

FUKUOKA

Potential of Japan's Rapidly Evolving Regional City

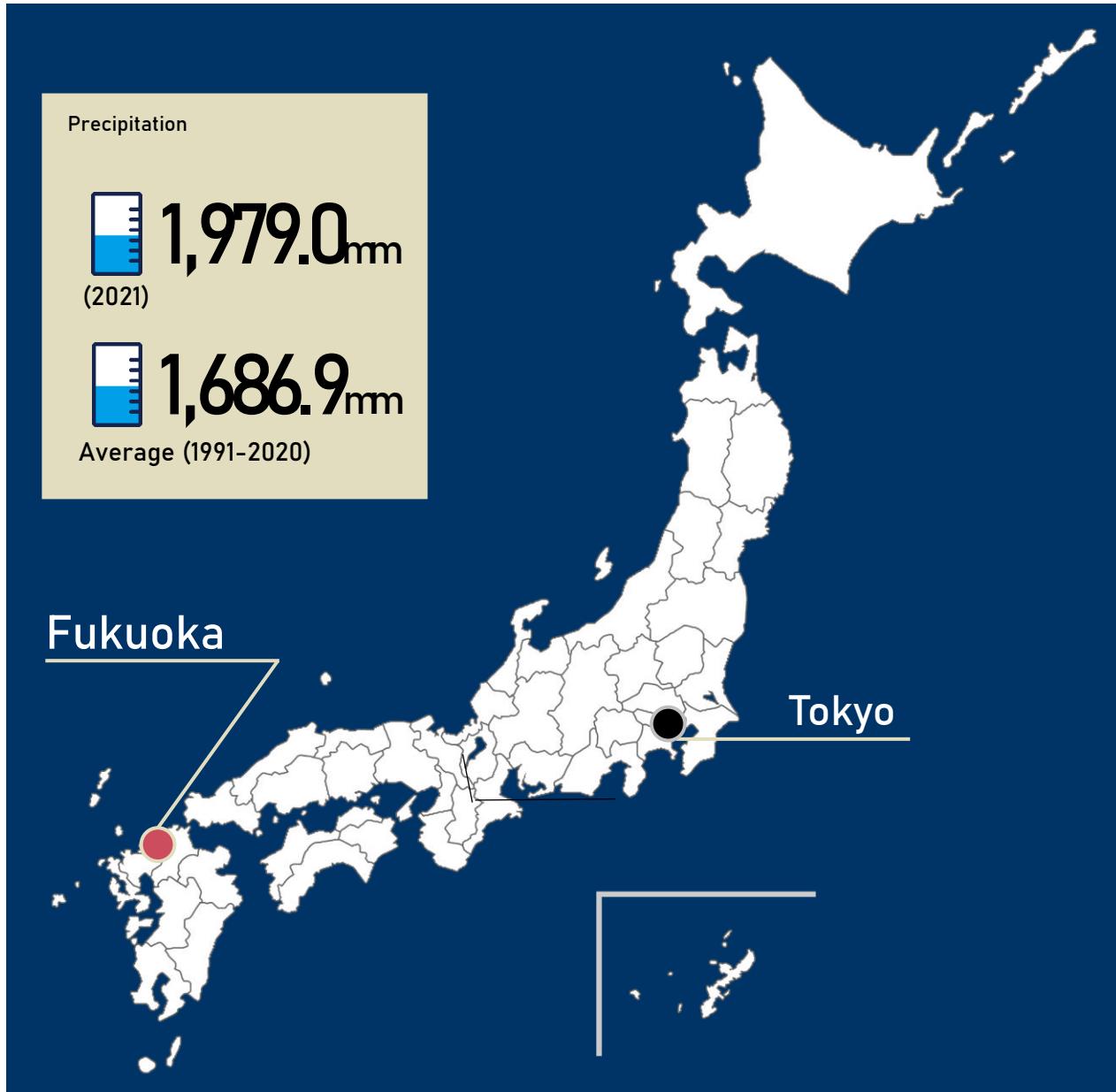
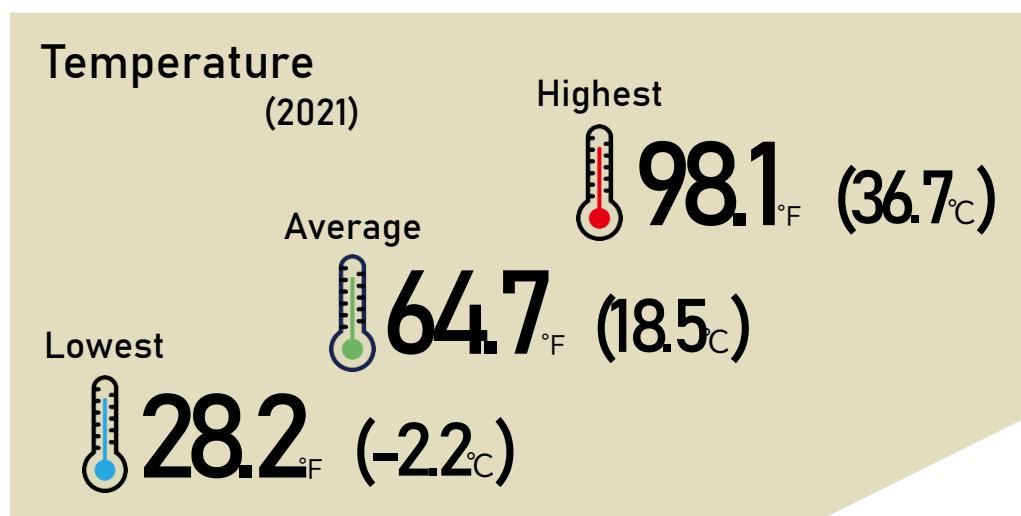
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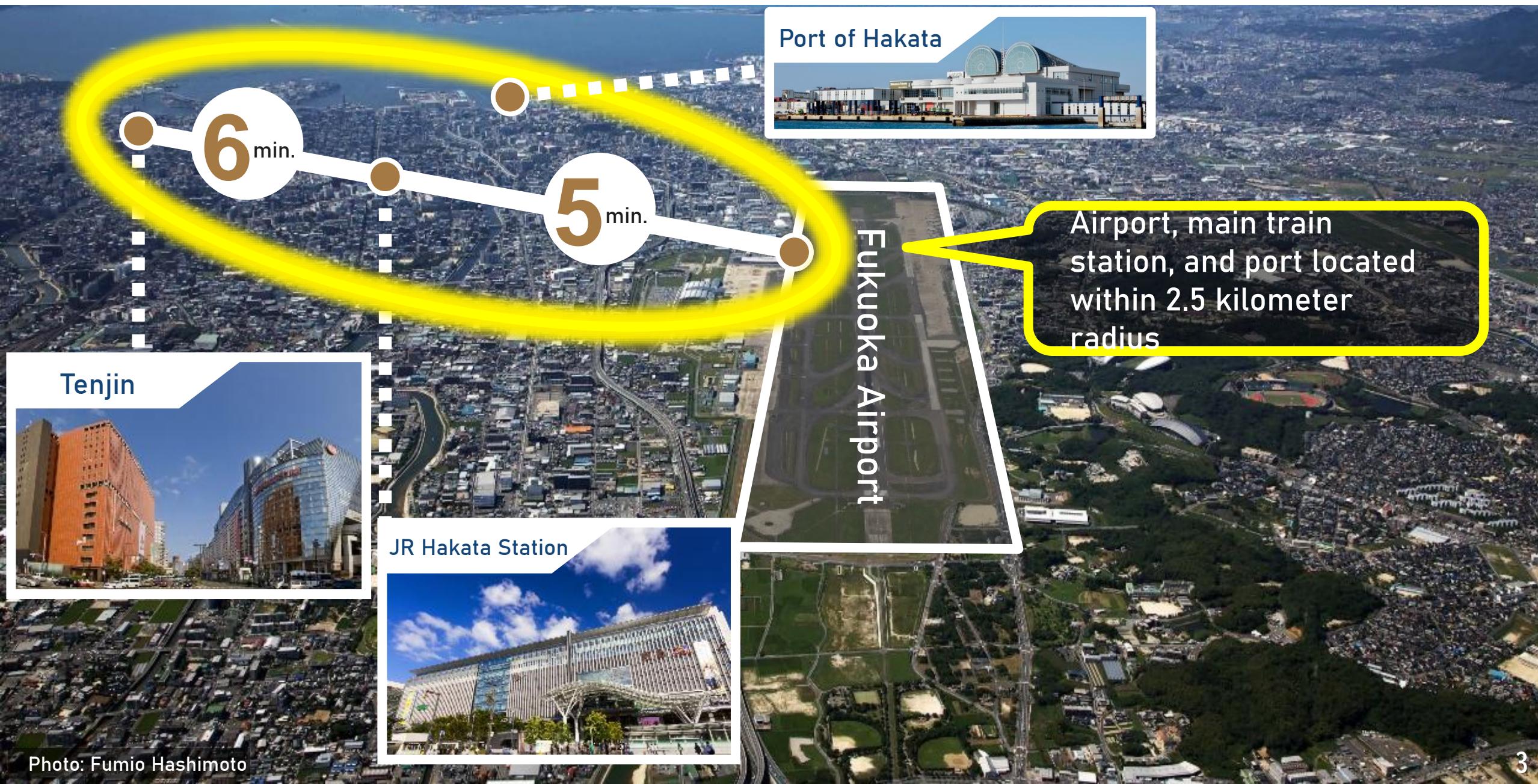
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About FUKUOKA City

| | City | Metropolitan |
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| Population | 1.66M | 261M |
| Area | 132mi.² (343km ²) | 453mi.² (1,172km ²) |



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A city for young people

Population increase & growth rate
(0-14 years)

Proportion of young people
(15-29 years)

Population rate of
young generation

No. 1
among Japanese
major cities

Source: National Census 2020

The abundant STEM talent pool



KYUSHU UNIVERSITY



KU 九州産業大学



JC* 福岡工業大学短期大学部



Learning for best life
ヒューマンアカデミー



FCA 学校法人 滋慶文化学園
福岡デザイン&テクノロジー専門学校



Design your future 学校法人
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学校法人 専門学校 福岡カレッジ・オブ・ビジネス



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FIT Fukuoka Institute of Technology
福岡工業大学



人をつくり、時代を拓く。
福岡大学

 KZAC 九州造形短期大学



福岡女学院大学
FUKUOKA JO GAKUIN UNIVERSITY

学校法人 電子開発学園九州

KCS 福岡情報専門学校

学校法人 美学園 専門学校
日本デザイナー学院

代々木アニメーション学院



KYUSHU DESIGNER GAKUIN
九州デザイナー学院



学校法人 美学園
福岡デザイン専門学校

About Startup Initiative

History of startup support

Declaration of Startup city Fukuoka

Fukuoka city government had started to support startups through startups eyes



2012

National strategic special zone

The City's own policies can now be combined with the central government's policies.



Established Startup Cafe

Fukuoka City-based startups made IPO



Supported startups' global expansion



2014

Established Fukuoka Growth Next

Startup hub in the city center



2016

Renovated Fukuoka Growth Next

Established Engineer Cafe



2017

Chosen as Global Hub City by central government

Chosen as Global Hub City by central government
The only single local government selected



RAMEN TECH
The inaugural international business matching event "Revolutionizing Asia: Merging Ecosystems & Networks"



2020

Fukuoka Growth Next Renewal



About Startup Initiative

fgn - The facility about global startup



No. of
startups
(2014-March 2024)

988

Total fund
raised
(as of March 2024)

422

billion yen

Since 2017



About Startup Initiative

Startup consortium

Startup community

Venture Capitals

ABBALab
FFG Venture Business Partners
QB Capital LLC
JAFCO Co., Ltd. Kyushu Branch
Dogan Beta, Inc.
SG Incubate
F Ventures
QU Ventures
GxPartners

Support Hub: Fukuoka Growth Next

Fukuoka Jisho Co., Ltd.
GMO Pepabo, Inc.
saino.co
SAKURA internet Inc.
Bulanco Inc.
KYUSHU TSUTAYA Co., Ltd.

Accelerators

StartupGoGo
Digital Garage, Inc.
Deloitte Tohmatsu
Venture Support Co., Ltd.

Community Influencers

G's ACADEMY FUKUOKA
Nulab
Mistletoe Japan, Inc.
VIVITA

Press

PR TIMES Inc.

Co-Working/Shared Office

Ibb WeWork Companies Inc.
Garraway F Zero-Ten Park, Inc.
TENJIN COLOR fabbit Co., Ltd.
IWG Service Japan

Observers

Kyushu Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
JETRO
Fukuoka Prefectural Gov.

University Seeds

Fukuoka Institute of Technology
Kurume University

Kagoshima University
Kyushu Sangyo University
Daiichi University of Pharmacy

Fukuoka University

EDGE-NEXT

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific
University

University Seeds & Science and Technology Support

Institute of Systems, Information Technologies and
Nanotechnologies
Kyushu University Venture Promotion Conference
Organization for Promotion Academic City(OPACK)

Global Talent & International Student Entrepreneurs

Japan University of Economics

Industrial Sector

Prompting Collaboration with Startups

Kyushu Electric Power Co., Inc. Kyushu Railway Company
Kyudenko Corporation Saibusgasu Co., Ltd.
Toppan Printing CO., LTD. Kyushu Subdivision
Nishi-Nippon Railroad Co., Ltd.

Finance, Investment & Growth Support

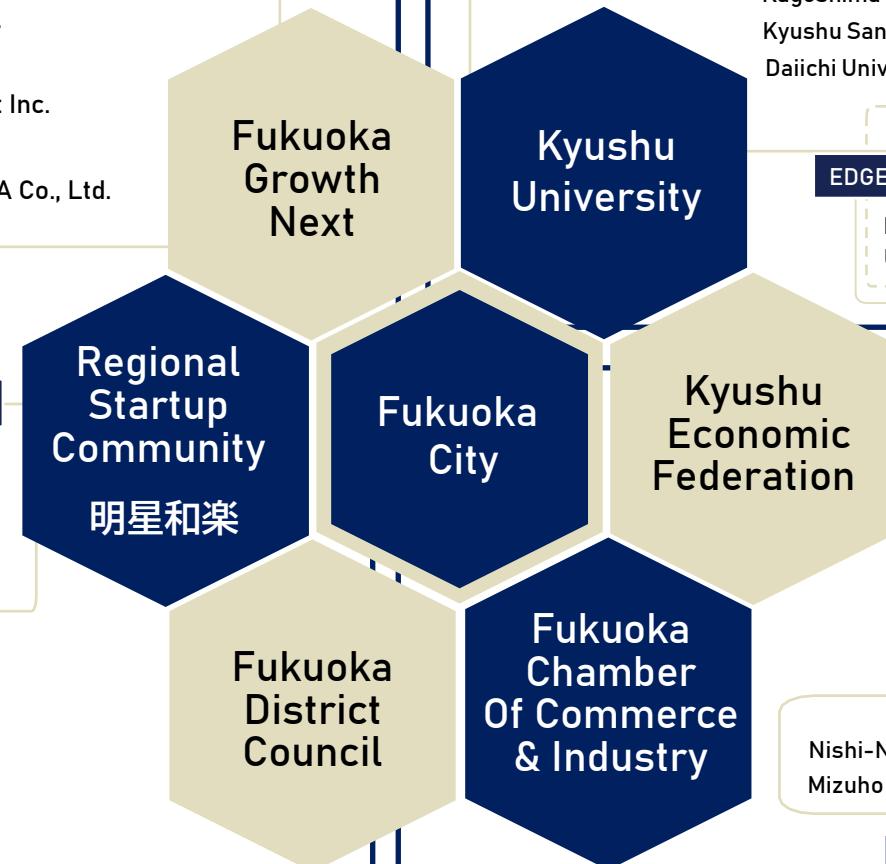
Nishi-Nippon City Bank, Ltd. Japan Finance Corporation The Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd.
Mizuho Bank, Ltd. Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Startup Support Organizations: Startup Growth Support

Kyushu Industrial Technology Center
Fukuoka City Founder Support Group
Fukuoka Stock Exchange KPMG Japan
The Kyushu New Business Conference

New Business Hub Development Startup & Global

Sekisui House, Ltd.



12 countries/regions

17 counterparts/partners



< Main service provided by partners >

① Providing local info Startup
consultation Matching partners

② Online participants to local seminar
and consultation events

③ Exhibiting opportunities for Fukuoka
startups' products and service

About Startup Initiative

Overseas Expansion Initiatives

Singapore



Taiwan



America



Finland



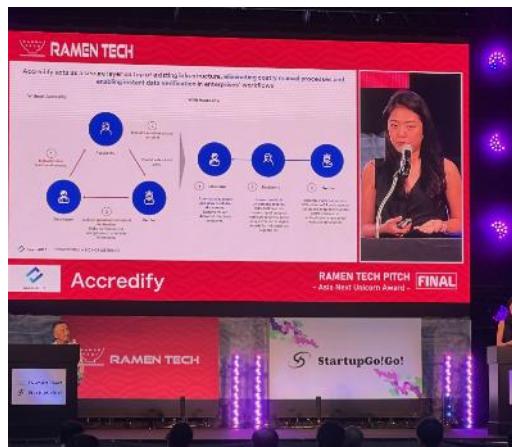
Thailand



RAMEN TECH

Attendees : **4000+** Investors : **50+**

The inaugural international business matching event, "RAMEN - Revolutionizing Asia: Merging Ecosystems & Networks - Tech," aims to integrate Asian ecosystems and networks to foster new innovations.



Current Requirements for Residential Status Application

Must have an office
+
Must employ at least two fulltime staff
or
Capital or total investment of at least
¥ 5 million, etc.



Startup Visa

Using your business plan, Fukuoka City will review your prospects of meeting the requirements listed on the left within 1 year.

*You must meet the requirements within 1 year before you renew your visa.



Apply via
email to
Fukuoka City



Application is
checked by
Fukuoka City



Accreditation
certificate issued



Apply to the
Fukuoka Regional
Immigration
Services Bureau



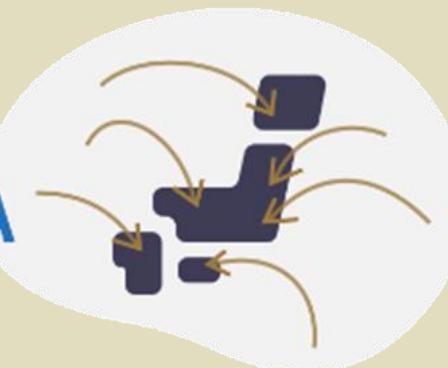
Get Business
manager Visa and
come to Fukuoka city
to establish your
company!

Global Business Support (GBS)



From FUKUOKA

To FUKUOKA



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

Startup Visa

Localization

Business Matching

Incorporation

Pitch Opportunity

Marketing

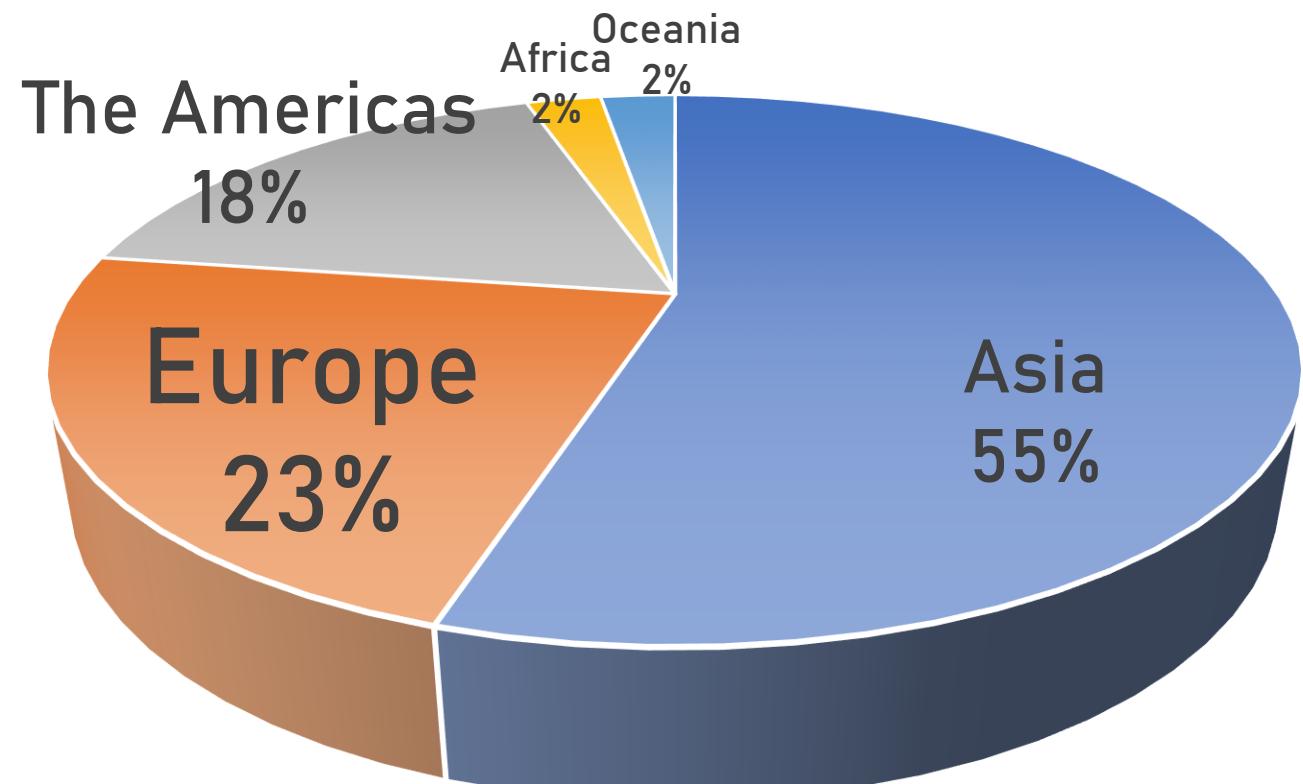


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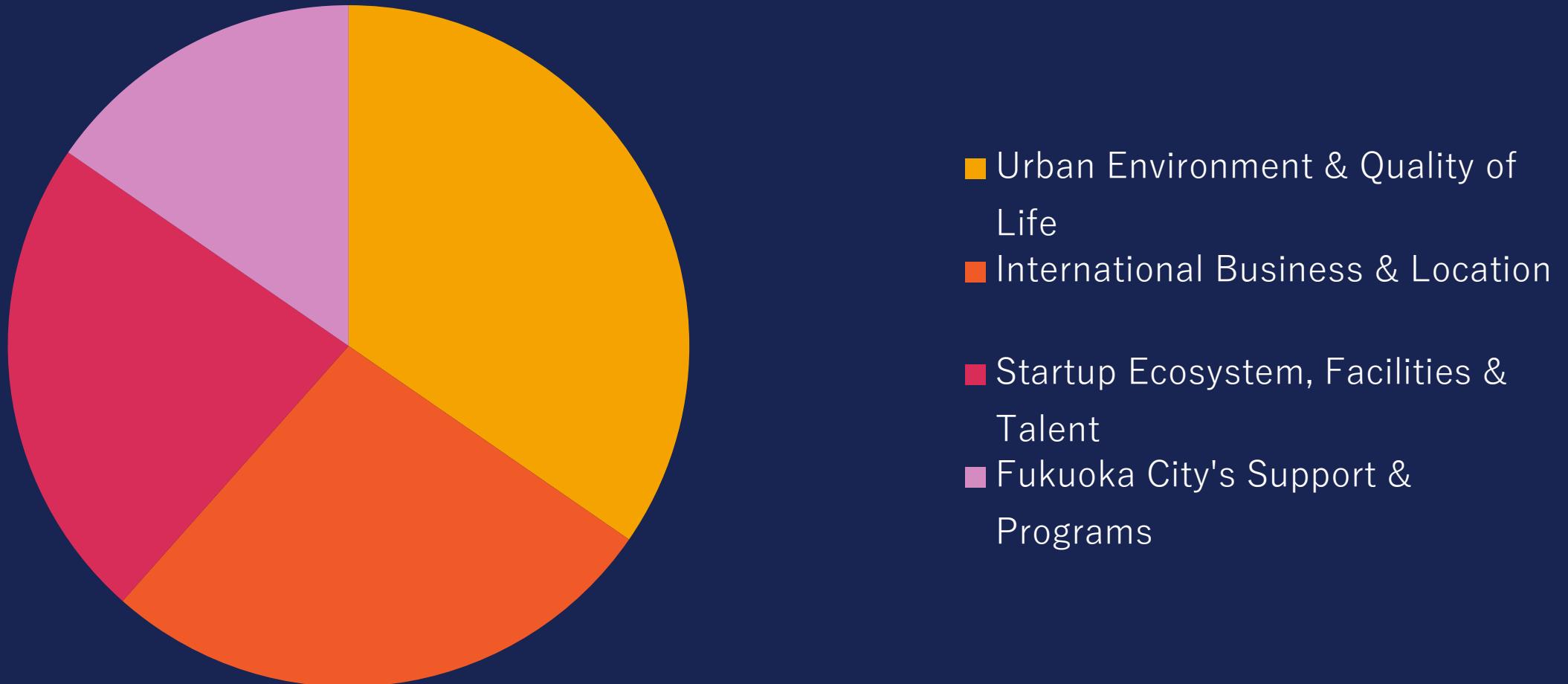
Number of startup visa applications
(As of the end of May,2025)

Startup visa applicants by region

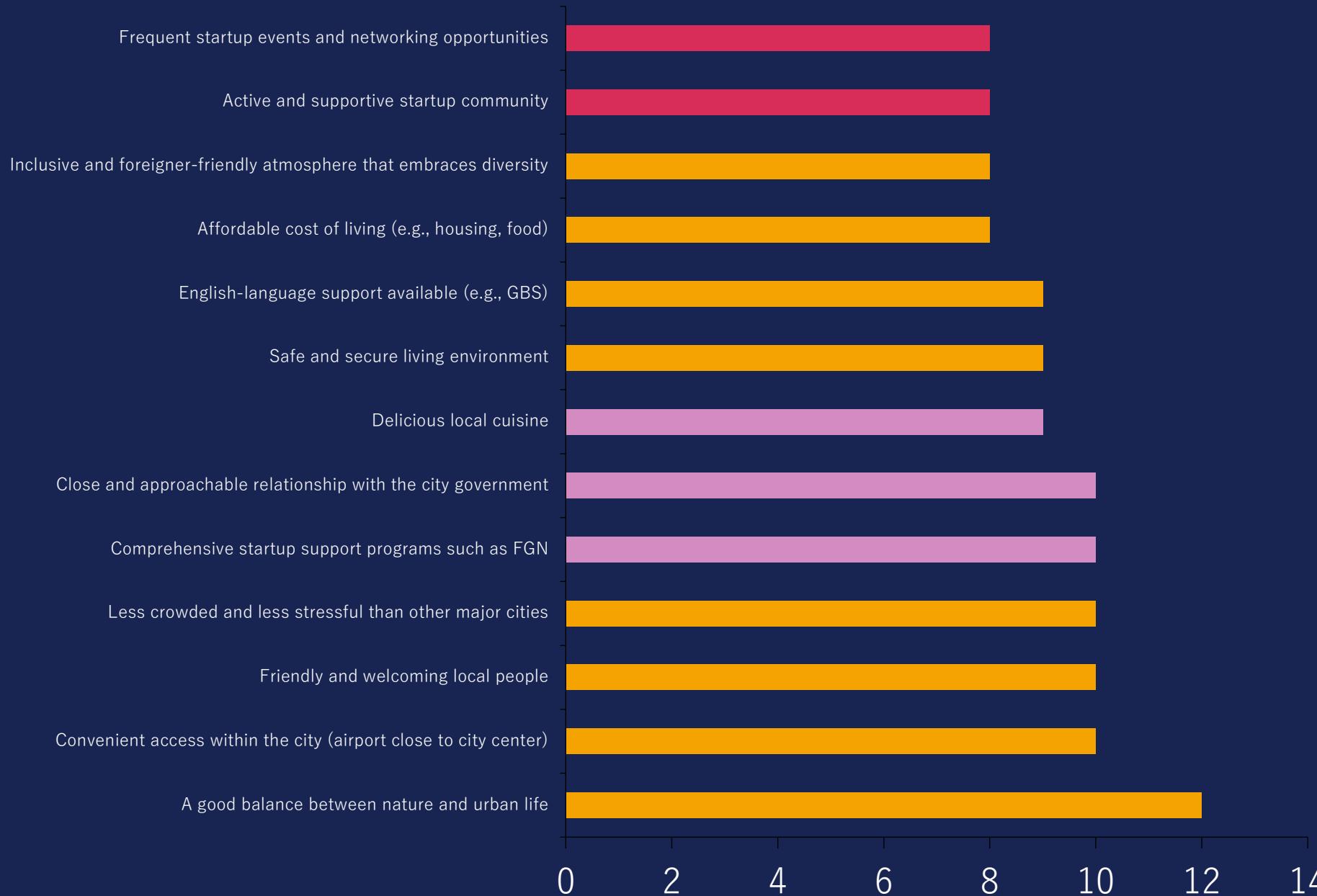


Why Entrepreneurs Choose Fukuoka

Top Reason: Urban Environment & Quality of Life



Top Features Entrepreneurs Appreciate in Fukuoka



In addition to the living environment, Fukuoka City's startup ecosystem is highly regarded for the government's Startup City Initiative, its support services, and the vibrant startup community.



Entrepreneur Voice:

"Fukuoka City provides a versatile support for foreigners who want to start a business, from apartment rent to opening a corporate bank account.

Furthermore, various additional support programs are available, including participating in local and international events."

– Georgii / Inferara corp.

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