

# FUKUOKA

Potential of Japan's Rapidly Evolving Regional City

# CITY

# About FUKUOKA City

City  
Population **1.66M**  
Metropolitan **2.61M**

Area  
**132mi.<sup>2</sup>** (343<sub>km</sub><sup>2</sup>)  
**453mi.<sup>2</sup>** (1,172<sub>km</sub><sup>2</sup>)

Temperature  
(2021)

Highest



**98.1°F** (36.7°C)

Average



**64.7°F** (18.5°C)

Lowest



**28.2°F** (-22°C)

Precipitation



(2021)

**1,979.0mm**



Average (1991-2020)

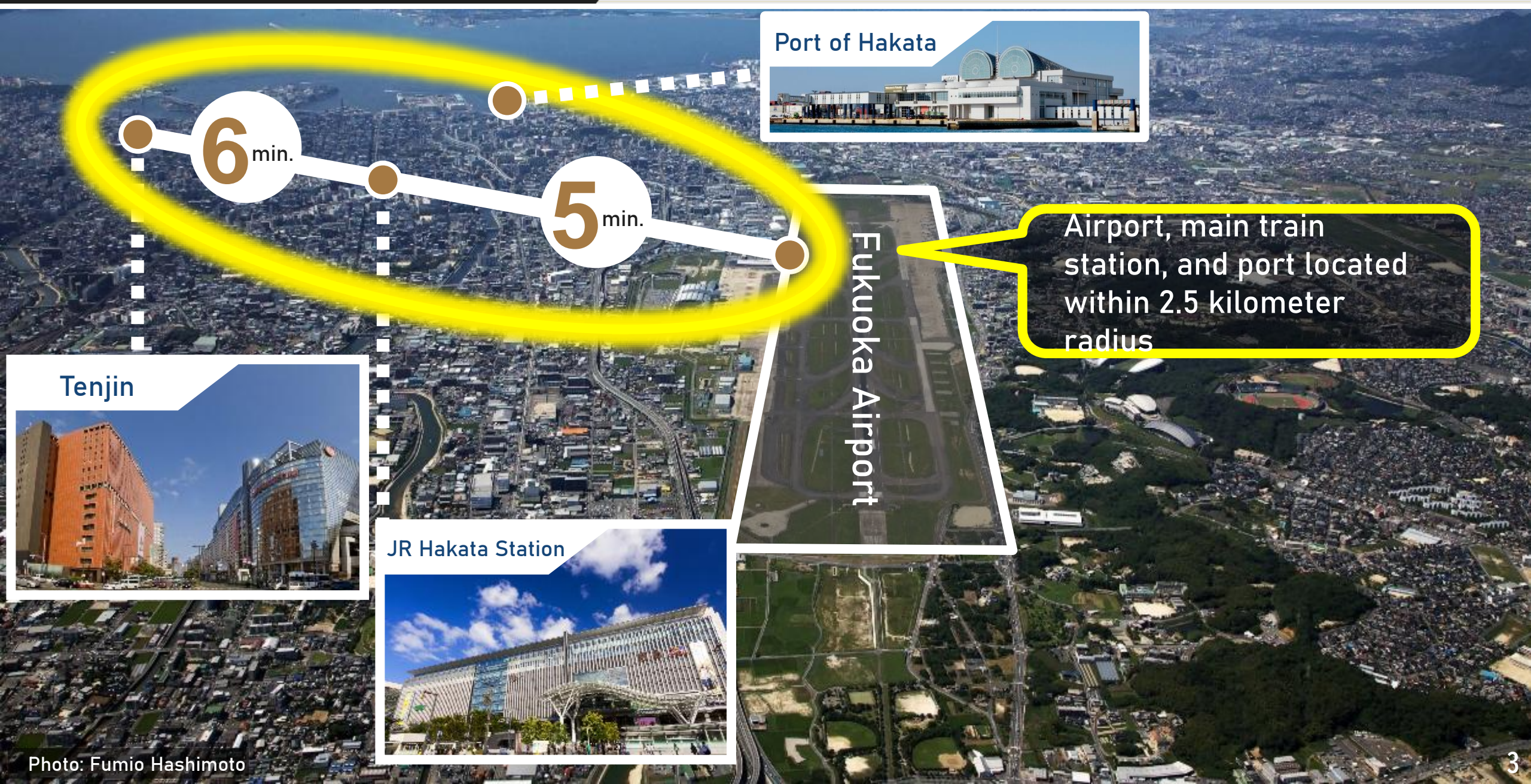
**1,686.9mm**

Fukuoka

Tokyo



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Port of Hakata



Tenjin



JR Hakata Station



Fukuoka Airport

Airport, main train station, and port located within 2.5 kilometer radius



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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



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## The abundant STEM talent pool



KYUSHU UNIVERSITY



KIU 九州産業大学



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



学校法人 通慶文化学園  
福岡デザイン&テクノロジー専門学校



Design your future 夢をかなそう  
麻生情報ビジネス専門学校 福岡校



学校法人 通慶文化学園  
福岡カレッジ・オブ・ビジネス



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麻生建築&デザイン専門学校



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 興学館 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 通慶文化学園  
福岡デザイン専門学校

STEM talent  
7,000  
students every year

学校法人・専修学校 コンピュータ教育学院

### Declaration of Startup city Fukuoka

Fukuoka city government had started to support startups through startups eyes



2012

2014

2016

2017

2019

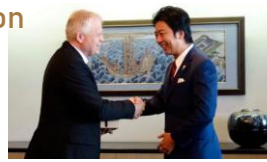
2020

2024

### Fukuoka City-based startups made IPO



Supported startups' global  
expansion



### Renovated Fukuoka Growth Next

Established  
Engineer Cafe



### RAMEN TECH

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



### National strategic special zone

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



Established  
Startup Cafe



### Established Fukuoka Growth Next

Startup hub in the city center



### Chosen as Global Hub City by central government

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

### Fukuoka Growth Next Renewal







No. of  
startups  
(2014-March 2024)

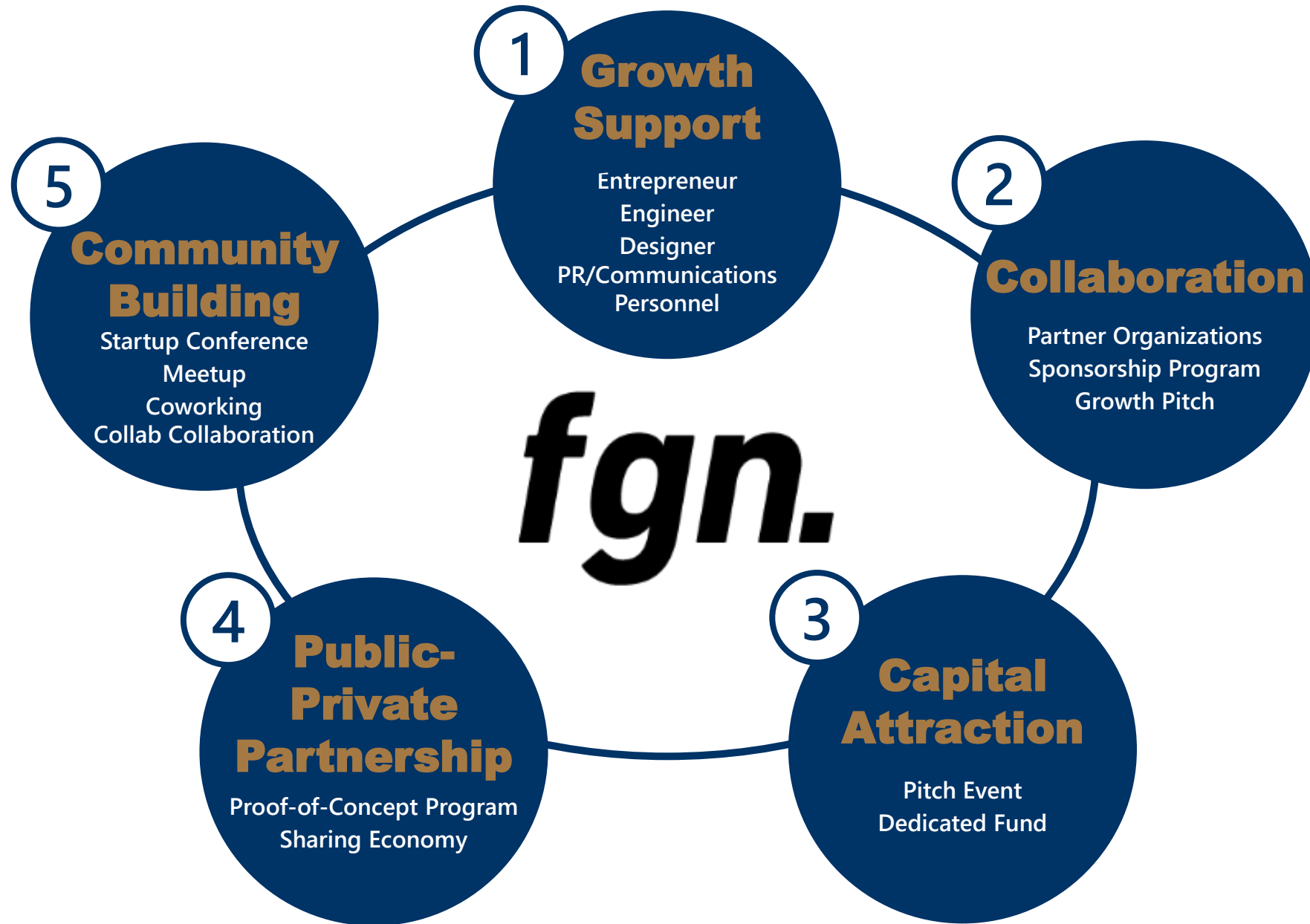
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Total fund  
raised  
(as of March 2024)

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.

Regional  
Startup  
Community  
明星和楽

Fukuoka  
District  
Council

Fukuoka  
City

Fukuoka  
Chamber  
Of Commerce  
& Industry

Fukuoka  
Growth  
Next

Kyushu  
University

#### University Seeds

Fukuoka Institute of Technology Oita University  
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 Saibugasu 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 The Kyushu New Business Conference  
Fukuoka City Founder Support Group Fukuoka Stock Exchange KPMG Japan

#### 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



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## Overseas Expansion Initiatives

Singapore



Taiwan



America



Finland



Thailand

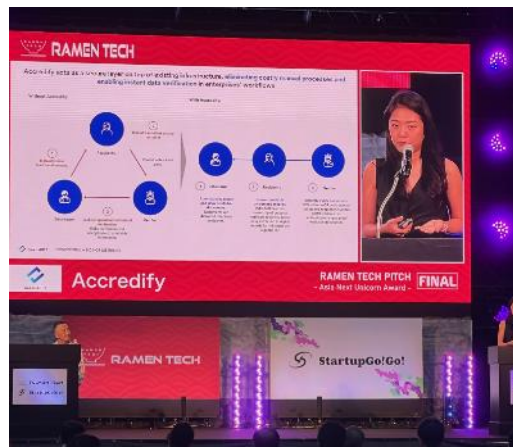




## RAMEN TECH

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

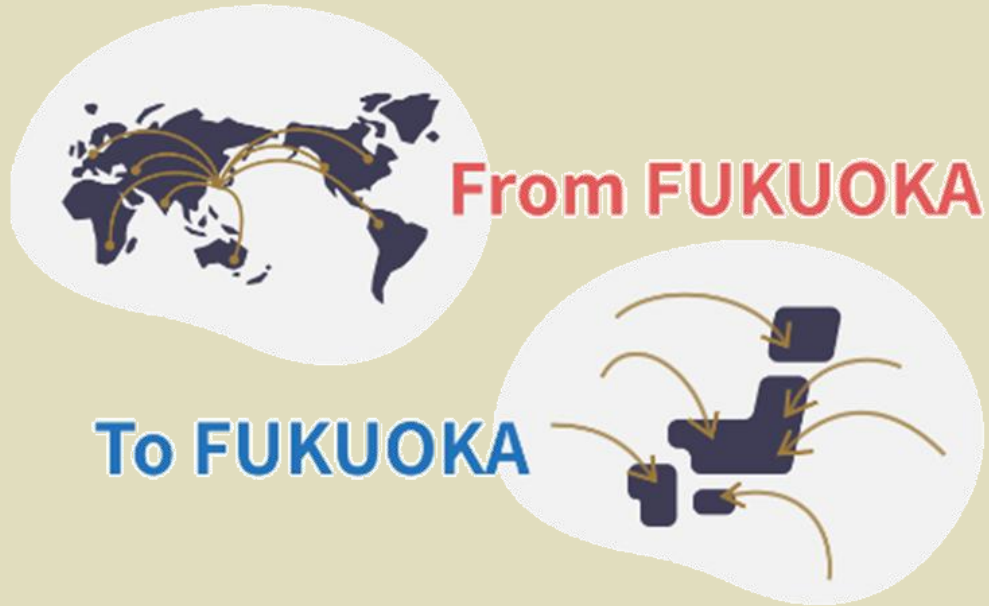


Apply to the  
Fukuoka Regional  
Immigration  
Services Bureau



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

### Global Business Support (GBS)



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



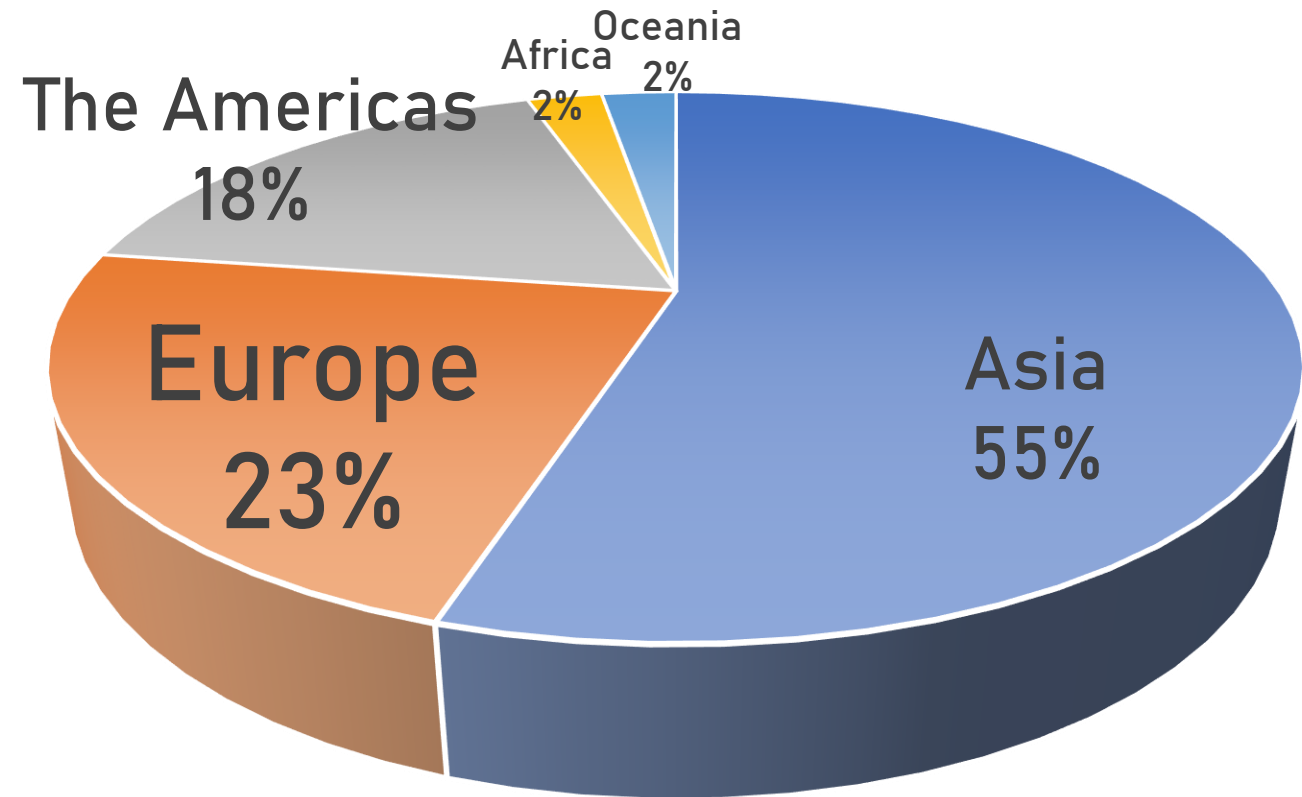


### Startup Visa

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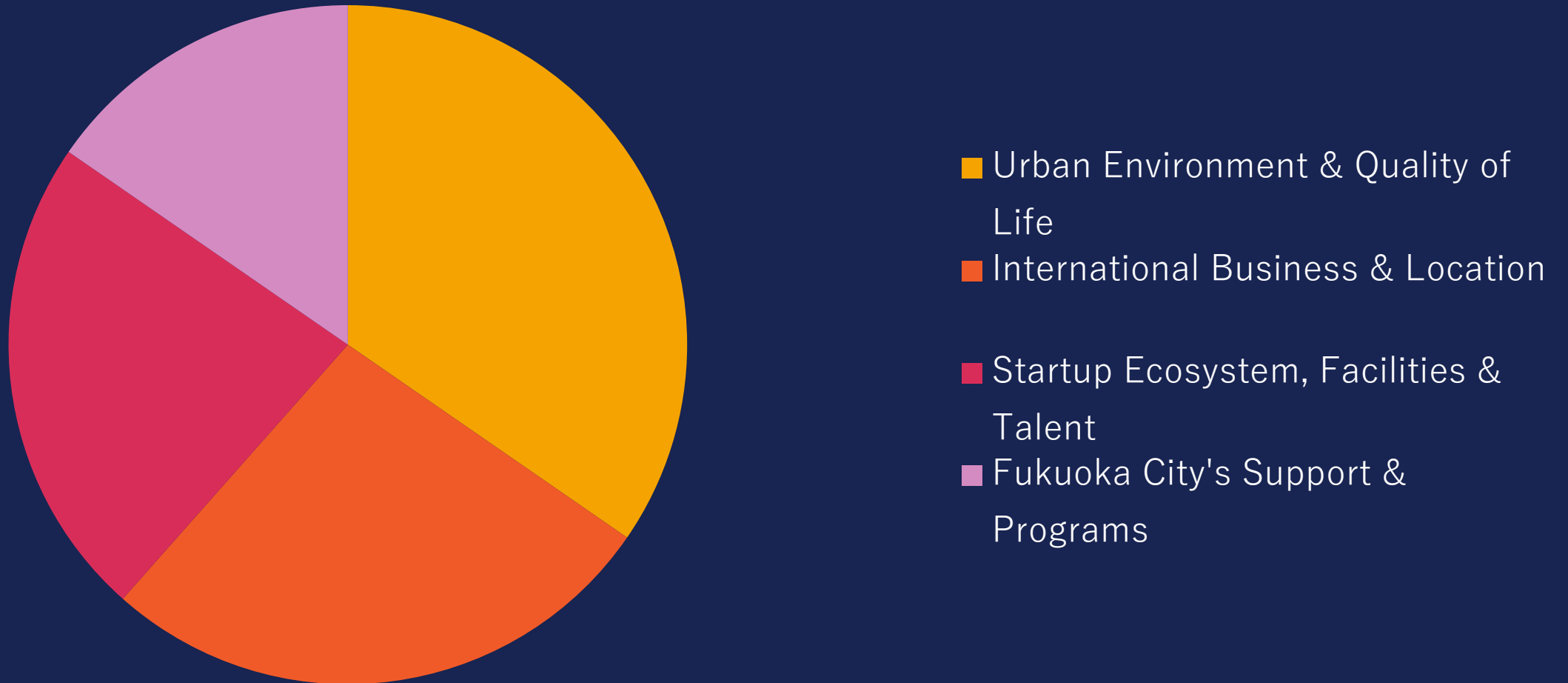
Number of startup visa  
applications  
(As of the end of May, 2025)

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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