by the regional customs and an approval by the relevant minister.
When applying for the tax incentives, please consult the nearest tax office and Okinawa Regional Taxation Office (for national taxes), the Okinawa Regional Customs Consultation Office (for customs), the prefectural tax office (for prefectural tax), and nearest municipal tax division (for municipal tax).
Please understand that approval, however, does not ensure application of the tax incentives. (Judgment for application shall be made by the relevant tax office.)
Note 1: For national tax incentives, **choose either ①, ②, or ③**. (Individuals can only choose ③.)
Note 2: Only auxiliary facilities installed at the same time as the building are eligible for tax incentives.
Note 3: Limited to land acquired where construction starts within one year after acquisition (purchase).
Note 4: Packaging businesses are not eligible for tax incentives for national and local taxes (excluding business office tax).

Basic Procedure for Using the Tax Incentive Programs



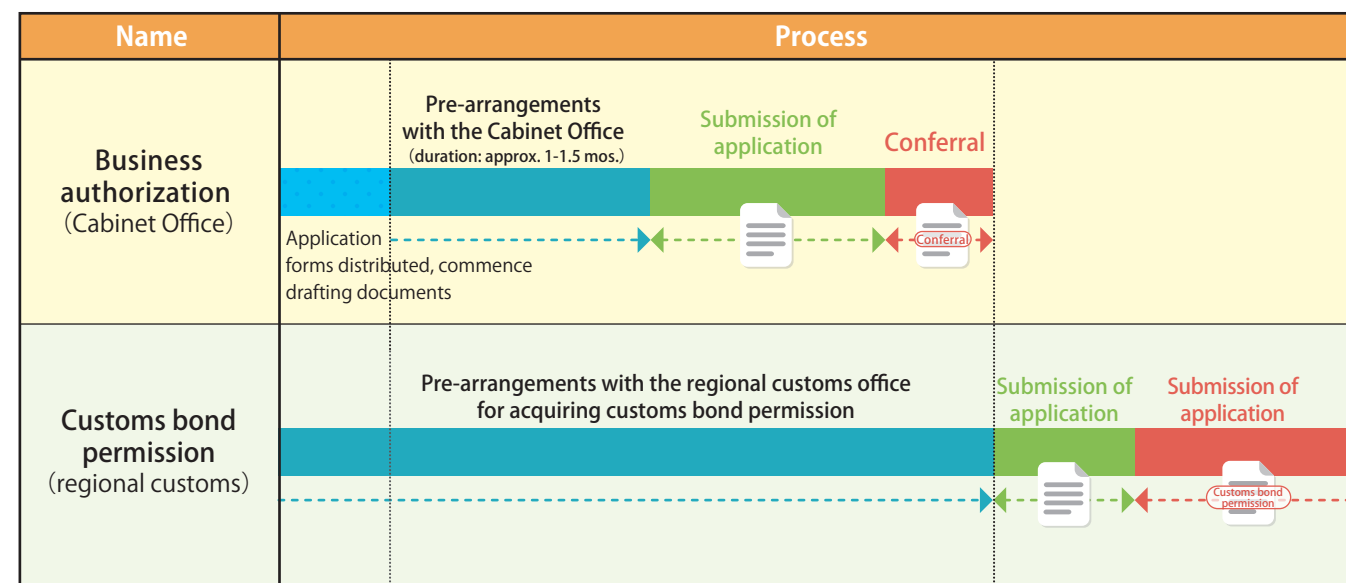
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How to obtain business certification for special customs taxation



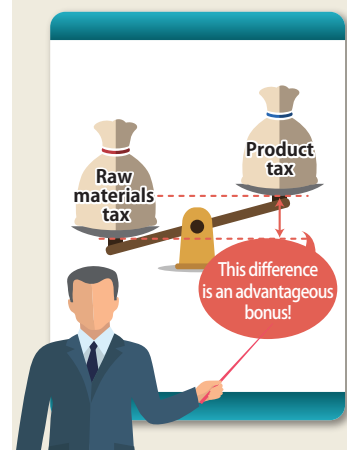
Supplemental notes

* After start of coordination with the zone customs office to obtain a bonded permit, then after contact to the Cabinet Office and preparation of application documents, advance coordination will begin. The Cabinet Office will conduct advance coordination with relevant ministries and agencies.
* Application documents will be submitted to the Cabinet Office once discussions with related ministries and agencies are completed. Following screening, a business certificate will be issued.
* **Bonded procedures and application will be made after business certification is obtained.** If a bonded permit is not obtained within one year after business certification, the business certification will expire.
* Acquiring customs bond permission requires knowledge related to customs bonds for business operators, as well as building the necessary business framework. The time required for this may vary, though in some cases is quite considerable for new applicants.

Selective system for customs duty

Companies can select either "materials customs" or "product customs" in the international distribution hub zone. If you take raw material that is foreign cargo secured with a customs bond and you process or manufacture it and ship (import) it into Japan as a product, you are allowed to choose the cheaper of two taxation schemes ("materials customs" or "product customs") for the customs duty.

*Exclusions apply to some products.

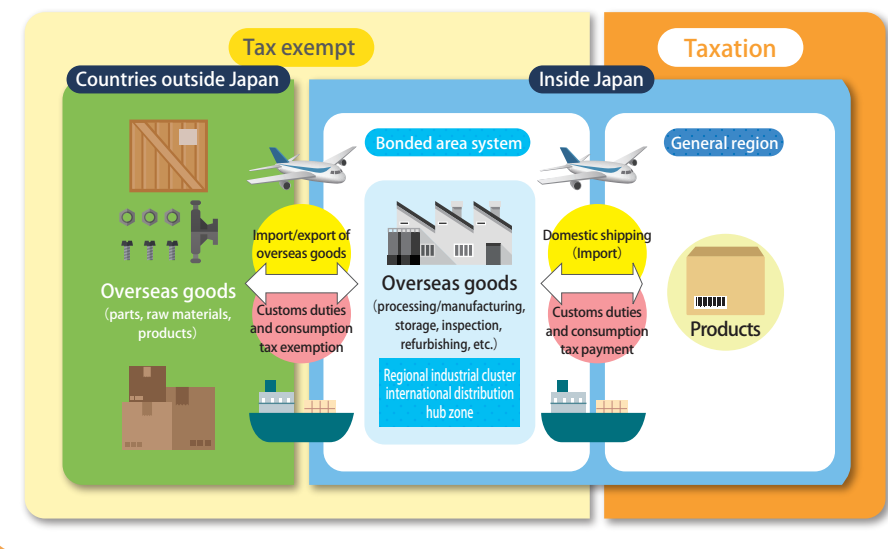


What is the bonded area system?

The bonded area system is a system that allows a business to receive permission for a customs bonded zone from the Chief Customs Inspector and to store, process, manufacture, display, etc. foreign cargo in specified locations and facilities without having paid custom duties and consumption taxes.

Companies that have received bonded area permission

- If you process or manufacture components and/or raw materials that were foreign cargo and export them as products outside Japan, you do not need to pay customs duties or consumption taxes.
- You can store, inspect, refurbish, finish, etc. foreign cargo for which customs duties and consumption taxes have not been paid and export or ship them domestically in response to market demand. If they are shipped domestically, customs duties and consumption taxes must be paid.
- If stored foreign cargo is shipped abroad as returned goods or is destroyed as defective goods, there is no need to pay customs duties or consumption taxes.



Overview of International Distribution Base and Industry Cluster Zone Uruma/Okinawa District (Nakagusuku Bay Port Shinko District Industrial Park)



—— International Logistics Hub Industry Development Zone Uruma/Okinawa District
 - - - - - Former Special Free Trade Zone
 - - - - - IT Shinryo Park

1 Katsuren Castle 《World Heritage Site》
 3 Okinawa Mold Technology Institute
 5 Okinawa Industrial Technology Center
 7 Okinawa Life Science Research Center

2 Okinawa IT Shinryo Park
 4 Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center
 6 Okinawa Biotechnology Business Support Center
 8 Large shopping center (AEON)

(1) Uruma/Okinawa District (Nakagusuku Bay Port Shinko District) – Overview

● Total area	: 392.4ha	● Wharf area	: 24.4ha
● Former General Industry Zone	: 102.6ha	● Harbor-related facilities area	: 37.0ha
● International Logistics Hub (formerly Uruma District)	: 122.4ha (Area for lease: 90.0ha)	● Residential-use area	: 37.1ha
		● Other (green space, etc.)	: 68.9ha



The Nakagusuku Port Shinko Zone is a 392.4-hectare coastal industrial complex built on reclaimed land and located between the Katsuren Peninsula and Awase Bay on Okinawa’s main island. It spans Uruma City and Okinawa City and is equipped with both distribution and production functions. In addition to general industrial use, this district has designated areas including a recycling port and Okinawa IT Shinryo Park, as well as facilities that are operated and established for supporting research in advanced industries, such as the Tropical Technology Plus (TTP), the Okinawa Industrial Technology Center, the Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research and Development Center, the Okinawa Biotechnology Business Support Center, and the Okinawa Life Science Research Center.

(2) Regarding target industry sectors

In order to strategically promote the attracting of companies to the prefecture, we are doing more to attract — especially to the International Logistics Hub Industry Development Zone — industries that need to be near an airport or harbor, since companies in such industries can be expected to link up with other tenant companies and with companies elsewhere in the prefecture and can also be expected to generate outbound freight from Okinawa. We are working to bring together businesses of the types indicated below that are in industries that manufacture high-value-added products.

① Target industry sectors

Okinawa is looking for industry players to revitalize our Airport and port based industries. As a general rule, only companies which plan to ship and export 50% of their products or services outside Japan or Okinawa will be considered. For more information, please contact the person in charge.

Applicable category	Type of Business
Land for sale	Manufacturing, warehousing, road freight forwarding, wholesaling, designated machinery repair, designated non-store retailing, designated real estate leasing, and aircraft maintenance (industries subject to the international logistics hub industrial concentration zone)
Leased factories for general manufacturing	Manufacturing
Leased factories for high-tech manufacturing	Manufacturing
Support facilities for forges and foundries	Forging- and foundry-related industries (molds, etc.).

② Target industries

Okinawa Prefecture promotes the strategic attraction of business with the aim of advancing and restructuring the information and communications industry, developing airport- and seaport-oriented industries, and forming a cluster of aviation-related industries. In the Uruma–Okinawa District, the prefecture promotes initiatives to attract airport- and seaport-oriented industries, aviation-related industries, and core manufacturing industries to revitalize the local economy.

- Airport- and Seaport-Oriented Industries: Semiconductor and electronic component manufacturing, precision equipment manufacturing, FA (factory automation) and robotics-related industries, and medical device manufacturing
- Aviation-Related Industries: Manufacturing of airframe parts, engine components, and avionics/interior components, aircraft design, development, and engineering, and warehousing and logistics services for aircraft parts (parts centers)
- Core Manufacturing Industries: Companies possessing advanced manufacturing technologies such as heat treatment, metal processing and plating, and specialized surface coating

Local Businesses (Formerly the Special Free Trade Zone)

83 local businesses (excluding duplicates) (as of March 2026)

- 【 Breakdown 】
- Rental factories for general manufacturing : 39 companies (of which 4 company is a repetition.)
 - Rental factories for highly technical manufacturing : 5 companies
 - Rental factories for forges and foundries : 11 companies (of which 1 company is a repetition.)
 - Subdivided land : 34 companies (of which 1 company is a repetition.)

Local business list (as of March 2026)

Name	Building number/ classification	Industry type	Company name	Description of Business	Date of establishment
Rental factory	# 1	Manufacturing	Daikyo Giken-Kogyo Co., Ltd.	Industrial adhesive manufacturing	Feb. 2007
	# 2	Manufacturing	Sankikatawaku Kogyo Co., Ltd.	Wooden concrete mold manufacturing and sales	Mar. 2016
	# 3	Manufacturing	SOK Co., Ltd.	Semiconductor manufacturing equipment part (flow guage) manufacturing	Oct. 2010
	# 4	Manufacturing	Okinawa Tokyo Keiso Co., Ltd.	Semiconductor manufacturing equipment flow guage manufacturing	Jul. 2011
	# 5 ★	Manufacturing	Nagase RooTAC Industries, Inc.	Manufacture of electrical, industrial, and civil engineering pipes	Jan. 2025
	# 6	Manufacturing	Shiba Sangyo Co., Ltd.	Wooden housing precut manufacturing/sales	Jun. 2015
	# 7	Manufacturing	NIPPURA Co., Ltd.	Large aquarium acrylic panel manufacturing	Nov. 2003
	# 8	Manufacturing	NMT Co., Ltd.	Manufacture and sale of precision polishing jigs for silicon wafers, etc. for semiconductors	Nov. 2006
	# 9	Manufacturing	Cellmedica Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of fucoxanthin (a brown algae carotenoid pigment)	Oct. 2019
	# 10	Manufacturing	Masahiro Distillery Co., Ltd.	Production and sale of liqueur made from awamori	Oct. 2021
	# 11	Manufacturing	Uminchu Okinawa Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of original T-shirts	Sep. 2003
	# 15	Manufacturing	Miroku Okinawa Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of beauty products (facial masks, essences, creams, etc.)	Dec. 2024
	# 16	Manufacturing	EM Research Organization Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of beverages	May 2010
	# 17	Manufacturing	Advance Co., Ltd.	Processing and manufacturing precision equipment for copying machines, digital cameras, automobile parts, and metallic product prototypes	Nov. 2012
	# 18	Manufacturing	Ryukyu Beverage Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of carbonated drinks	Apr. 2014
	# 19	Manufacturing	Presea Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of processed products, such as carbon for items such as high temperature vacuum furnace components, and semiconductor components	Mar. 2006
	# 20	Manufacturing	Toy Factory International Co., Ltd.	Development and manufacturing of camping and special use vehicles	Feb. 2008
	# 21	Manufacturing	Okinawa Kubota Chemix Co., Ltd.	Synthetic resin pipe manufacturing	Oct. 2015
	# 22	Manufacturing	SPARK Ltd.	Manufacture, sales, and tuning of air guns and air gun-related products; wholesaling of related products	Aug. 2021
	# 23	Manufacturing	Fujitaka Creation Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sale of clothing and accessories	Oct. 2014
	# 24	Manufacturing	Nanosystem Solutions Co., Ltd.	Development and manufacturing of semiconductor inspection equipment, and maskless exposure apparatuses	Sep. 2014
	# 25	Manufacturing	Ume Kobo	Manufacturing of confectionery	May 2016
	# 26 ★	Manufacturing	Nissho Inc.	General aluminum construction material and residential equipment manufacturing	Feb. 2015
	# 28	Manufacturing	Enrich Food Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing refrigerating technology using proton freezing and frozen foods made using it	Feb. 2015
	# 29 ①	Manufacturing	Accord Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sale of industrial machinery/ covers for machine tools	Jan. 2018

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Local business list (as of March 2026)

Name	Building #, Classification, etc.	Industry type	Company name	Description of Business	Date of establishment
Rental factory	#29㉔	Manufacturing	ASAP Ltd. Co.	Manufacturing of semiconductor manufacturing equipment	Sep. 2018
	#30①	Manufacturing	Sankyou Carbon Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of carbon and graphite products	Apr. 2017
	#30㉔	Manufacturing	Waqua Inc.	Manufacturing and sales of household water purifiers and small-scale desalination equipment	Mar. 2016
	#31	Manufacturing	ADO Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of electromagnetic valves and flow sensors for medical equipment (dialysis machines, etc.)	Feb. 2016
	#33	Manufacturing	Isel Okinawa Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of elemental parts (Million Guide) for semiconductors, liquid crystals, organic ELs and more manufacturing equipment components	Jun. 2018
	#34	Manufacturing	CAP Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of semiconductor/ printed circuit board manufacturing equipment	Jul. 2016
	#35	Manufacturing	FMD .Co., Ltd.	Development and manufacture of medical devices (guidewires)	Nov. 2019
	#36	Manufacturing	Okiko Co., Ltd.	Bread and confectionery manufacturing industry	Jun. 2021
	#37	Manufacturing	Core Material Co., Ltd.	Production of plastic and resin medical products	May. 2022
	#38	Manufacturing	SKAN JAPAN Co., Ltd.	Manufacture and sale of pharmaceutical product (isolator) manufacturing equipment	Aug. 2019
	#39	Manufacturing	Shoritsu FA Engineering Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of electrical tools and equipment (in-line type/cell production soldering device)	May. 2018
	#40	Manufacturing	Otsuka Clinical Solutions, Inc.	Manufacturing of medical devices (guide wires) and contracted medical device sterilization testing	Jun. 2018
	#41	Manufacturing	Takagi Seisakusho K.K.	Automotive parts/accessories manufacturing industry	Apr. 2021
	#42	Manufacturing	I-PEX Inc.	Development of green energy-related and other systems and provision of co-working factory	Apr. 2022
Leased factories for high-tech manufacturing	#1	Manufacturing	Okinawa-Shibuya Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of semiconductor inspection equipment, etc. and parts for bottling systems, etc.	Aug. 2013
	#2 Section 2	Manufacturing	Ikeda Precision Industries Co., Ltd.	Processing and production of manufacturing machinery and equipment parts (stainless steel)	Aug. 2013
	#2 Section 3	Manufacturing	Hokutyou Industries Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of various industrial plastic parts such as food machines, medical apparatus, pharmaceutical apparatus, and machine tools	Aug. 2013
	#2 Section 4・5	Manufacturing	Medtech Innovations Inc.	Manufacture of PF needles, EF catheters, etc. used in the treatment of arrhythmia	Jun. 2024
	#3	Manufacturing	Enagic International	Development, manufacturing, and sale of medical and healthcare devices	Feb. 2022
Support facilities for forges and foundries	#1 Section 1・2	Manufacturing	Ogaki Seiko Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of honeycomb catalyst converters (exhaust) for automobiles, industrial machinery, and electronic parts	Dec. 2010
	#1 Section 3	Information and service industry	NTT DATA Engineering Systems Co., Ltd.	Design and production of CAD/Cam for molds	Dec. 2011
	#1 Section 4	Manufacturing	Monozukuri Network Okinawa Inc. (One company)	Human resource development for manufacturing, research and development, and contract processing,engineering	Mar. 2012
	#1 Section 5	Manufacturing	Monozukuri Network Okinawa Inc. (One company)	Human resource development for manufacturing, research and development, and contract processing,engineering	Apr. 2025
	#2 Section 1	Manufacturing	Zeno Tech Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of molds, parts, and accessories for metal products	Apr. 2024
	#2 Section 2	Information and service industry	FUTU-RE Co., Ltd.	Development of automatic driving systems	Apr. 2022
	#2 Section 3	Manufacturing	SONY Group Corporation	Vehicle development	Sep. 2020
	#2 Section 4	Manufacturing	Body Shop Car Manicure Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of FRP automobile parts	Feb. 2020
	#3 Section 1	Manufacturing	CKK Okinawa Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and regrinding of carbide drills and endmills	Jan. 2016
	#3 Section 2	Manufacturing	Jowa Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of machine parts comprised of stainless steel, aluminum, resin, etc. and design/production of press molds	Jan. 2015
	#3 Section 3	Manufacturing	Emade Co., Ltd.	Manufacture, research and development of electric mobility and related parts	Sep. 2017
	#3 Section 4	Manufacturing	I-PEX Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of precision press molds	Apr. 2019

Local business list (as of March 2026)

Name		Industry type	Company name	Description of Business	Date of establishment
Land for sale/rental	1	Manufacturing	Acrorad Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of semiconductors for radiation detection	Oct. 1999
	2	Manufacturing	Convault Japan Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sale of ground-mounted fuel tanks	May 2003
	3	Wholesale	Wako Trading Co., Ltd.	Print processing and wholesale of products such as T-shirts	Feb. 2006
	4	Manufacturing	Ryukyu Awamori Sake Village (Cooperative Association)	Production of traditional Awamori sake through long-term storage and sales of this beverage	Apr. 2011
	5	Manufacturing	NTI Co., Ltd.	Development and manufacturing of carbon nanotubes (CNT) related products and the manufacturing of plastic mold prototypes	Feb. 2013
	6	Wholesale	C & D Co., Ltd.	Wholesale sales of imported furniture, building materials, etc.	Feb. 2013
	7	Engineering Institute	Thomas GK Technical Research Institute Co., Ltd.	Research, development, design, and sales of environmentally-conscious incinerators	Oct. 2013
	8	Manufacturing	Japan Food and Culture Kakehashi Company Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of processed products derived from domestic agriculture, forests, and marine resources	Jan. 2015
	9	Manufacturing	Kawashima Group Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of healthy food	Jul. 2015
	10	Manufacturing	SKAN JAPAN Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing and sales of pharmaceutical manufacturing machines (isolators)	Mar. 2016
	11	Special real estate leasing	Ryukyu Kaiun Kaisha Sea Transport Company Co., Ltd.	Operation of a 3-temperature zone distributio center	Mar. 2017
		Warehouse	Ryukkai Logistics Co., Ltd.	Operation of a 3-temperature zone distributio center	
	12	Manufacturing	BEAC Okinawa Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing equipment for manufacturing, electronic components (flexible printed circuit, boards)	Mar. 2017
	13	Wholesale	Kobelco Construction Machinery Japan Co., Ltd.	Sales and maintenance of new/used cars for civil engineering and construction	Mar. 2017
	14	Manufacturing	FMD Co., Ltd. (Okinawa Factory)	Manufacturing of guide wires for endovascular treatment	May 2017
	15	Manufacturing	INOAC Ryukyu Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of urethane foam (bedding, furniture, industrial materials, etc.) and related products	Sep. 2017
	16	Electricity industry	Okinawa Uruma New Energy Co., Ltd.	Operations of biomass power plants	Oct. 2017
	17	Wholesale	Suzuki Jihan Automobiles Okinawa Co., Ltd.	Vehicle storage yard and vehicle delivery/maintenance (commercialization plant)	Nov. 2017
	18	Special real estate leasing	Yoshikawa Transport Co., Ltd.	Sales warehouse rentals	Feb. 2017
		Warehouse	Maruyama Logistics Co., Ltd.	Operation of a sales warehouse	Feb. 2017
	19	Manufacturing	MIZUTOMI Corporation	Manufacturing of food products (meat, etc.)	Jan. 2018
	20	Road freight transport industry	Okinawa Total Logistics Co., Ltd.	Road freight transport for materials and machine tools, manufacture of reinforced corrugated fiberboards for packaging, and provision of painting services using large printers	Mar. 2018
	21	Manufacturing	Yashio Kenzaikogyo Industries Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of metal products for construction	Apr. 2018
	22	Wholesale	Seawide Co., Ltd.	Building materials wholesale	Jul. 2018
	23	Manufacturing	Bijuu Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of confectionery products and contract manufacturing	Aug. 2018
	24	Manufacturing	South Product Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of fucoidan and health foods	Aug. 2018
	25	Manufacturing	ADO Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of solenoid valves and flow sensors for equipment used in medical/enviromental analysis	Jan. 2019
	26	Manufacturing	Tiger Global Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of metalworking products, rotary penetration steel piles (TG piles), and recycled plastic products	Jun. 2019
	27	Warehouse	OTK Co., Ltd.	Operation of a sales warehouse	Mar. 2020
	28	Manufacturing	Shiba Sangyo Co., Ltd. / SAKATA Co., Ltd.	Wooden housing precut manufacturing/sales	Sep. 2025
	29	Warehouse	C&D Inc.	Work related to purchasing, management, and transport of imported furniture, etc.	Feb. 2021
	30	Manufacturing	Sho Setsubi Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of equipment units	Apr. 2021
	31	Manufacturing	JoeB Tech Co., Ltd.	Manufacture of e-bikes (power-assisted bicycles)	Oct. 2021
	32	Manufacturing	Sanko Co., Ltd.	Manufacturing of plastic materials handling equipment	Mar. 2022
	33	Manufacturing	ASKA Co., Ltd.	Design, manufacturing, and export of equipment for automated assembly lines of automotive parts	Mar. 2022
	34	Wholesale	Kinko Heavy Machinery	Wholesale of construction and mining machinery	Mar. 2022

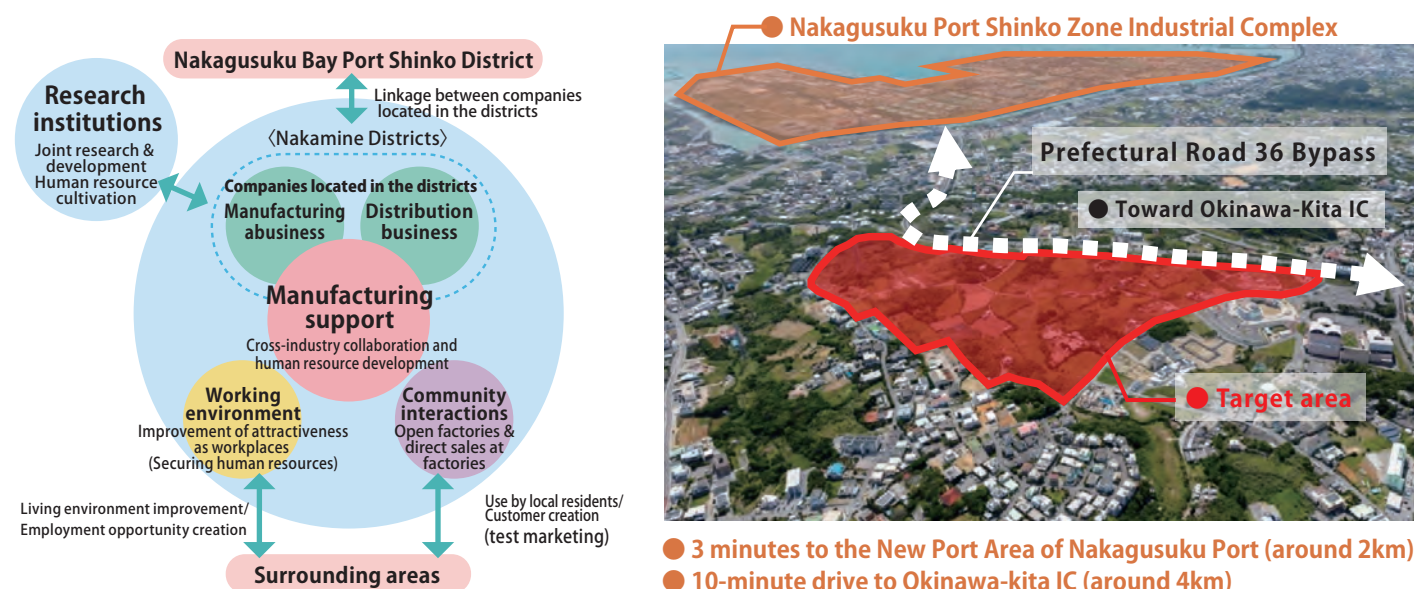
New industrial sites in Okinawa Prefecture

*See pages 5 and 6 for the location.

(1) Uezu & Nakamine Districts, Uruma City

Overview and location

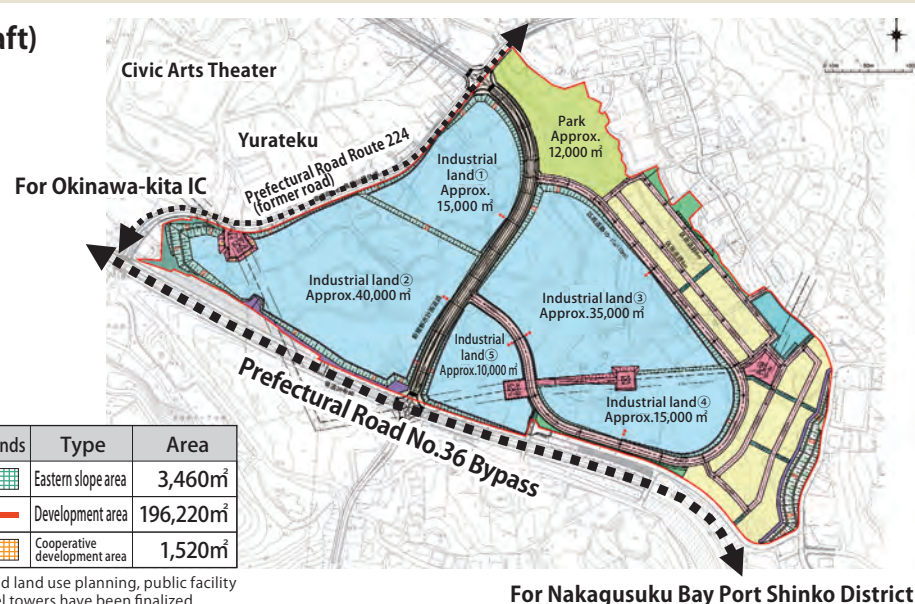
Uruma City is developing plans for a new industrial zone to secure additional employment opportunities for the population and land for industrial clusters. At the moment, the Nakamine & Uezu districts have been selected as candidate sites as they are poised to become the drivers of economic development and expected to share industrial functions with the Nakagusuku Harbor Shinko District. Surveys and studies aimed at establishing fundamental infrastructure there is currently underway.



Development Diagram (draft)

Legends	Type	Area
	Urban planning road	6,960m ²
	Prefectural road widening	230m ²
	Zone road	14,750m ²
	Special road	830m ²
	Park	12,040m ²
	Green space	2,500m ²
	Retained forest area	1,210m ²
	Waterway site	3,480m ²
	Steel tower & high-voltage cable	4,370m ²
	Industrial land	
	Usable area	109,110m ²
	Slope area	12,330m ²
	Housing area	22,550m ²
	Retention basin	2,400m ²

Legends	Type	Area
	Eastern slope area	3,460m ²
	Development area	196,220m ²
	Cooperative development area	1,520m ²



Planned schedule

Project schedule	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	After
Company invitation	Company invitation activities				Handing over to companies in advanced districts	Handing over to companies in constructed districts at any time
Development plan & project	Project survey & basic design	Project plan & implementation plan	Project approval & coordination for replanning	Infrastructure development (advanced districts)	Infrastructure development	

* All these initiatives and schedules are the tentative and have not yet been finalized. (as of December 2025)

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(2) Maezato District, Itoman City

Overview and location

The planning area is located about 15 minutes (10.4km) by car from Naha Airport, and the northwest part of the area is adjacent to the existing urban area. National Route 331 Itoman Road runs through it, providing convenient transportation access.

Naha Port	Around 20 minutes (12.6km)	Planning area (Maezato)
Naha Airport IC	Around 15 minutes (10.4km)	
Tomigusuku IC	Around 19 minutes (9.1km)	
Tomigusuku/Nakachi IC	Around 13 minutes (8.6km)	
Prospective Toyosaki Industrial Site	Around 6 minutes (4.1km)	
Itoman Industrial Park	Around 5 minutes (3.1km)	
Itoman City Hall	Around 3 minutes (1.0km)	



Proposed development (tentative)



Planned schedule

Project details	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
District development project approval	Approval (October 25, 2024)				
Construction					
Sale			Schedule for the public offering for application *1		Sale

* The planned schedule is subject to change. *1 To be developed and sold in stages from the west side of the national road

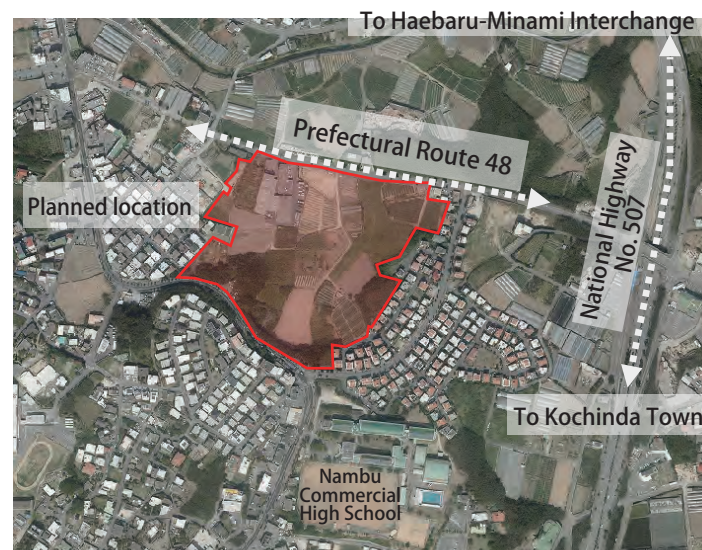
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(3) Tomoyose-Higashi District, Yaese Town

■ Overview and location

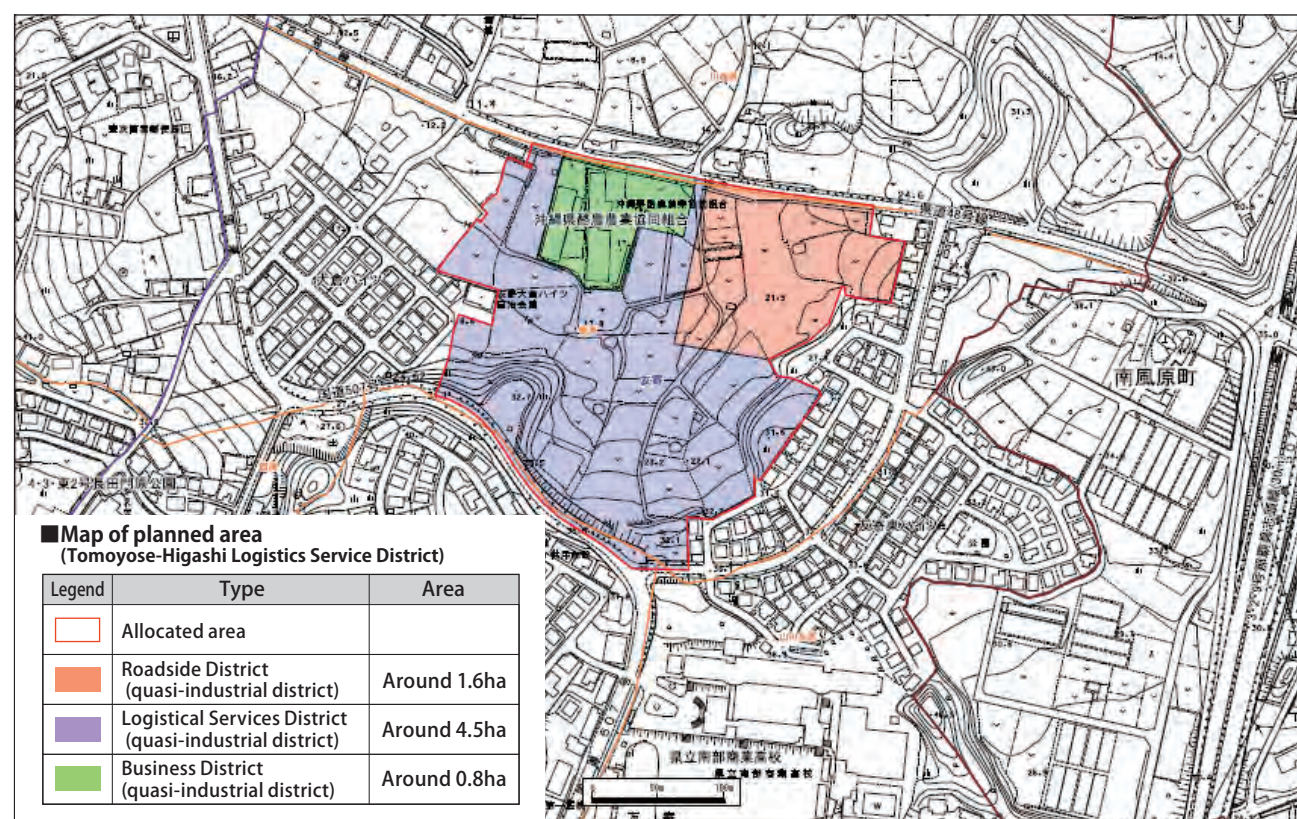
Located next to Prefectural Route 48 and near many major roads including the Naha Airport Expressway (Haeburu-Minami Interchange) and National Highway No. 507, this area in the northeast of Yaese Town couldn't be more conveniently located.

To get the most out of this prime land and vitalize Yaese Town, measures are underway to attract operators of commercial buildings such as retail stores, industrial facilities such as logistics hubs and warehouses, and business facilities such as offices.



● 2 minutes by car (around 1km) to Haeburu-Minami Interchange

■ Layout (tentative)



■ Planned schedule

Work	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Recruitment of companies	Recruitment of companies/application process				
Development plan	Surveying / measurement / design / project planning / application for approval of land readjustment projects / building of foundations				Service started

*The above schedule is correct at present but has not been finalized. (As of January 2026)

■ Inquiries about recruitment of companies: Planning and Finance Division, General Affairs Department, Yaese Town Hall TEL +81-98-998-2668

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(4) Priority Business Attraction Districts in Okinawa City

In FY 2022, under the Fifth Okinawa City Basic Policy for Business Attraction, manufacturing and transportation industries were newly added to the previously prioritized sectors of information and communications and tourism-related industries. In addition, four priority districts were designated to secure industrial land for business establishment.

The city will continue to examine concrete development plans for these districts while taking into consideration the diverse business needs of the region.

■ Layout (tentative)



① Former Okinawa Juvenile Training School Site

- Area: Approx. 3 hectares
- Access: Approx. 650 meters to Okinawa-Minami IC

Located adjacent to Okinawa Arena and Koza Sports Park and near the Okinawa Loop Road, enabling connectivity with the Port of Nakagusukuwan.

② Former Chibana Golf Course Site

- Area: Approx. 6 hectares
- Access: Approx. 1.8 km to Okinawa-Kita IC
- Access: Approx. 450 meters to National Route 329

Daily life service facilities are concentrated within walking distance. The site is close to Prefectural Route 36 Bypass and the Okinawa Loop Road and provides access to Port of Nakagusukuwan.

③ Kojia-Ozato Agricultural Promotion Area

- Area: Approx. 20 hectares ※
- Access: Approx. 6.4 km to Okinawa-Kita IC
- Access: Approx. 4.2 km to (tentative name) Ikento IC

Located near Port of Nakagusukuwan, with surrounding residential development progressing.

④ Ikento District

- Area: Approx. 112 hectares ※
- Access: (Tentative) Ikento IC planned within the district

Designated as a quasi-industrial zone (mixed residential and factory area) and positioned as an industrial attraction zone in the City Master Plan within the International Logistics Hub Industry Accumulation Area.

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※ Specific zoning and site area will be determined in consideration of business needs.

Comments From Companies That Have Expanded Into Okinawa Prefecture

CASE 01

I-PEX



Executive Officer, New Business Development Division
& President, I-PEX Global Operations, Inc. **Tomohiro Nishiyama**

I-PEX Inc.

<https://corp.i-pex.com>

- Industry type: Manufacturing and Sales of Electronic Components
- Expansion into Okinawa: February 2019
- Location: Tomigusuku City, Uruma City

Q1 What led your company to expand into Okinawa?

In order to provide support for our group's overseas sales staff and 15 overseas subsidiaries, we established the International Management Office in Tomigusuku City in February 2019, followed by the incorporation of I-PEX Global Operations, Inc. in May of the same year. In January 2020, we launched operations at a manufacturing plant within the Okinawa Prefecture Foundry and Tooling Industry Promotion Facility in Uruma City. In December 2022, we opened the Okinawa Innovation Center as an R&D hub.

Q2 What are the key strengths and attractions of Okinawa?

The logistics and air networks centered around the tourism industry in Okinawa are well-developed, and there is a large pool of multilingual talent fluent in English and Chinese. In addition, Okinawa provides a strong advantage in recruiting talented young professionals with numerous technical education institutions producing approximately 3,000 prospective engineers annually. The comprehensive manufacturing support programs provided by Okinawa Prefecture and the Okinawa General Bureau of the Cabinet Office provide significant benefits for companies undertaking new initiatives. Furthermore, the ability to collaborate with local companies creates promising opportunities for new business development.

Q3 What operations do you conduct in Okinawa, and what are your future plans?

I-PEX Global Operations handles group-wide BPO and international management functions with specialists managing a broad range of roles. Our Uruma plant manufactures press dies for metal terminals. The Okinawa Innovation Center conducts research into hydrogen production and power generation technologies and is working to apply proprietary odor sensor technology to local industries. In collaboration with such research institutions as the University of the Ryukyus and private-sector partners, we are engaged in initiatives aimed at addressing regional challenges. With precision engineering and technological innovation at its core, the center serves as a bridge connecting Okinawa to the world while striving to contribute to a sustainable society.



Exterior view of the Okinawa Innovation Center (Uruma City)

CASE 02

ACRORAD



Representative Director and President **John Ellwood**

Acrorad Co., Ltd.

<https://www.acrorad.co.jp/>

- Industry type: Semiconductor Manufacturing
- Expansion into Okinawa: May 2000
- Location: Uruma City

Q1 What led your company to expand into Okinawa?

Semiconductor materials for radiation measurements that we had researched for many years were recognized for their performance and were adopted for space radiation observation satellites. In order to further expand the business, our engineers established a new company. At that time, Okinawa made available industrial land and offered strong opportunities to secure various technology development subsidies, making it an attractive location for our new venture.

Q2 What are the key strengths and attractions of Okinawa?

We have been in Okinawa for more than 25 years. While we faced the challenges of logistics costs, lack of an industrial infrastructure, and the availability of core technical talent, we steadily overcome these headwinds—sometimes strong ones—together with local employees. Embracing both the relaxed Uchina Time spirit and the resilient Nankurunaisa mindset, we have continued to gradually refine our proprietary semiconductor manufacturing technologies. Clients who visit us from afar are often surprised to find highly stable and sophisticated manufacturing processes that dispel the preconceived notions associated with Okinawa. Many remark that the long journey was worthwhile before heading off to enjoy Okinawa's marine leisure activities. Okinawa is particularly well received by overseas executives and researchers as a destination that combines business with pleasure.

Q3 What operations do you conduct in Okinawa, and what are your future plans?

We develop and manufacture sensors using CdTe (cadmium telluride), a semiconductor material that enables imaging of X-rays and gamma rays. These CdTe sensors allow clearer imaging with lower radiation exposure and can even distinguish between different materials. Our sensors are used in panoramic dental X-ray systems and are increasingly applied in X-ray foreign object inspection systems for food products. Recently, we expanded our factory to meet growing demand since our sensors are essential components in an innovative medical X-ray CT system first commercialized by our parent company, Siemens Healthineers (Germany). In a few years, we expect CT systems equipped with our semiconductor sensors to be used in leading hospitals around the world.



CASE 03

株式会社 ADO



President and COO **Tsuyoshi Hida**

ADO Co., Ltd.

<https://www.advance-e.jp/>

- Industry type: Development and Manufacturing of Valves for Fluid Control Systems
- Expansion into Okinawa: February 2015
- Location: Uruma City

Q1 What led your company to expand into Okinawa?

With three strategic pillars—expanding production bases in Asia, diversifying business locations with a view to business continuity, and promoting manufacturing under the "Made in Japan" philosophy—we decided to establish operations in Okinawa, strategically located in the heart of Asia. Okinawa offers a strong network of technical high schools and vocational institutions, which provide access to young engineering talent. The proactive support and business attraction efforts of Okinawa Prefecture played an important role in our decision-making process.

Q2 What are the key strengths and attractions of Okinawa?

The prefecture actively promotes manufacturing industries and has implemented a range of programs that support technology development, productivity enhancement, and human resource development. This support creates an environment conducive to corporate growth and makes Okinawa an attractive destination for expanding companies. Many of the locally recruited employees have taken advantage of the prefecture's training subsidy program to upgrade skills at our parent company in Aichi Prefecture, and they are now contributing significantly to company operations. Additional support measures, including subsidies for capital investment and product development, further enhance Okinawa's appeal as a business location.

Q3 What operations do you conduct in Okinawa, and what are your future plans?

As a manufacturing subsidiary of Advance Electric Co., Inc., headquartered in Aichi Prefecture, we primarily manufacture fluid control valves for chemical solutions that are essential components of medical and environmental analysis equipment, designed to meet global standards. In recent years, we have expanded into the development and manufacturing of precision valves used in semiconductor fabrication facilities—essential to smartphones and AI technologies—seeking to enter new growth markets. For the precision valves for semiconductor plants, we have fully leveraged the technologies developed over many years and supported by Okinawa Prefecture's assistance programs since our establishment here. Through the manufacturing of critical components that support advanced global industries, we are committed to contributing to the industrial development of Okinawa.



CASE 04

カサイエレクトロニクス株式会社



General Manager, Digital Lab Division /
Managing Director, Okinawa Office **Daisuke Tachibana**

Kasai-Elec CO., LTD.

<https://digi-robo-labo.okinawa>

- Industry type: Automation Systems Development / Robot System Integrator
- Expansion into Okinawa: June 2017
- Location: Itoman City, Ginowan City

Q1 What led your company to expand into Okinawa?

We initially expanded into Okinawa to establish a production base for our proprietary electrodeless lamps. Our products were registered as Okinawan products, and sales grew steadily. However, after receiving consultations from local companies regarding automation and witnessing the satisfaction of our clients upon delivery, I developed a strong sense of mission regarding the need to accelerate automation and digital transformation in Okinawa. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, we used a national business restructuring subsidy program to transition into our current robot system integrator (Sler) business.

Q2 What are the key strengths and attractions of Okinawa?

As a remote island prefecture with a population of just under 1.5 million, Okinawa may not appear highly attractive as a direct market or production hub. However, Okinawa's true strengths lie in its people and its network of partners. Approximately 3,000 STEM graduates emerge annually from universities, colleges of technology, and technical high schools in Okinawa. In particular, many high school graduates demonstrate a strong willingness to enter the workforce, and their motivation, combined with practical technical experience, means they can grow rapidly in development-oriented roles. In recent years, startups as well as highly specialized niche-leading companies have expanded into Okinawa. The level of technical expertise and manufacturing capabilities has risen significantly. With the right partners, I believe Okinawa offers a development environment comparable to that of Tokyo, Nagoya, or Osaka.

Q3 What operations do you conduct in Okinawa, and what are your future plans?

As the only robot system integrator based in Okinawa Prefecture, we provide services to clients in manufacturing, logistics, tourism, healthcare, and public administration within the prefecture and throughout Japan. In collaboration with the University of the Ryukyus Hospital and supported by funding from the Cabinet Office, we are developing a medical transport robot system manufactured in Okinawa—a rare initiative in Japan. Demonstration testing at the hospital is scheduled to begin in January 2026. Based on the insights gained from this project, we plan to develop Okinawa-made robot transport systems for manufacturing, logistics, and tourism applications. Ultimately, our objective is to develop robot systems that can be sold nationwide as well as to become a core company supporting other firms expanding into Okinawa—just as we were supported by many people when we first established operations here.



Aviation-Related Business Cluster in Okinawa

(1) An Aviation-Related Business Cluster Centered on MRO

Leveraging its strategic location near Asia, where aviation demand is expected to grow, Okinawa Prefecture aims to establish Japan's first aviation-related business cluster focusing on Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO).

As the first step in this initiative, an aircraft maintenance facility was established at Naha Airport and began operations in November 2018, serving as the starting point for the aviation-related business cluster. MRO Japan Co., Ltd., the only specialized aircraft maintenance company in Japan, operates within this facility. As a core company of the aviation-related business cluster that undertakes aircraft maintenance, it has steadily expanded its operations, creating new jobs and having positive economic impacts.

With aircraft maintenance at its core, Okinawa Prefecture aims to develop a unique MRO-centered aviation-related business cluster, incorporating the maintenance of equipment and engines, storage and distribution of parts, provision of maintenance-related technical support, and the training of human resources for employment in aviation-related industries.



Maintenance of aircraft (Large dock inside the aircraft maintenance facility, MRO Japan Co., Ltd.)

(2) Progress and Achievements in Establishing the Aviation-Related Business Cluster

Since the launch of the aircraft maintenance facility, the number of employees in Okinawa's aviation-related industries has grown to approximately 730 as of April 2025, demonstrating the industry's role as a key employer of engineering professionals. The National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College has established an Aviation Engineer Program to develop skilled professionals for the aviation-related industry. Graduates have found employment at airlines, aircraft maintenance companies, and other aviation-related businesses. Additionally, some graduates from local universities and high schools have also secured jobs at maintenance companies. Over the six-year period from FY 2019 to FY 2024, the aviation-related industry cluster achieved strong growth in newly created demand with the cumulative total estimated at approximately 21.8 billion yen.

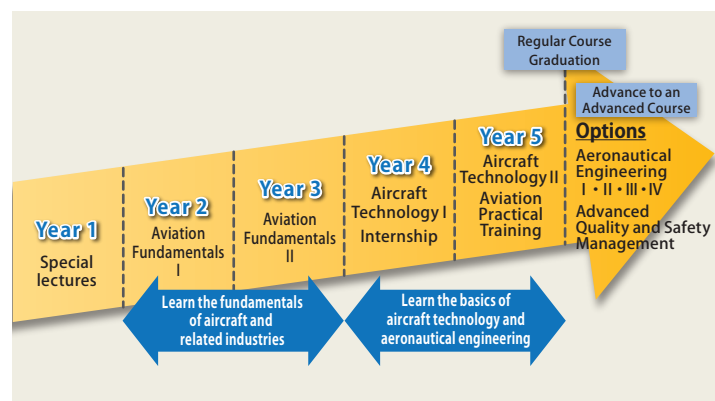
As the core of the cluster, the aircraft maintenance business operator has expanded beyond domestic airline services. In 2022, it obtained aircraft maintenance facility certification from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), enabling it to attract maintenance contracts from international airlines. The company has also diversified its business by entering the leaseback maintenance sector, further solidifying the foundation of the aviation-related business cluster.

■ Achievements of the aviation-related business cluster in Okinawa



(*1) Cumulative results of companies participating in the cluster from FY 2019 to FY 2024

■ Outline of Aviation Engineering Program



Source: School Guide, National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College

(3) Toward a New Stage in the Aviation-Related Business Cluster

Okinawa Prefecture is working to enhance the business environment toward a new stage in the aviation-related business cluster.

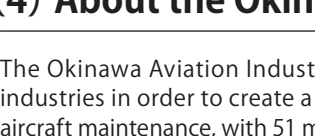
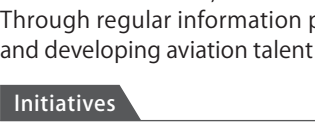
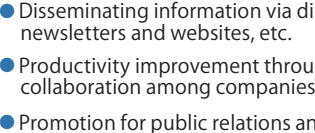
We aim to further expand the scale of our aircraft maintenance business, including the launch of surveys for the establishment of new hangars, and to expand and add value to our business domain with a cargo plane refurbishment service.

In addition, as the potential second core of the cluster, we will begin full-scale studies on attracting companies related to equipment and engine maintenance.

With the expansion of the aircraft maintenance business and the maintenance of equipment and engines, new demands are expected to arise. We will actively work on attracting businesses in logistics and parts industries, manufacturing and processing, and BPO in technical fields, and DX and AI utilization.

For the growth of the cluster, it is essential to secure and develop human resources talented in aviation to support these businesses. In an effort to expand the talent pool in the aviation sector, we will hold joint briefings for aviation-related industries, in collaboration with cluster companies, as well as aviation courses and events in cooperation with educational institutions in Okinawa.



	2019~	2025~	2029~
	Aircraft maintenance Aircraft coating	(Scale expanded) (Coating consultation started) EASA certification Leaseback maintenance started Cargo plane (P2F*) refurbishment started	Steady growth as the core of the cluster
		Feasibility study	Attracted as the second core
			
	Site location by aircraft maintenance parts and materials distributors	Feasibility study in cooperation with MRO Possibility of a large parts center	
	Generate demand in line with the expansion of MRO	Local manufacturing and processing businesses participate in the aviation sector Attract aviation-related manufacturing and processing businesses from other prefectures	
	Maintenance data management	Positive effects on surrounding industries Manufacturer technical service started	
		Digital transformation of back-office operations Exploration of participation by local IT-related industries	
	Aviation Engineer Program	Efforts to expand the base (industry-administration-academia initiative)	Retain human resource to support the cluster

(*) P2F: Passenger to Freight

(4) About the Okinawa Aviation Industry Cluster Promotion Association

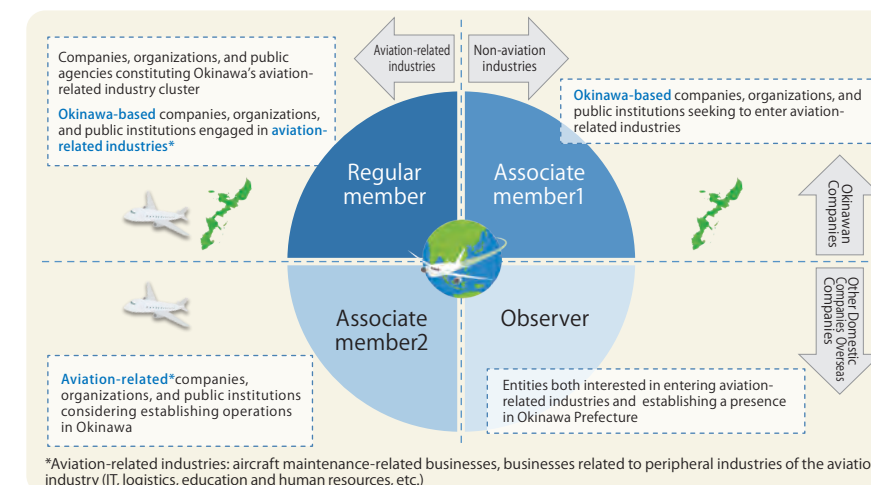
The Okinawa Aviation Industry Cluster Promotion Association was established with the goal of promoting aviation-related industries in order to create a cluster with a concentration of aviation-related industries and peripheral industries, centered on aircraft maintenance, with 51 members having participated as of the end of December 2025.

Through regular information provision and opinion exchange, the Association collaboratively undertakes initiatives for securing and developing aviation talent in Okinawa in response to increasing demand.

Initiatives

- Disseminating information via digital newsletters and websites, etc.
- Productivity improvement through collaboration among companies
- Promotion for public relations and sales channel development
- Measures to secure and develop talented individuals to lead aviation-related industries
- Encouraging companies entering aviation-related industries

Joining this association is free of charge. For details on applying and registered members, please refer to the website on the right (see 2D Code).



Building a Startup Ecosystem



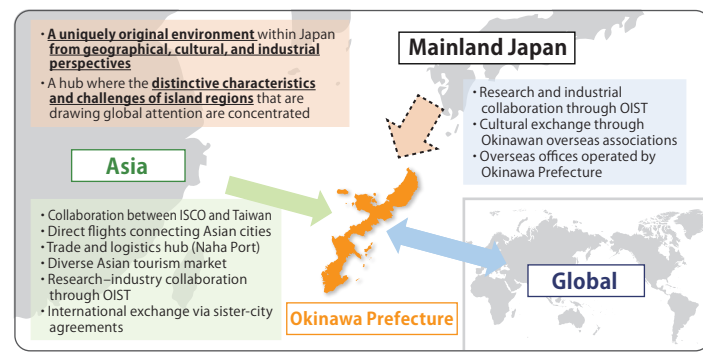
Okinawa Prefecture established the Okinawa Startup Ecosystem Consortium comprising organizations from industry, academia, government, and finance with the aim of becoming one of Asia's leading startup hubs. (As of January 2026, 79 organizations participate in the consortium.) By enhancing the functions of the startup ecosystem, Okinawa is creating an environment in which startups can emerge and grow autonomously. In June 2025, Okinawa was selected by the Cabinet Office as a "NEXT Global Hub City." Going forward, Okinawa will collaborate with national and related institutions to strengthen its position as a leading startup hub in Asia.

Supporters of the Startup Ecosystem (as of January 2026)



Priority Industry Sectors with High Economic Impact Potential

Tourism	Creation of next-generation tourism experiences and development of sustainable destinations
Healthcare	Establishment of a wellness hub supported by sustainable culture and technology
Energy	Resilient and self-sufficient lifeline systems capable of addressing disaster-related isolation
Circular Economy	Priority Industry Sectors with High Economic Impact Potential

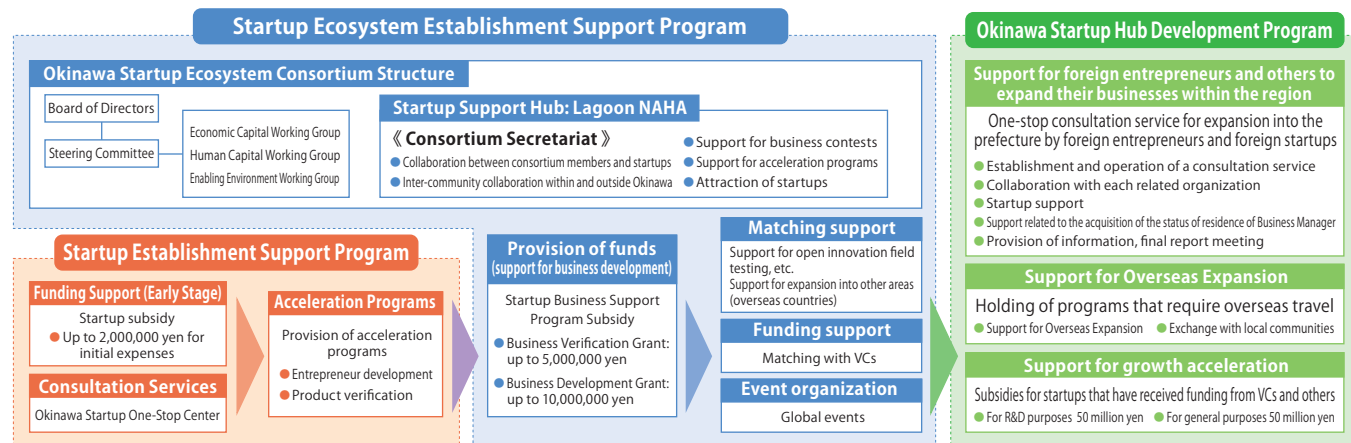


- Okinawa's Competitive Advantages**
- POINT 01** In addition to serving as a gateway to Asia with access to a market of approximately 2.2 billion people within four hours by air, Okinawa offers significant potential to attract overseas resources through the presence of world-class research institutions with advanced scientific and technological capabilities, as well as extensive global networks that include Okinawan overseas associations.
 - POINT 02** Okinawa's geographic characteristics as an island region provide a favorable environment for demonstration experiments. From a blue economy perspective, the prefecture is home to numerous growth sectors with the potential to become distinctive and globally advanced models.
 - POINT 03** In addition to the Okinawa Startup Ecosystem Consortium, which brings together organizations from industry, academia, government, and finance, Okinawa benefits from a range of special policy frameworks, including the National Strategic Special Zones, the Information and Communications Industry Special Zone, and the Special Economic and Financial Revitalization Zone.

【Inquiries】 Startup Ecosystem Consortium Office E-mail okst-info@okinawa-startup.jp

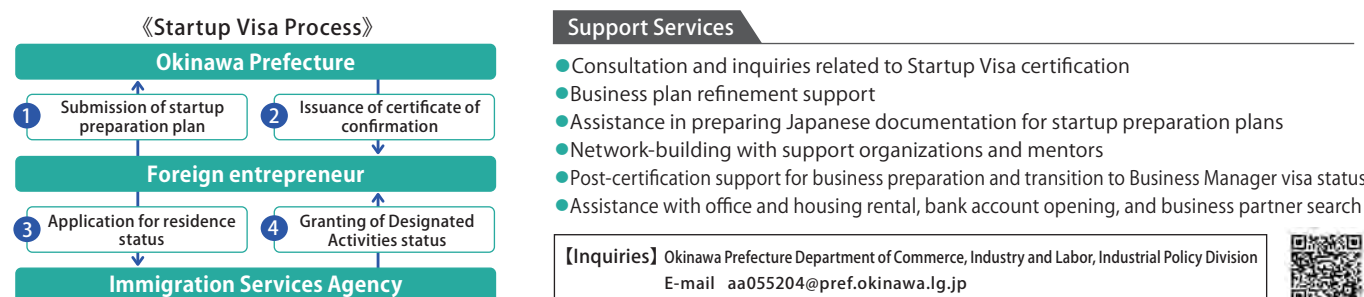
Support measures in Okinawa Prefecture

Reference: Version 2025



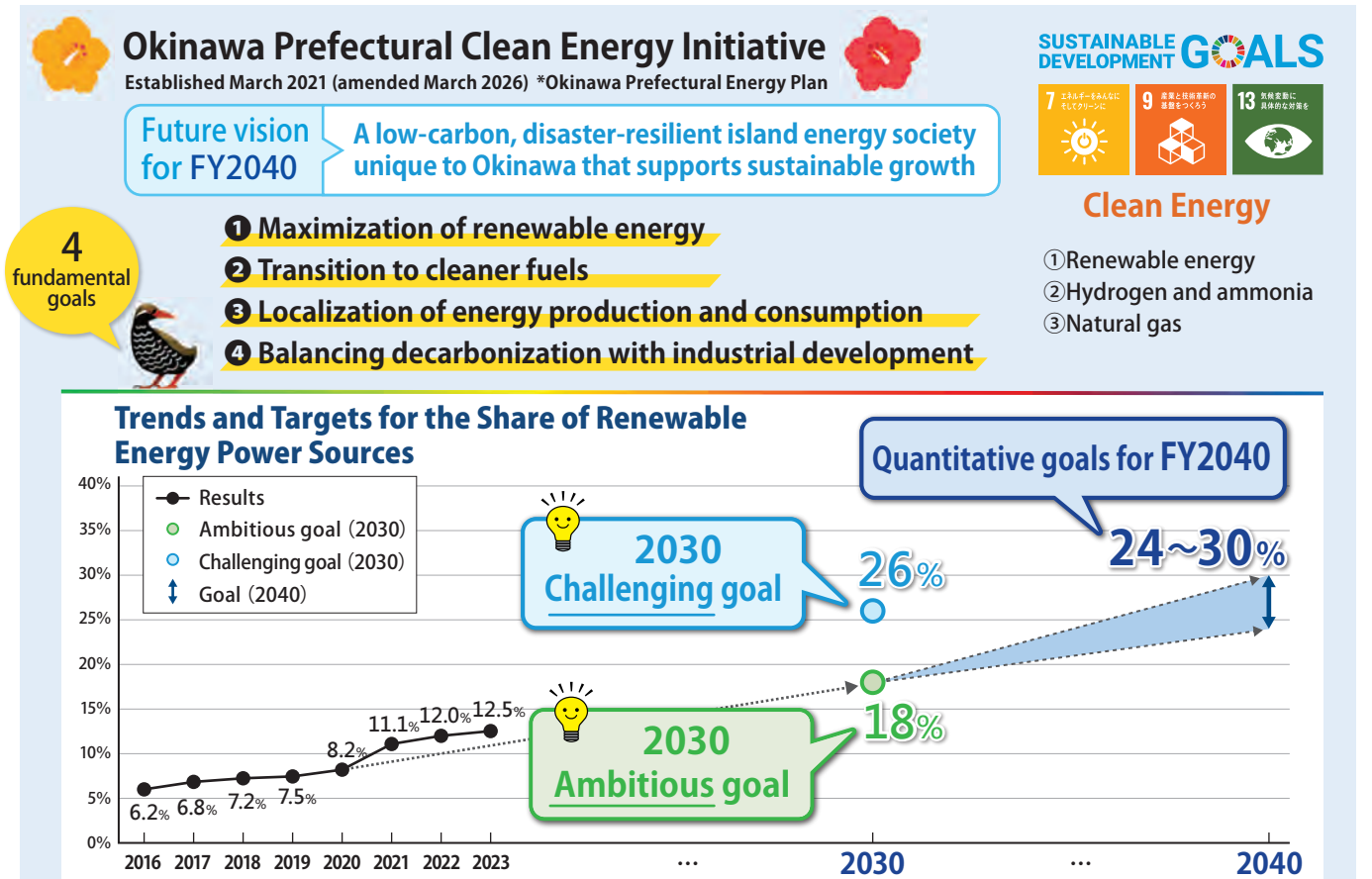
Startup Regional Expansion Support Program (Startup Visa)

To serve as a gateway for foreign entrepreneurs entering Japan, Okinawa Prefecture established the Okinawa Global Support Centre, offering comprehensive bilingual (Japanese/English) support for startup establishment, including assistance through the Startup Visa certification process.



Okinawa's Energy Policy for Achieving a Carbon-Free Society by FY2050

To play its part in building a carbon-free society by FY2050, Okinawa is promoting the expansion of clean energy facilities, while encouraging the use of tax incentives, such as the industrial innovation promotion zone system.



Okinawa Prefecture One-Stop Consultation Desk for Clean Energy

Okinawa Prefecture has established a one-stop consultation desk to support the expansion of clean energy in the region. This consultation desk provides information and an advisory service on various support programs, such as subsidies and tax incentives, offered by the national and prefectural governments to those considering the installation of renewable energy facilities. Additionally, it offers consultation and support to local municipalities aiming to increase the adoption of renewable energy.

Okinawa Prefecture One-Stop Consultation Desk for Clean Energy

Information provision and consultation service on subsidies, etc.

- Providing information on subsidies and other support programs offered by the national and prefectural
- Special tax incentives for renewable energy facilities, etc. (industrial innovation promotion zone system)
- ◆ Investment tax deduction (up to 15% deducted from corporate tax), etc.
- ◆ Property tax exempted

Promotion of special tax incentives on renewable energy facilities, etc.

- Consultation service and support for local municipalities to expand the introduction of renewable energy
- Consultation service and support for local municipalities that aim to expand the introduction of renewable energy

Check the 2D code on the right for contact information and details.

(Japanese language only)

Benefits of introducing renewable energy facilities

- Reduced electricity bills
- Electricity available during times of disaster
- Enhanced corporate image
- Reduced CO2 emissions

Inquiries Industrial Policy Division TEL +81-98-866-2330 FAX +81-98-866-2440

The Bioindustry

Building a world-class glocal community

Okinawa Biocommunity



Certified by the Cabinet Office in 2022

Incubation facilities

Incubation facilities such as Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center and Okinawa Biotechnology Business Support Center carry out cutting-edge research and development using biotechnology.

[Inquiries]

Okinawa BioCommunity office

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Website : <https://okibic.jp/>



Okinawa BioCommunity office Website
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Okinawa's strengths

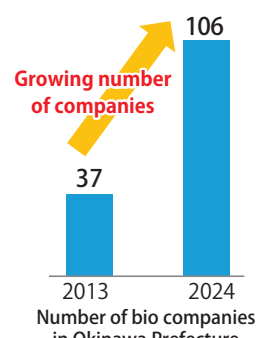
Cooperation

Measures

○As the only prefecture in Japan with a subtropical oceanic climate, Okinawa has among the greatest biodiversity in Japan, particularly in marine life, providing an abundance of resources for the bio industry.

○ In cooperation with Biocommunity Kansai (BioCK), Fukuoka Bio Community, LINK-J, AIST, and other bio-related organizations in Japan, we provide support for research, technology, and product development, as well as information sharing and business matching through these bio communities.

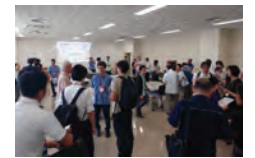
- Holds and participates in information sharing events for bio-related companies, universities, research institutes, etc.
- Information sharing at exhibitions in other prefectures (BioJapan, etc.)
- Specialized support from experts in the bio field (advisors available)
- Training and hands-on experience for local students (for securing and developing human resources)



Growing number of companies

2013: 37, 2024: 106

Number of bio companies in Okinawa Prefecture



Networking for collaboration



Information sharing at exhibitions



Developing bio talent to lead the future



Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center

Initiatives to promote bio industry

Support and personnel development for research, development, commercialization, etc.

[Inquiries] Manufacturing Promotion Division, Department of Commerce, Industry and Labor
TEL: +81-98-866-2337

Research, development and business support

○**Bio-Related Business Commercialization Support Program**
Support (subsidies) for research and development by current and prospective bio companies

○**Bio-Related Industry Promotion Support Project**
Support for matching through bio communities and solving problems (fund procurement, sales route discovery, etc.)

Development of advanced personnel for the bio field

○**Utilization Project for the Health and Medical Data Science Human Resource Development Program**

A total of four bioinformatics (BI) courses are offered, which are designed to support applications in such fields as drug discovery and health foods (2025).

Introductory Course Fundamentals of data analysis and acquisition of R and Python analytical techniques

Case Studies Introduction to applied examples of BI

Certification Preparation BI Engineer Certification Examination Preparation Course

Practical Training Hands-on training in gut microbiota analysis

Health foods

[Inquiries] Okinawa Prefecture Health Industry Association
TEL: +81-98-975-6230
Website: <http://www.kenshoku-oki.com/>

○**Health Food Brand Value Enhancement Program**

This platform helps health food companies in Okinawa to find strategic, cross-sectional solutions to issues they face in areas such as functionality research, marketing, product development and exploring sales routes.

WELLNESS OKINAWA JAPAN (WOJ): A proprietary certification system



To qualify for this certification, the certifying body must be satisfied that the product has functional value, is safe, and possesses emotional value unique to Okinawa.

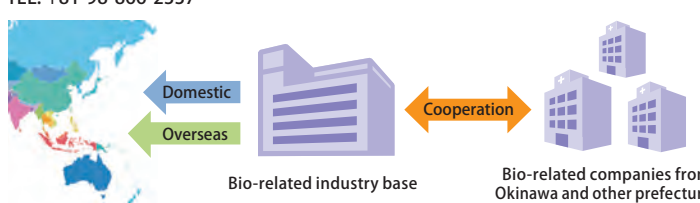


Establishing a base for bio-related industries

○ With a geographical advantage due to its location in the heart of Asia, Okinawa Prefecture attracts attention as a business base ideally situated for expanding into Asia. It is expected to become the center for a growing number bio industries with increasing demand in the future.

○ To support the growth of bio businesses in Okinawa from research and development to commercialization, we are establishing a new industrial base for manufacturing and related services.

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Bio-related industry base

Bio-related companies from Okinawa and other prefectures

The Research Institutes

Okinawan research institutes such as the Okinawa Industrial Technology Center and the Okinawa Biotechnology Business Support Center are located in the Uruma/Okinawa district, an international logistics hub. Various other research institutes are located within the University of the Ryukyus, which is within a 30-minute drive. We support businesses in the area through applied research, human resources training, and the provisions of scientific and technological information based on an organic collaboration with the institutions.

	Name	Location	Main Business or Area of Research	Inquiries
Okinawa	Okinawa Industrial Technology Center	Uruma City	Providing various technical services to support the resolution of technical issues and product development for companies located in Okinawa. Conducts experimental research for chemistry, food, ceramics, and machinery and metals.	+81-98-929-0111  (Japanese language only)
	Okinawa Mold Technology Institute		Trains engineers, provides equipment, and conducts experimental research relating to molds	+81-98-929-0280  (Japanese language only)
	Okinawa Biotechnology Business Support Center		Incubation facility where companies can utilize research equipment to conduct bio health related research Helping to turn research results using biotechnology into businesses and products.	+81-98-923-1768  (Japanese language only)
	Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center			+81-98-934-8435  (Japanese language only)
	Okinawa Life Science Research Center		Conducts advanced research and development for pharmaceuticals and food with health-promoting benefits, utilizing the regional characteristics and biological resources of Okinawa (Satisfies physical containment (P2) safety requirements)	+81-98-982-1060
University of the Ryukyus	Molecular Life Science Research Facility	Nishihara Town	Functional Genomics; Molecular Biotechnology; Environmental and Biological Information; Vaccinology and Vaccine Immunology; and Molecular Microbiology	+81-98-895-8943  (Japanese language only)
	Research Facility Center		Research and development, and collection and provision of information on analytics/measurement technologies	+81-98-895-8967  (Japanese language only)
	University of the Ryukyus Center for the Promotion of Industry-Academic-Government Collaborations		The University of the Ryukyus research activities include supporting research and development with non-affiliated institutions outside the university, supporting the protection and utilization of intellectual property, and supporting enterprise.	+81-98-895-8031 +81-98-895-8597  (Japanese language only)

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)

The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University is a graduate university offering world-class research and educational standards in the field of natural sciences. For educational and research activities, interdisciplinary research projects that combine the fields of neuroscience, molecular, cellular, and developmental biology; mathematical and computational sciences; environmental and ecological sciences; physics; chemistry, and engineering and applied science are being carried out. It is anticipated that a cluster of intellectual industries will be formed around the facility by attracting corporate research institutes and venture companies.



National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College

The National Institute of Technology, Okinawa College (NIT Okinawa) comprises four departments: Mechanical Systems Engineering, Information and Communications Systems Engineering, Media Information Engineering, and Bioresources Engineering. Through five years of consistent education, the college nurtures creative and practical engineers who can contribute to society with a highly humane, ethical, and international outlook in addition to expertise and technical training. With its solid educational system, NIT Okinawa is contributing to industrial growth in Okinawa through training programs and technology exchange/consultation opportunities in collaboration with local governments and industries.



■ Details regarding incubation facilities, etc.



Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center

The Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center is an incubation facility that conducts research and development regarding health foods and pharmaceutical drugs, with the purpose of promoting industrial development in Okinawa.

Rental lab	Area (㎡): 20.32㎡~167.74㎡	Inquiries: +81-98-934-8435
	Rent (monthly): ¥2,310 per ㎡	Tenancy period: 5 years in principle
	Number of rooms: 16	

Main support	• Explanations on operating equipment, technical consultations • Advice on development of health food products and technical elements of ingredient analysis • Support for commercialization, advice on product development
Main machinery and instruments	Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center offers a variety of equipment that organizations can use to carry out research and development or improve their production technology. (Tax exemption for machine usage fees available) Analysis instruments Nuclear magnetic resonance apparatus, liquid chromatography quadrupole mass spectrometer, gas chromatography-mass spectrometer, time-of-flight tandem mass spectrometer, DNA sequencer, amino acid analyzer, etc. Proof-of-concept equipment Jar fermenter (90L, 600L), disk-type centrifugal separator, sterilizer, powder sterilization device, coarse grinder, pneumatic pulverizer, fine grinder, low-temperature dryer, etc.



(Japanese language only)



Okinawa Bio Industries Center

Okinawa Bio Industries Center is a post incubation facility that offers support to businesses that are approaching the commercialization of research development and research results made using biotechnology, and we aim to further develop biotechnology related industries in Okinawa.

Rental lab	Area (㎡): 34㎡~232㎡	Inquiries: +81-98-923-1768
	Rent (monthly): ¥2,400 per ㎡	Tenancy period: no limit
	Number of rooms: 31	

Main support	Okinawa Bio Industries Center provides various forms of support through its industry-academia-government collaboration network. • Advice from experts about matters such as practical use and exploration of sales routes
Use of equipment	Okinawa Health Biotechnology Research & Development Center has analysis equipment on site for organizations to use. (Organizations may be eligible for a fee reduction or exemption.)



Okinawa Life Science Research Center

The Okinawa Life Science Research Center is a rental lab with the purpose of promoting and industrializing Okinawan technology in bio/life sciences that coordinates research and development with venture enterprises and research institutions, that has is the first P2 level facility for commercialization in the prefecture.

Rental lab	Area (㎡): 60.75㎡~243㎡	Inquiries: +81-98-982-1060
	Rent (monthly): ¥2,404 per ㎡	Tenancy period: less than 1 year (renewable)
	Number of rooms: 18	

Main support	The Okinawa Life Science Research Center provides tenant companies with support for the commercialization of research and development results, promotion of public relations activities, and opportunities for business matching.
Use of equipment	Automated incubators, thermostatic shaking incubators, high-speed refrigerated centrifuges, microchip electrophoresis equipment, quadrupole mass spectrometers, Benchtop lyophilizers (large and small), thermal cyclers, animal testing facilities (with individual animal breeding control units), etc.



Completed in Spring 2025

Please check the OIST website for the latest information.

【New incubation facility】



Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST)

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (hereinafter referred to as OIST) aims to contribute to Okinawa's autonomous development and improving global science and technology through the implementation of internationally exceptional education and research regarding science and technology. The OIST Innovation Incubator is an incubation facility for early-stage deep-tech startups and is equipped with shared offices as well as shared laboratories and equipment. The facility provides an environment where entrepreneurs can validate business potential and develop prototypes. The offices also function as a community space that fosters innovation, accommodating not only startups but also experts, supporters, and companies seeking collaboration with OIST.

Facility Information	Offices (shared or private)
	Laboratories (shared or private)
	Hot desks
Main Services	Tenancy period: Up to five years
	For further details, please visit the website.
	Inquiries: incubator-help@oist.jp



OIST website

Main Services	Shared equipment, meeting rooms, and online meeting booths
	Access to members' and investors' network
	Access to experts in intellectual property, finance, human resources, and other fields
Main Services	Banking-related support provided by secondees from financial institutions
	Participation in entrepreneur development events held by OIST

※Please check the OIST website for the latest information on rents for the new incubation facility.



University of the Ryukyus Center for the Promotion of Industry-Academia-Government Collaborations

The purpose of the center is to contribute to regional development and to revitalize educational and research activities at the university by supporting joint research and development with external organizations, promoting the protection and use of intellectual property, and providing startup support in relation to research activities at the University of the Ryukyus.

【Fees, etc.】	
①Use of the building for industry-academia-government collaborations:	1,700 yen per ㎡ per month (Energy adjustment fee: 400/cm ² yen)
	Office area only: 12 rooms, 17-66㎡
②General regional revitalization research building:	1,800 yen per ㎡ per month (excluding utilities)
	Office area only: 11 rooms, 21-42㎡
	Laboratories: 2 rooms, 20㎡, 41㎡



Scan the 2D code above to visit the Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration website of the University of the Ryukyus.

Both buildings are for industry-academia-government collaboration activities conducted at University of the Ryukyus, and are available for joint research between outside organizations such as private companies and faculty and other parties affiliated with the university (including students) or for application of research results.

※For the latest information, please visit the Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration website of the University of the Ryukyus.

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