

FUKUOKA: MEETING PLACE FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION

BUSINESS HUB IN EASTERN ASIA

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Fukuoka

Business Hub Linking Kyushu's Industries with East Asia

Surrounded by the major cities in East Asia, Fukuoka is in an amazing location with an enviable transportation network road and train transportation network, and it only takes 10 minutes to get from the airport to the center of the city by metro. Access to the rest of Kyushu is integrated into Fukuoka through active interaction of people and products. Fukuoka is an absolutely attractive destination for meetings and international interactions

Fukuoka

Major Industries

The auto industry in northern Kyushu, as well as next-generation tech including such as hydrogen energy, is making major inroads around the world.

Major Products

- Strawberries (Amao Brand), Bamboo Shoots, Refined Green Tea (Gyokuro)
- Japanese Sake

Saga

Major Industries

While aiming to be a center for the creative industry mainly in Karatsu-city/Genkai-cho area, Saga is developing the next-generation industry related to new energy resources.

Major Products

- Beef (Saga Beef)
- Squid
- Porcelain (Arita-yaki)
- Japanese Sake

Nagasaki

Major Industries

In addition to the fishing food industry Nagasaki has an active ocean energy development system generating renewable energy from wind and tidal flow.

Major Products

- Horse Mackerel
- Loquat

Kumamoto

Major Industries

Kumamoto leverages abundant agricultural, forest, and fishery products in the Food Valley to integrate research and development for food and biotechnology. This area is an expanding central point for the two-wheeled vehicle industry for developing markets.

Major Products

- Watermelon, Tomato
- Raw Horsemeat

Kagoshima

Major Industries

Kagoshima has the most livestock of any prefecture in Japan, and leverages that as an area for processing and manufacturing of many agricultural products.

Major Products

- Sweet potatoes, Tea
- Berkshire pork
- Shochu

Yamaguchi

Major Industries

The Yamaguchi/Ube area is a center for medical treatment/medical science, and eastern Yamaguchi Prefecture is a focal point for the transportation machinery manufacturing industry.

Major Products

- Fugu (Puffer fish), Kamaboko (Fish paste)

Oita

Major Industries

Oita makes practical use of the assembled major firms and local companies as well as accumulated technology by being the focal point for the next-generation technological industry (semiconductor) with international competitiveness.

Major Products

- Horse Mackerel, Mackerel
- Kabosu (Citrus), Dried Shiitake Mushrooms

Miyazaki

Major Industries

Miyazaki is one of the foremost development and production centers in the world for blood and vein medical equipment. For Miyazaki's future, technology such as renewable energy, next-generation automobile and space infrastructure maintenance is being promoted.

Major Products

- Broiler chicken
- Mango, Cucumber

Fukuoka City

Airport, Stations, Business Event facilities and Entertainment/Accommodation facilities are assembled within a radius of 2.5km.

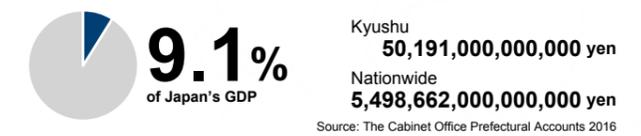


Kyushu/Fukuoka By The Numbers

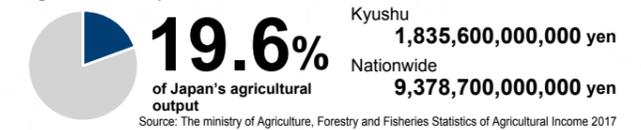
Fukuoka has the right conditions for industry development in Kyushu and Asia.

Kyushu is one of the prominent focal points for the Japanese food supply

GDP

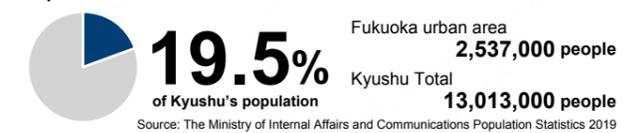


Agricultural Output



Fukuoka is an Office and People Center

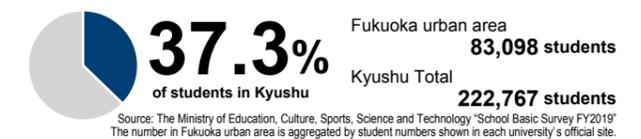
Population



The number of establishments



Students

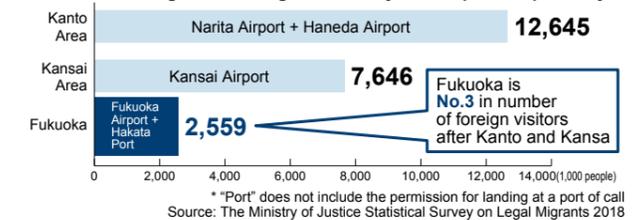


Universities

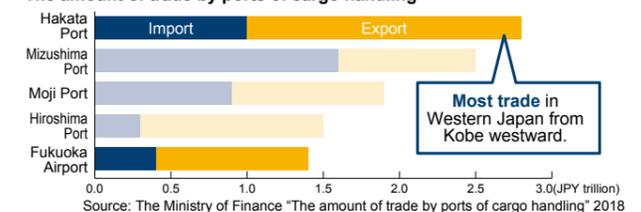


Fukuoka is the center for interaction between people and between products

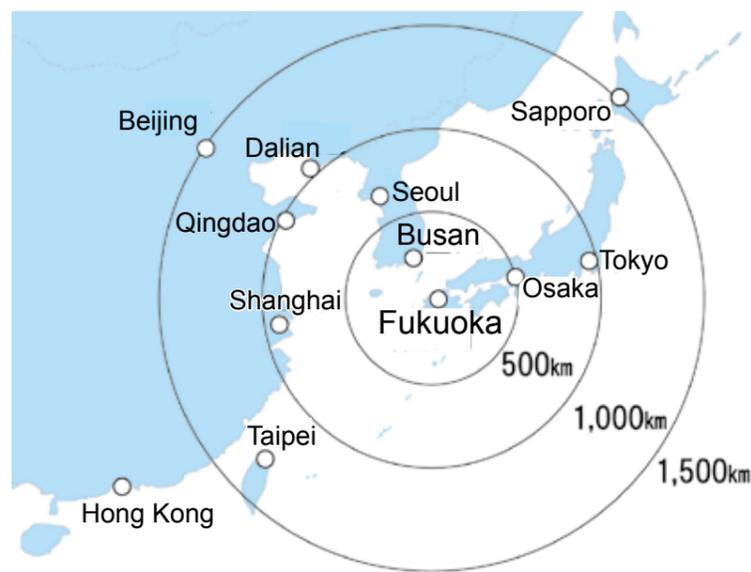
The number of registered foreign visitors, by air and port, respectively



The amount of trade by ports of cargo handling



Location Makes Fukuoka the Logical Business Base



Fukuoka Airport
 — 1 hour to Seoul
 1 hour and 50 minutes to Shanghai and Tokyo

Scheduled air routes to about 20 destinations abroad
 Approximately 400 daily flights to and from Tokyo, Osaka, and other major cities in Japan

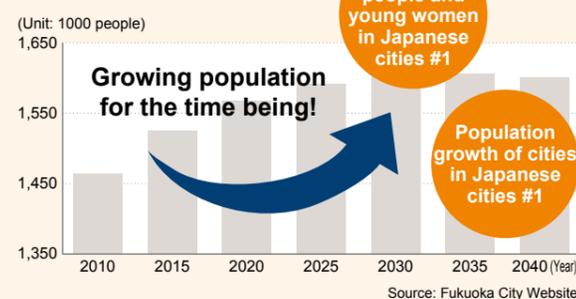
Hakata Port
 — the Sea Gateway to Kyushu and western Japan

Logistics: Most in Kyushu (8th most in the country)
 — International container liner service: about 40 routes, about 200 flights
 — The only one west of Kobe with a backbone service to North America
 # 1 Passenger Port and Foreign Routes Port in Japan

No.1 for population growth rate and business establishment!

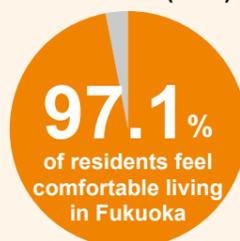
The city where people gather

Future population estimates in Fukuoka



Super Livable City

Survey of Attitudes toward City Administration (2018)



Livable cities chosen by businesspeople

Ranking	City
#1	Fukuoka
2	Sendai
3	Hiroshima
4	Sapporo
5	Shizuoka

Source: Nikkei Research Institute of Industry and Markets Survey of 1,000 Businesspeople

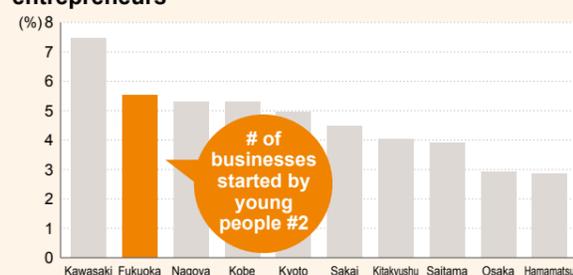
High rate of business establishment

Rate of business establishment in major cities



High rate of young entrepreneurs

of young people (25-34 years old) among all entrepreneurs



Fukuoka has These Advantages as a Business Event Destination

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Food products/Food distribution/
 Food-related events

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Medical Technology

Advanced Research/Experience of
 holding Mega Conferences

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Fukuoka City offers one-stop assistance for your business event!

In case you are interested in planning a business session or other business events focusing on the local industries of Fukuoka, Fukuoka City is happy to provide a free consultation from the preparation stage. Furthermore, if you need to contact local economic organizations or trade associations, Fukuoka City provides introductions/mediation.

Support for setting up local meetings

Fukuoka City provides support to set up meetings for Business Event planners and participants to meet local businesspeople and academics.



Exchange meeting between exhibitors and buyers

Support for business sessions at exhibitions

Fukuoka City provides a variety of support to set up business session between local companies and overseas exhibitors at events for sale and marketing and global expansion.



Business session at the exhibition

Support for Site Inspection Tour

Fukuoka City provides support for site inspection tour to local companies and/or university facilities according to the request of business event organizer/participants.

Site inspection for food industry mainly around Fukuoka city conducted by business event participants



Fukuoka City vegetable and fruit market



Karadomari (Oyster Experience)

For further details, please contact the person in charge at Fukuoka Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Next Generation Technology

Kyushu University Academic City

Kyushu University's Ito Campus, the most advanced and largest in Japan, and Academic Research City



Aiming to create a new world-class academic and research city, Kyushu University Ito Campus, which was relocated to the western part of Fukuoka City and completed in September 2008, covers an area of 272 hectares, the largest in Japan for a single campus, and is home to approximately 20,000 faculty, staff, and students. With a focus on the fields of hydrogen energy, nano-biotechnology, social systems and ICT, and next-generation mobility, research and development functions are being integrated on and off campus, and the campus is involved in numerous demonstration experiments using cutting-edge technologies.



Fukuoka City Industry-Academia Collaboration and Exchange Center (Fias)

With the aim of creating new industries and businesses through industry-academia collaboration, the center provides rental laboratories and offices for experiments and business operations, as well as analytical equipment such as electron microscopes.



Development Center for Practical Application of Organic Photonics and Electronics (i³-opera)

We support companies in their product development and marketing efforts by utilizing our skills and our OLED device evaluation platform, which enables us to complete a series of processes, from substrate cleaning and film deposition to characterization, within the facility.



High Voltage Electron Microscope

The high-voltage electron microscope is equipped with one of the world's leading omega-type electron spectrometers and SDD-type X-ray detectors. It is located at the Kyushu University Research Center for Ultramicroscopic Analysis, which is equipped with fundamental and advanced electron microscopy facilities.

The center provides opportunities for researchers and companies outside Kyushu University to use the equipment, and plays a role as a core and center for research and education in the field of electron microscopy.

Demonstration experiments using cutting-edge technology



Flying Car

Kyushu University established the Advanced Electric Propulsion Flight Vehicle Research Center on April 1, 2019. Research on flying cars and electric aircraft

based on unique superconducting technology is attracting attention.



Fuel Cell

A fuel cell that generates electricity through a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen (the photo shows the industrial fuel cell demonstration unit installed at Kyushu University).

Technology demonstrations and durability tests are conducted under a variety of operating environments.

Hydrogen Energy Development

International Research Center of Hydrogen Energy

Aiming to realize a big goal of the hydrogen society, it is working for the technical solution and new technology development as a management/operational organization for whole hydrogen center at Kyushu University. It is engaged to conduct development of highly professional human resources, basic and generic research programs as well as industry-academia joint research programs in an integral manner.

Next-Generation Fuel Cell Research Center (NEXT - FC)

Aiming for the practical implementation of next-generation fuel cell led by "Solid Oxide Fuel Cell", the clean and effective power generating system, it is engaged to conduct industry-academia joint research program through the close relationship with development companies for conquering a variety of subjects such as securing of durability, reliability and higher efficiency.

International Institute for Carbon-Neutral Energy Research (I²CNER)

Selected as one of key strategic research centers in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology's "World Premier International Research Center (WPI) initiative", it is aiming for the low-carbon society and top-level frontline researchers at home and from around the world are working together for multi-disciplinary research programs.

Hydrogen Energy Products Research and Testing Center (HyTReC)

We test the durability of all kinds of hydrogen-related products, from small parts such as valves and sensors used in a hydrogen gas environment to hydrogen storage containers for cars and hydrogen stations, and support the entry of companies into the new hydrogen energy industry through joint research and development with private companies.



Kyushu University Hydrogen Station and MIRAI



External appearance of buildings (the left part from center: I²CNER, the right part: NEXT-FC)



Hydrogen Energy Products Research and Testing Center (HyTReC)

Fukuoka City Hydrogen Leader City Project

Fukuoka City started the Hydrogen Leader City Project to promote hydrogen energy industries.

The first phase of the project included opening the world's first hydrogen station in March 2015 at the Chubu Water Treatment Center to produce hydrogen from biogas generated in the process of treating sewage sludge, supplied to fuel cell vehicles (FCVs).

*This initiative has been adopted by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) for its "Sewerage Innovative Technology Demonstration Project (commonly known as B-DASH)" in 2014.



Fuel cell powered vehicle (FCV)

Practical application of hydrogen energy

A local business firm, Fukuoka Prefecture, and Fukuoka City have introduced fuel-cell operated vehicles (FCVs). Installation of hydrogen stations at 10 locations has been decided.

Sewage biogas hydrogen station (Central Fukuoka City Water Recycling Center).

Research and development of trucks and motorcycles using sewage biogas hydrogen (green hydrogen).

Fukuoka City Hydrogen Leading City Project



Sewage Biogas Hydrogen Station (Fukuoka City Chubu Sewage Center)

2-2-1, Aratsu, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City

First in the world

It is the world's first initiative to produce CO₂-free hydrogen out of biogas derived from sewage sludge and to supply the hydrogen produced to fuel cell powered vehicles (FCVs).

Next Generation Technology

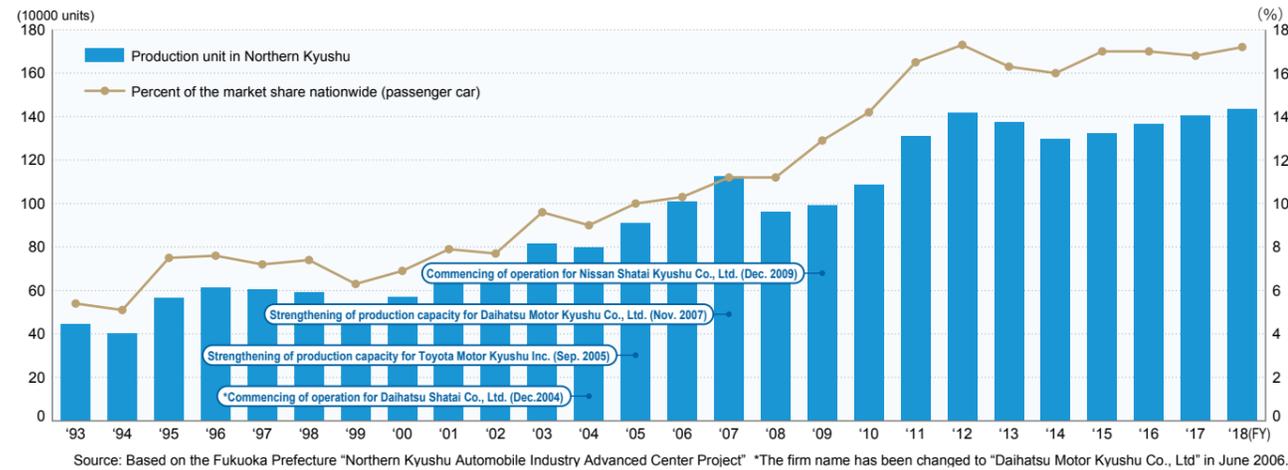
Automobile Industry

Fukuoka Center of automobile manufacturers producing the world's highest quality

Northern Kyushu is a major center of automotive industries, considered to be one of Asia's most advanced production hubs.

4 major automobile manufacturers – Nissan Motor Kyushu Co., Ltd., Toyota Motor Kyushu, Inc., Daihatsu Motor Kyushu Co., Ltd. and Nissan Shatai Kyushu Co., Ltd. – are located in Northern Kyushu. This area has grown to be a **key production hub capable of producing 1.59 million units annually**. There are brisk trading activities with Asian auto parts manufacturers, including factory inspections and commercial discussions, expanding business opportunities.

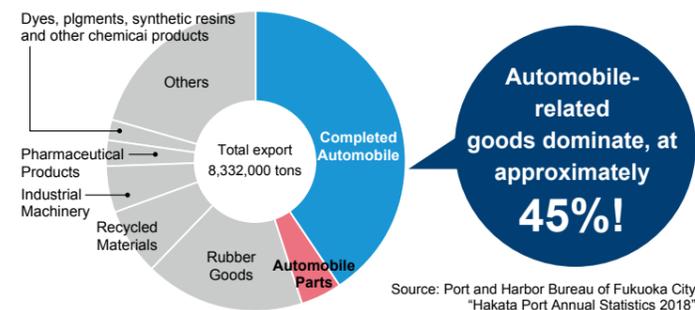
Transition of automobile production in Northern Kyushu



Hakata Port – An automotive industry logistics hub

The volume of cargo exported from Hakata Port in 2018 amounts to 8.333 million tons. The combination of fully assembled vehicles (3.383 million tons) and automotive parts (0.383 million tons) accounts for a total of 3.766 million tons, or 45.2% of the total volume exported. Hakata Port is an **important export port for the automotive industries**.

Breakdown of export goods shipping from Hakata port



Advanced City for ITS (Intelligent Transport Systems)

Nishitetsu Bus Navi

Onboard GPS units installed on regular scheduled buses are used to locate where they are on a real time basis. The system informs the bus users (via smart phones) of the latest operation status and the current bus locations.



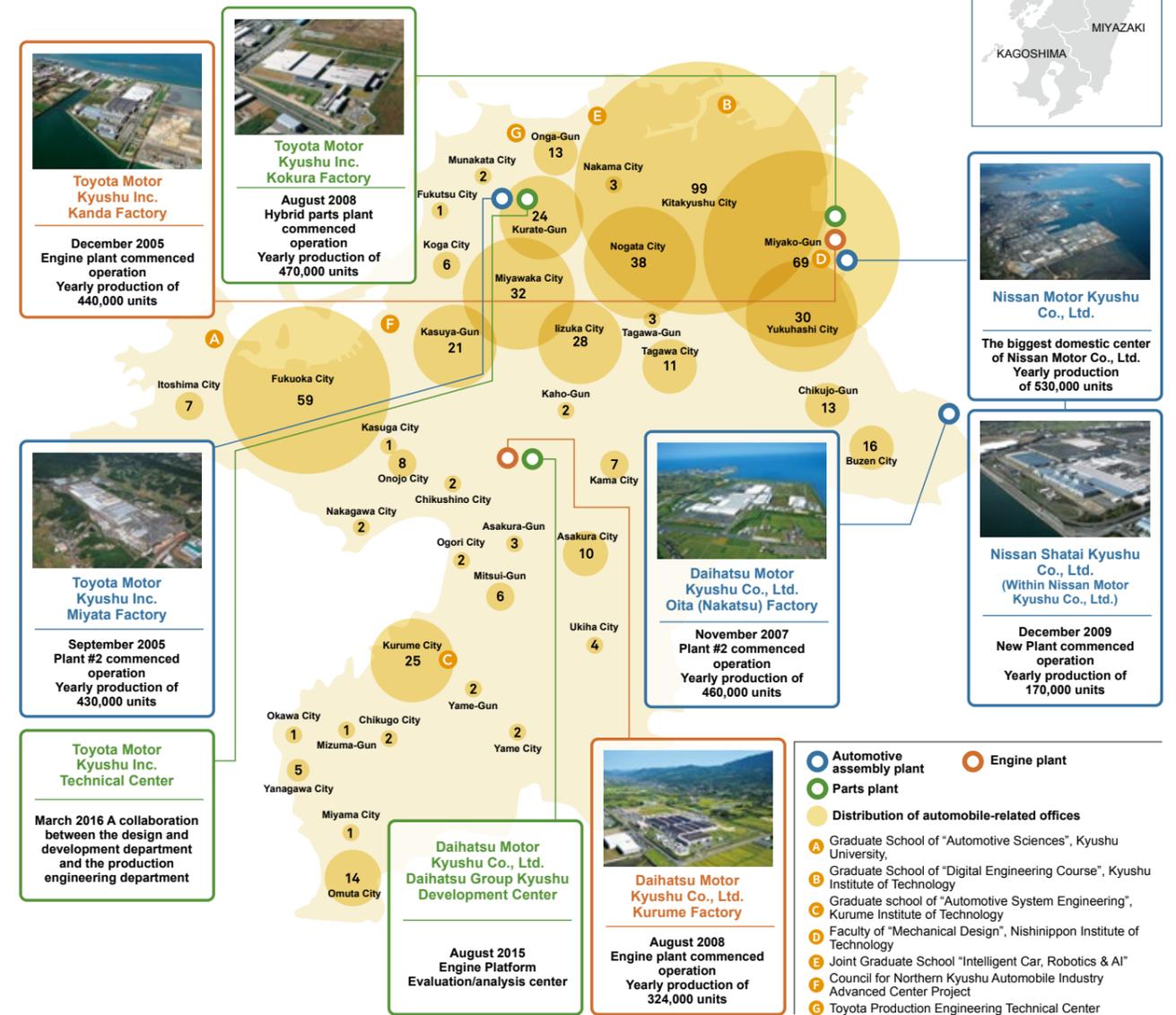
Introduction of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system

A new bus service system – incorporating articulated buses, construction of symbolized bus stops and improved connectivity between rail and bus services – which is faster, capable of transporting more passengers on time, easy to understand and to use has introduced in fiscal 2016.



Automobile manufacturers and automotive industry research institutes in Northern Kyushu

Within Fukuoka Prefecture, there are 576 automobile-related businesses, which accounts for approximately 47% of the automotive industry in Kyushu.



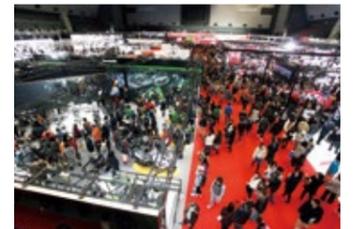
The 16th Asia Pacific Regional ITS Forum 2018 Fukuoka

In May 2018, the 16th Asia-Pacific ITS Forum 2018 Fukuoka was held at Fukuoka International Conference Center in Fukuoka SunPalace with 3,518 participants from 27 countries, the largest number ever. Presentations on ITS technologies and services that utilize data and IoT services were for ITS given, as well as an exhibition of the latest world-leading ITS technologies and self-driving vehicles.



Fukuoka Motor Show

Held once every 2 years like its counterpart in Tokyo, Fukuoka Motor Show attracted a record 118,533 visitors in 4 days of the show period in December 2019. Among various events to take place concurrently at the three venues – Marine Messe Fukuoka, Fukuoka Kokusai Center and Fukuoka International Congress Center – Fukuoka Motor Show has grown to such a scale that far exceeds others. By holding this event in Northern Kyushu, which is capable of producing over 1.5 million vehicles, it also provides a platform for technical engineers both at home and from abroad to network with each other.

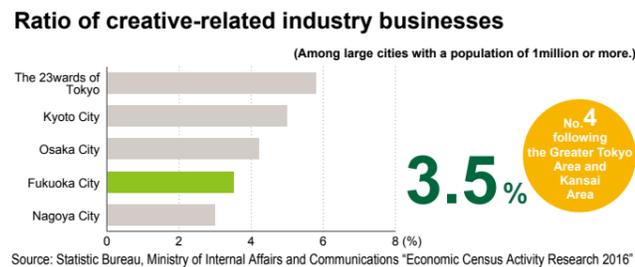


Creative Industry

Highest ratio of young population in Japan
Fukuoka is a creative city full of dynamism.

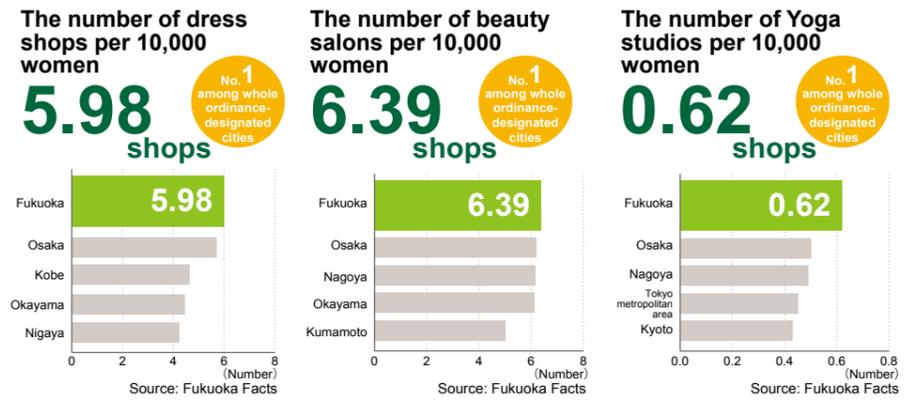
Proud to be a uniquely creative city – Fukuoka

With IT and other information-based businesses already flourishing for a long time in the first place, Fukuoka city now demonstrates its power by applying its accumulated knowledge to the creative field of businesses, such as games, images and application development. The city administration has established a dedicated department to further promote these creative businesses, providing support that will lead to future creation and expansion of business with domestic and overseas companies.



Fukuoka has a high ratio of population in their 20s who are fashion-oriented with strong purchasing power.

Fukuoka City has the **highest ratio of youth (ages 15-29) population among the nation's entire ordinance-designated cities**, who are strongly interested in the areas of fashion and beauty. The core majority of entrepreneurs starting up fashion- and beauty-related businesses are young, in their 30s. Designated as a special zone for global startups, Fukuoka City expects to see a surge in new, startup businesses.



Startup City Fukuoka - Multi-Faceted Support Programs

Fukuoka City, which has been gaining momentum as a city for global business startups, declared itself to be Startup City Fukuoka in 2012 was selected as a Special Zone for Global Business Startup and Employment Creation in 2014, and has since established various business start-up support projects with the aim of becoming the best city for startups in Japan.



Fukuoka Growth Next

Fukuoka Growth Next is a public-private partnership facility in Fukuoka city that supports startups to create a prosperous future. The Fukuoka Startup Cafe is within the facility, as well as co-working space where aspiring entrepreneurs can work together and consult with each other about their business ventures.

Engineer Café

Engineer Cafe was born from the desire to help engineers expand the scope of their skills and more radical challenges, and was created as a public-private partnership for engineers, equipped with a co-working space and cafe.

Companies and Organizations Leading Creative Industry in Fukuoka City

Level-5 Inc.
 Yakuin, Chuo-ku
 Representative works: "YO-KAI Watch" Series, "Professor LAYTON" Series

KOO-KI
 Kego, Chuo-ku
 Creative Studio Company providing highquality movie works led by Tokyo Olympic 2020 International Promotion Film and "TOYOTA G's Baseball Party" which has reached 8.5 million views throughout the world. KOO-KI is continuously challenging innovative works including planning and creation of unique application and interactive contents.

GANBARION Co., Ltd.
 Watanabedori, Chuo-ku
 Representative work: "ONE PIECE GRANDBATTLE" Series
 Original Seller: NAMCO BANDAI Games Inc.

Cyberconnect2 Co., Ltd.
 Hakataekimae, Hakata-ku
 Representative work: "NARUTO: Ultimate" Series
 Original Seller: NAMCO BANDAI Games Inc.

LINE Fukuoka Corporation
 Hakataekichuogai, Hakata-ku
 Established as LINE's second base in Japan, the company has service operations, technology, design, planning and marketing, and corporate functions. Based on the comprehensive cooperation agreement signed with Fukuoka City, we are also promoting initiatives to realize a world-class Smart City.

Major Startup Companies in Fukuoka City

Company Name	Location	Founding year	Business Description
Kaico Ltd.	Kyudaishin-machi, Nishi-ku	April 2018	Development of Functional Protein Molecules Using Kyushu University's Unique Silkworm and Technology
Medmain Inc.	Akasaka, Chuo-ku	January 2018	Planning, development, operation and sales of medical software and cloud services
Saule Technologies Ltd	Daimyo, Chuo-ku	January 2017	Development of VLC (Visible Light Communications) receiver analysis systems, etc.
tsumug, inc.	Daimyo, Chuo-ku	December 2015	Sharing Economy Business
Doreming Co.,Ltd.	Tenjin, Chuo-ku	June 2015	Development and business development of an innovative time and attendance and payroll system that improves productivity
Alterbooth Inc.	Maizuru, Chuo-ku	March 2015	Full Stack Development, Fully Managed Services, FoodTech Business and IT Solutions
Kyulux, Inc.	Kyudaishin-machi, Nishi-ku	March 2015	Development, manufacturing and sales of next-generation OLED light-emitting materials
TrueBizon,Ittd.	Daimyo, Chuo-ku	April 2014	Drone consulting, drone aerial photography and surveying, sharing economy business, etc.
Qurate Inc.	Daimyo, Chuo-ku	February 2014	Research, plan, create, publish, and measure digital marketing content in social channels
Skydisc, Inc.	Maizuru, Chuo-ku	October 2013	Providing AI services for the manufacturing industry
Yamap Inc.	Tsunabamachi, Hakata-ku	July 2013	Web service management and smartphone application development for mountain climbing and outdoor activities
Welmo Inc.	Tenjin, Chuo-ku	April 2013	Development of decision-making support services for human resources in the field of care and welfare, provision of information platforms for care services in core cities and beyond, etc.
GoodLuck3 Inc.	Tenjin, Chuo-ku	February 2013	Planning, development and management of blockchain products and services, planning, development and management of smartphone games and applications, etc.
Groovenauts, Inc.	Imazumi, Chuo-ku	July 2011	Providing services and consulting for Magellan blocks, which makes machine learning easy to use for everyone
iQPS Inc.	Tenjin, Chuo-ku	June 2005	Research and development, design, manufacturing, and sales of satellites, on-board equipment, precision instruments, electronic equipment and software

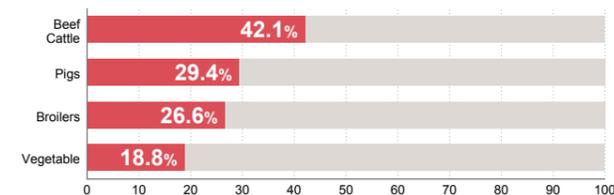
Food Industry

Delivering Kyushu specialties to the world

Kyushu is a treasure house of food

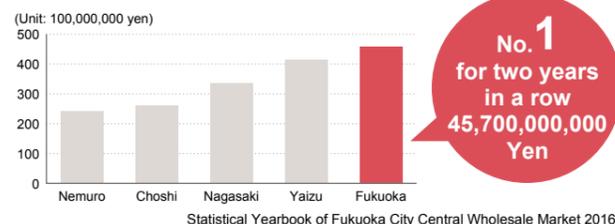
The gross agricultural production of Kyushu accounts for **20% of the market share nationwide**, which supports Japan as a food supply center. Furthermore, Fukuoka ranked as **No. 1** in terms of amount of the sales transactions for marine products among the whole major fishing ports and approximately 300 sorts of fresh seafood are displayed in the fish markets in Fukuoka.

Market share nationwide of the gross agricultural production in Kyushu



Source: Statistical Yearbook of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries 2017

Amount of sales transactions at major fishing ports nationwide



Food Culture City Fukuoka

Renowned restaurants featured in the Michelin Guide

In Fukuoka, 2 restaurants have three stars, 8 restaurants have two stars, and 32 restaurants are one star in the Michelin Guide Fukuoka & Saga 2019



A three star restaurant "Sushi Gyoten"

No.1 for the number of street stalls (Yatai)

There are more than 100 stalls operating in Fukuoka City. The many stalls along the riverside and streets are popular as a tourist attraction.



The street stalls are top rank in terms of the numbers

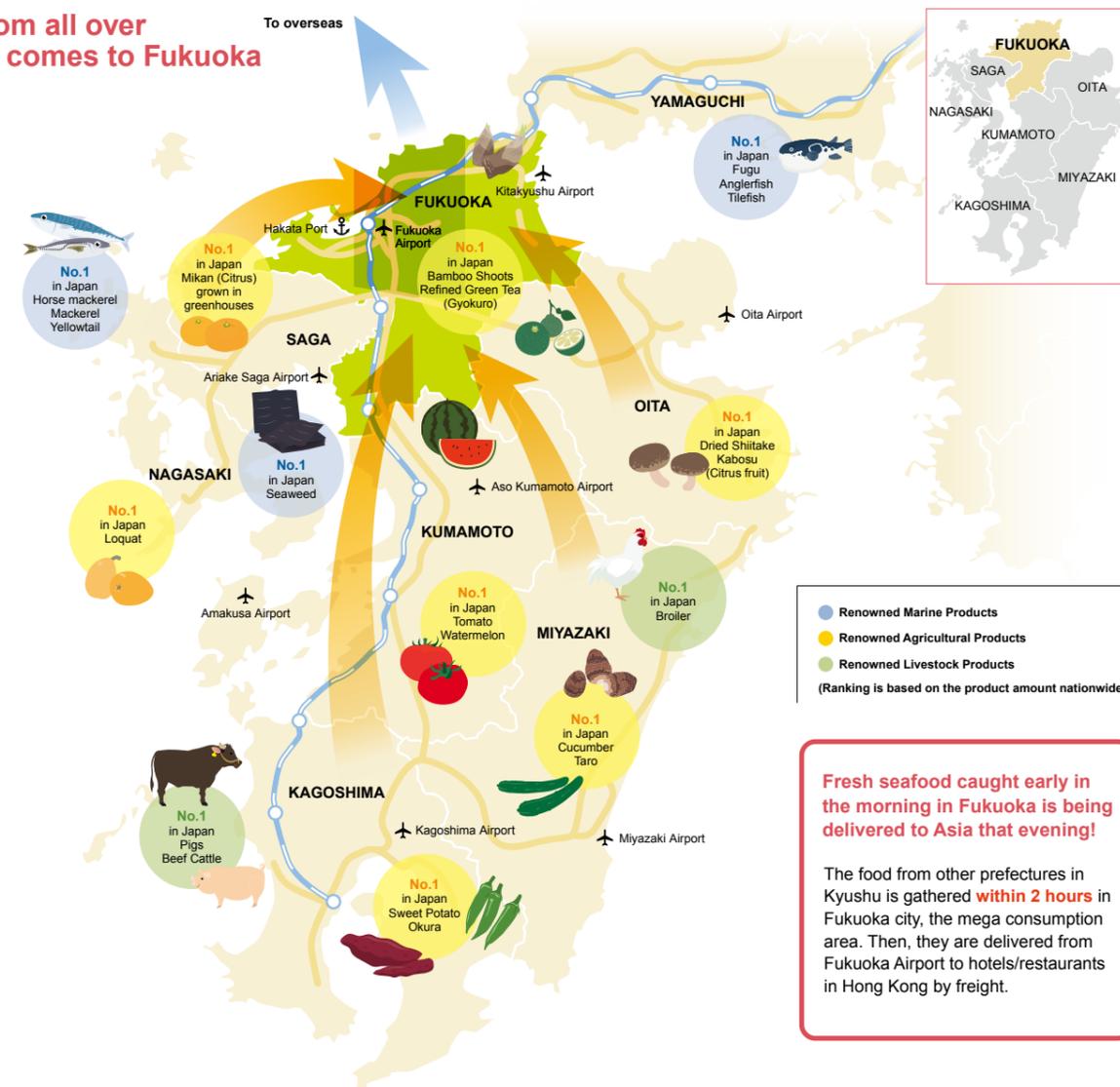
Fukuoka Food advancing into foreign markets

Following current trends of Japanese food in foreign countries, more companies in Fukuoka are advancing into foreign markets, mainly in Asia. Led by unique Fukuoka food culture such as Tonkotsu Ramen (noodle with a pork bone broth) and Mizutaki (chicken and vegetables cooked in a pot at the table), some wholesalers dealing with local foodstuff in Kyushu are advancing into Asian markets.

Food Category	Company Name	Shop Name	Area of Market entry
Tonkotsu Ramen	Chikaranomoto Co.,Ltd.	Hakata Ippudo	USA (NY, SF, LA), Singapore, Korea (Seoul), China (Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Chongqing), Taiwan (Taipei), Australia(Sydney), Malaysia(Kuala Lumpur), Thailand (Bangkok), Philippines (Manila), Indonesia (Jakarta), UK (London), France(Paris), Myanmar
	Ichiran Co.,Ltd.	Ichiran	China (Hong Kong), USA (NY), Taiwan(Taipei)
Soba	WINDS Japan Co.,Ltd.	Hakata Ikkosha	Indonesia (Jakarta, Bali), Singapore, China (Guangzhou, Beijing, Shenzhen, Hong Kong, Shanghai), Taiwan (Zhubei, Hsinchu), USA (Torrance, Costa Mesa), Australia (Melbourne, Hawthorne, Perth), Philippines (Cebu), Thailand (Bangkok), Brasil (Sao Paulo), Canada (Toronto)
	West	Soba Noodle Azuma	Thailand (Bangkok), USA (NJ, NY)
Pork Cutlet	Atom, Co., Ltd.	Ginza Anzu	Taiwan (Hsinchu, Taipei, New Taipei, Taoyuan, Taichung, Kaohsiung, Tainan), Korea (Seoul), Singapore, Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), China(Shanghai)
Mizutaki/Chicken Dishes	TORIZEN FOODS Co.,Ltd.	Hakata Hanamidori	China (Dalian), Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur), Myanmar
Izakaya	JR Kyushu Food Service INC.	Umayu	China (Shanghai)
	Royal Holdings Co.,Ltd.	Royal Host	Taiwan (Taipei), Indonesia (Jakarta), Thailand (Bangkok), Philippines (Manila)
	Ringerhut Co.,Ltd.	Nagasaki Champon	Thailand (Bangkok), USA (HI, CA), China (Hong Kong), Taiwan (Taipei), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh), Cambodia (Phnom Penh)
Restaurant	Pietro Group	Pietro	USA (HI), Singapore
	Corego & Partners Co., Ltd.		Cambodia (Phnom Penh)
Takeout Lunch	Plenus Co.,Ltd.	Hotto Motto	China(Beijing), Singapore, Korea(Seoul), Australia (Sydney), Taiwan (Taipei), USA (San Mateo), Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia
Karashimetaiko (spicy seasoned cod roe)	Fukuya Co.,Ltd.		Singapore
	Yamaya Communications Co., Ltd.		Korea (Seoul), USA (Torrance), Taiwan (Taipei, Taoyuan), China (Dalian)
Health Foods	Yazuya Co.,Ltd.		Vietnam (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh)
Sweets	La Vie En Rose		Myanmar (Yangon)

Source: Website of each company

Food from all over Kyushu comes to Fukuoka



Fresh seafood caught early in the morning in Fukuoka is being delivered to Asia that evening!

The food from other prefectures in Kyushu is gathered **within 2 hours** in Fukuoka city, the mega consumption area. Then, they are delivered from Fukuoka Airport to hotels/restaurants in Hong Kong by freight.

Fukuoka Central Wholesale Market Fruit and Vegetable Market (Vegefru Stadium)



In cooperation with branded products from various production areas in Kyushu, we have developed a technology to preserve freshness using CA containers, which are comparable to air freight, developed the Asian market in cooperation with related organizations, and are exporting to Asia and other overseas markets, taking advantage of the legal support, quality assurance through the cold chain and enhanced testing for pesticide residues to ensure safety and security, and the characteristics of the location closest to Asia.



The Fukuoka Central Wholesale Market Fruit and Vegetable Market (Vegefru Stadium), which opened in February 2016, supplies fresh, safe and secure produce to the Fukuoka metropolitan area and beyond. It is Japan's most advanced market, featuring "functional facility layout" to suit the type of transactions, such as mass distribution and response to retailers, "compact facility planning" for efficiency and safety of on-site distribution, and "enhanced cold chain (cold logistics)" to ensure food safety.



Constant temperature

The majority (84.4%) of wholesalers are enclosed, temperature-controlled wholesalers, which means that refrigerated produce is maintained at a constant temperature after it arrives at the market to preserve its freshness.



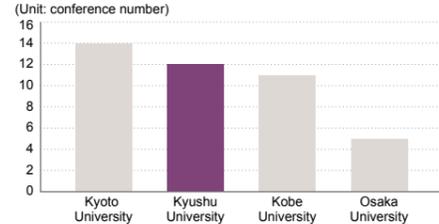
Medical Technology

Extensive experience in organizing international conferences in the field of medicine

Kyushu University boasts a record of hosting top-level international medical and medical conferences

In 2018, Kyushu University was second only to Kyoto University for Japanese universities hosting international conferences in the field of medicine.

The number of Medical care/Medicine-related international conference by each university 2017 (Unit: conference number)



No.2
among other universities with 23 conferences

Source: The statistics of international conference Japan National Tourist Organization 2018

Medical institutions in Fukuoka Prefecture and major Business Event initiatives

Kyushu University Hospital

Kyushu University is at the forefront of the most advanced medical care in Kyushu, with establishment of the pediatric emergency and critical care center which is the first among university hospitals as well as Kyushu University's Center for Advanced Medical Innovation. Lately, International Medical Relations Office was opened as a contact point for receiving foreigners seeking medical treatment.



Intelligent Operating Room (Center for Advanced Medical Innovation)

Fukuoka University Hospital

While dealing with community health care and cutting-edge medical care, Fukuoka University opened Clinical Research Support Center in July 2001 and introduced the Robot Suit HAL (short for Hybrid Assistive Limb) in 2011 to assist in rehabilitation process. It (Fukuoka University) opened Asia Robotics Research & HAL Rehabilitation Center in April 2015.



Fukuoka University Hospital

Kurume University Hospital

Certified as an advanced emergency medical center, Kurume University Hospital has a role as the base for air ambulance or HEMS (short for Helicopter Emergency Medical Service). It is also certified as an advanced treatment hospital, a regional cancer cooperation hospital, a designated hospital for postgraduate clinical training by the Ministry of Health, Labour & Welfare, among others, and aims to provide advanced medical care.



Kurume University Hospital

Fukuoka Municipal Children's Hospital

A new hospital was opened in fall of 2014 in Higashi Ward of Fukuoka City, providing highly advanced and specialized services in pediatric emergency medical care and perinatal medical care. For the future, it aims to become an international medical institution to receive patients from overseas and foreign doctors-in-training.



Fukuoka Municipal Children's Hospital

The 26th Japan Medical Congress

The Japanese Association of Medical Sciences (JAMS) held the 26th General Assembly of JAMS, or The Japan Medical Congress, for 3 days from April 4, 2003, at Fukuoka International Congress Center and its associated venues, where 33,000 people attended. Until then, the Japan Medical Congress, which is held once every 4 years had had its venue only in 4 cities, Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto and Nagoya for 100 years. Fukuoka was the first to host the event outside the 4 cities already mentioned. At the General Assembly in Fukuoka, the President of Kyushu University, Yoichi Sugioka, acted as the Chairman, while professors of Kyushu University and Kurume University were elected as other officers.



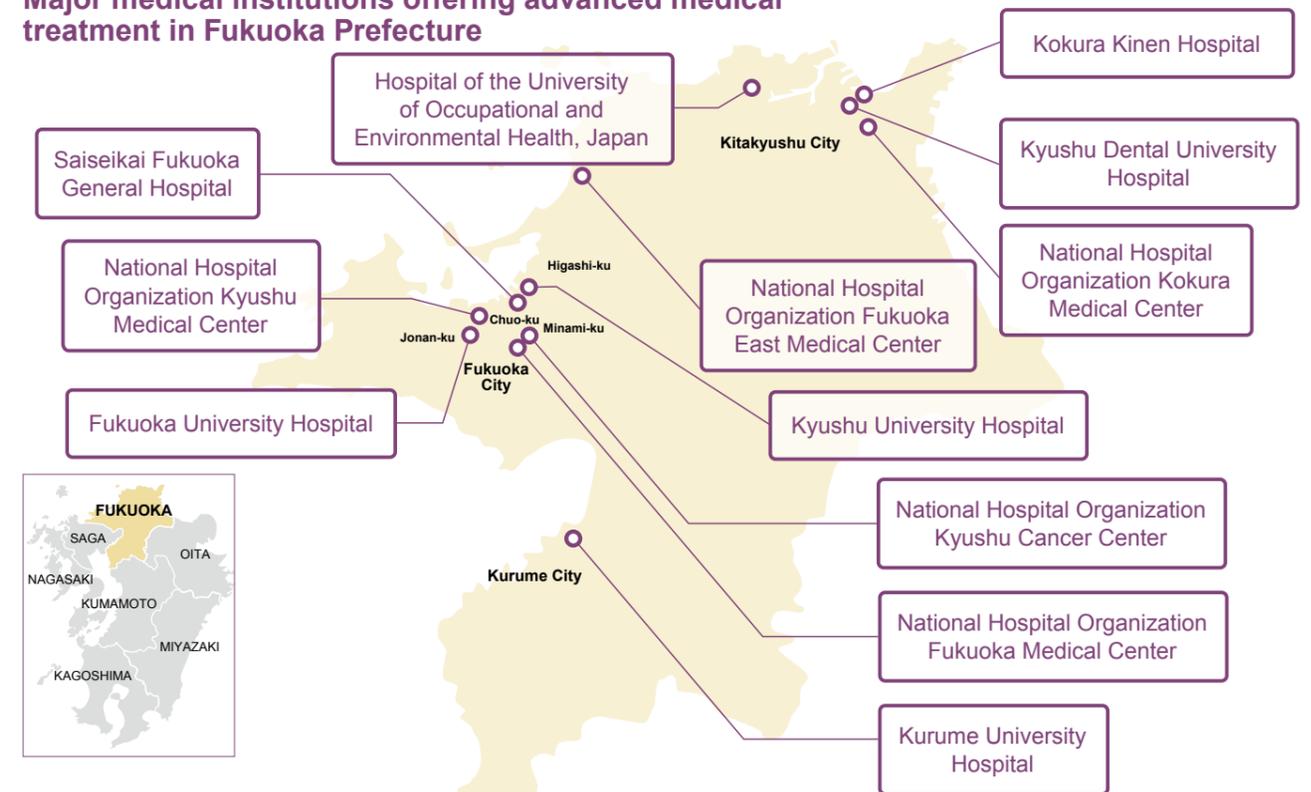
6th Congress of Asian College of Neuropsychopharmacology (AsCNP2019)

The conference was held for three days from October 11, 2019 at the Fukuoka International Conference Center and Fukuoka Sun Palace Hotel & Hall, and was attended by approximately 1,600 people, including approximately 600 participants from overseas. The conference brought together researchers, healthcare professionals, pharmaceutical industry representatives, and regulatory officials from across Asia to present innovative research findings and updates in a wide range of fields related to central nervous system drugs.

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Pharmaceutical Health Care and Sciences

The conference was held for three days from November 2, 2019 at the Fukuoka International Conference Center, Marine Messe Fukuoka, Fukuoka Sun Palace Hotel & Hall, and Hotel Nikko Fukuoka, and was attended by approximately 8,400 people. Under the main theme of "The Future of Medical Pharmacy for a New Era - Combining the Wisdom of Pharmacy -", discussions were held on medical pharmacy for a new era based on increasingly complex and advanced medical technologies, and international symposia, workshops, co-sponsored seminars and public lectures were held.

Major medical institutions offering advanced medical treatment in Fukuoka Prefecture



Chronology of Business Events related to Medical Technology

Month/Year	Name of Congress	Venue	# of Attendance
April 2003	The 26th Annual Meeting of the Japan Medical Association	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk/The Kyushu University School of Medicine Centennial Hall	33,000
March 2008	The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Cardiology	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Marine Messe Fukuoka/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	16,000
April 2013	The 113th Japan Surgical Association Regular Academic Meeting	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	13,677
June 2013	58th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Dialysis Therapy	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	16,163
April 2016	The 18th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Healthcare Management	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	3,772
May 2016	The 63rd meeting of the Japan Society for the Study of Anesthesia	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	9,000
May 2016	24th Asian Academy of Pediatric Surgery (AAPS2016)	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk	1,155
May 2016	25th International Society of Pediatric Endoscopic Surgery (IPEG2016)	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk	1,723
September 2016	The 75th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Neurosurgery	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	6,036
October 2016	The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Dental Association	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	9,197
December 2016	57th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Lung Cancer Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	4,654
April 2017	The 61st Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Rheumatology	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	6,000
May 2017	14th Asia Pacific Pediatric Neurology Conference	Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk	1,000
July 2017	The 25th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Breast Cancer Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Marine Messe Fukuoka	6,000
October 2017	The 25th Japanese Gastroenterological Association Week	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center/ACROS Fukuoka	22,616
November 2017	The 56th Fall Meeting of the Japanese Society of Clinical Cytology	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	3,500
March 2018	Advances in Diabetology, The 52nd Annual Postgraduate Course	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	3,500
March 2018	43rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Stroke/The 47th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Stroke Surgery/34th Annual Spasm Symposium (STROKE2018)	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Fukuoka Kokusai Center	6,000
April 2018	The 61st Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Hotel New Otani Hakata/Denki Building Kyousoukan	3,291
April 2018	The 121st meeting of the Japan Society of Pedagogical Sciences	Fukuoka International Congress Center	6,595
June 2018	The 55th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Rehabilitation Medicine	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	6,314
November 2018	The 9th Asian Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	1,876
December 2018	The 31st Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Endoscopic Surgery	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	7,024
February 2019	The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Cancer Nursing	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	4,760
August 2019	The 29th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Ambulatory Pediatrics	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	3,090
September 2019	The 53rd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Occupational Therapy	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	4,124
September 2019	The 49th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Oral Implants	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	4,690
October 2019	The 6th Asian Neuropsychopharmacological Society	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace	1,533
October 2019	The 57th Japan Society for Cancer Therapy Academic Meeting	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	6,867
November 2019	The 29th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences	Fukuoka International Congress Center/Fukuoka Sunpalace/Marine Messe Fukuoka	8,408