

Kawasaki City Investment Environment Guide



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Overview and Advantages of Kawasaki City



Business location : Four advantages



Location connected to the world

Haneda Airport
Within **15** min. and **5** km

To central Tokyo
18 min.

Directly connected to a
market of 20 million in the
Tokyo metropolitan area



World-class R&D ecosystem

- Over 550 R&D organizations
- More than 20 global companies have established R&D bases
- Approx. 80 companies operating in KING SKYFRONT
- Shin-Kawasaki Sozo no Mori, one of the largest startup support bases in Japan



Advanced initiatives in future growth fields

Environment and energy

- Establishing a hydrogen supply chain
- Demonstration of carbon neutral technology

Digital

- Quantum computing

Health and medical

- R&D of regenerative medicine
- Support for medical device development



Well-developed support system

- Tax incentives in International Strategic Comprehensive Special Zones
- Subsidies for R&D-oriented companies
- Start-up support system

Access to major cities in and outside Japan

Within 15 min. from Haneda Airport and Tokyo

Adjacent to two major hubs, Tokyo and Haneda Airport, Kawasaki City boasts outstanding accessibility. In addition to its proximity to Shinagawa Station, the gateway to Tokyo (9 min.), and Tokyo Station, the center of business (18 min.), Haneda Airport (15 min.) is just across the newly constructed Tamagawa Sky Bridge, providing quick access to Asia and the world. You can make the most of its time advantage for international business expansion both in Japan and abroad.

Access from major train stations

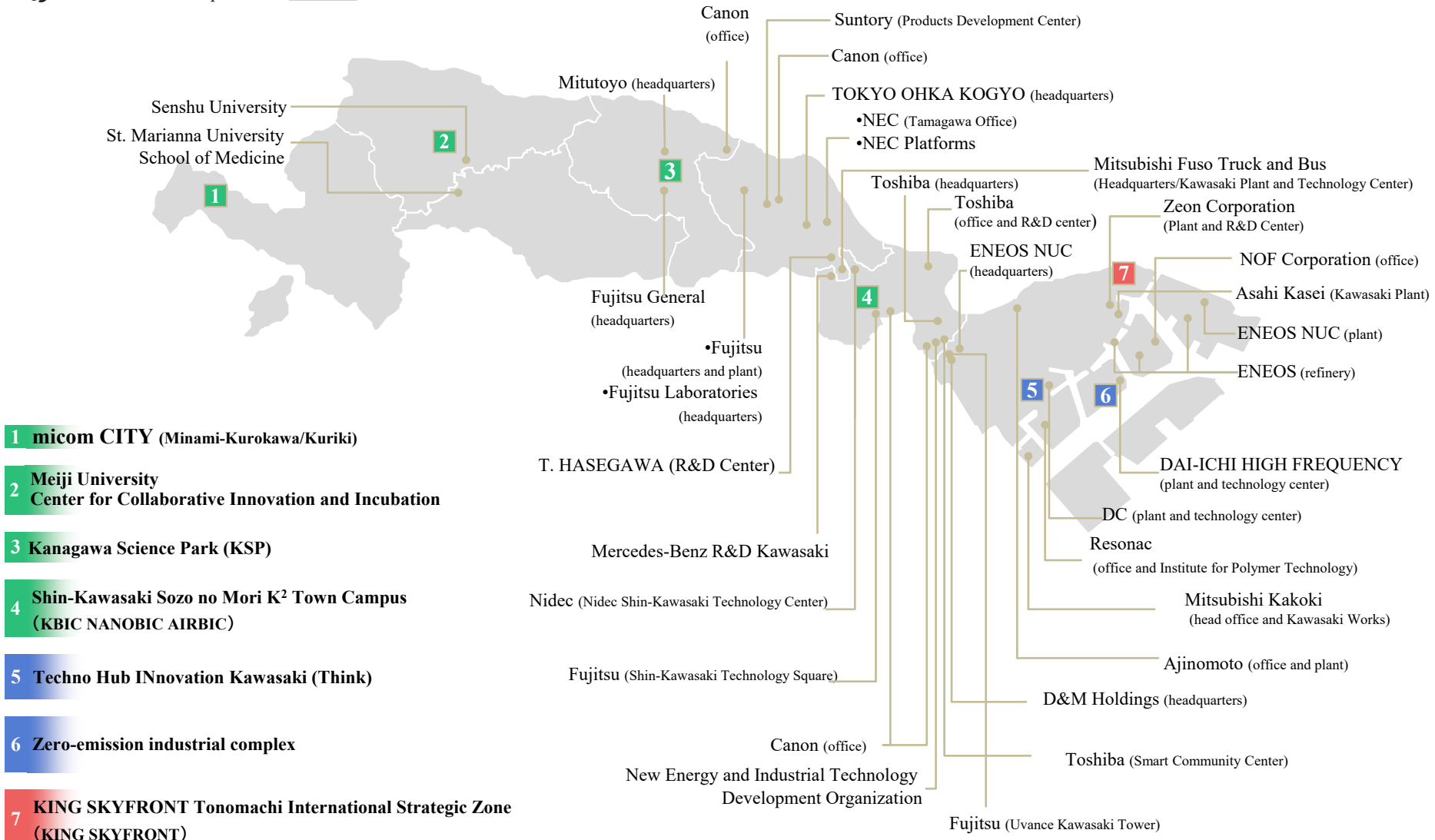
Kawasaki ↔ Shinagawa	Approx. 9 min.	Musashi-Kosugi ↔ Shibuya	Approx. 13 min.
Kawasaki ↔ Tokyo	Approx. 18 min.	Musashi-Mizonokuchi ↔ Shibuya	Approx. 14 min.
Kawasaki ↔ Haneda Airport	Approx. 15 min.	Noborito ↔ Shinjuku	Approx. 16 min.



World-class companies located in Kawasaki City - Competence as an R&D base -

R&D organizations
Over 550 companies

Global companies
Over 20 companies



Key Initiatives



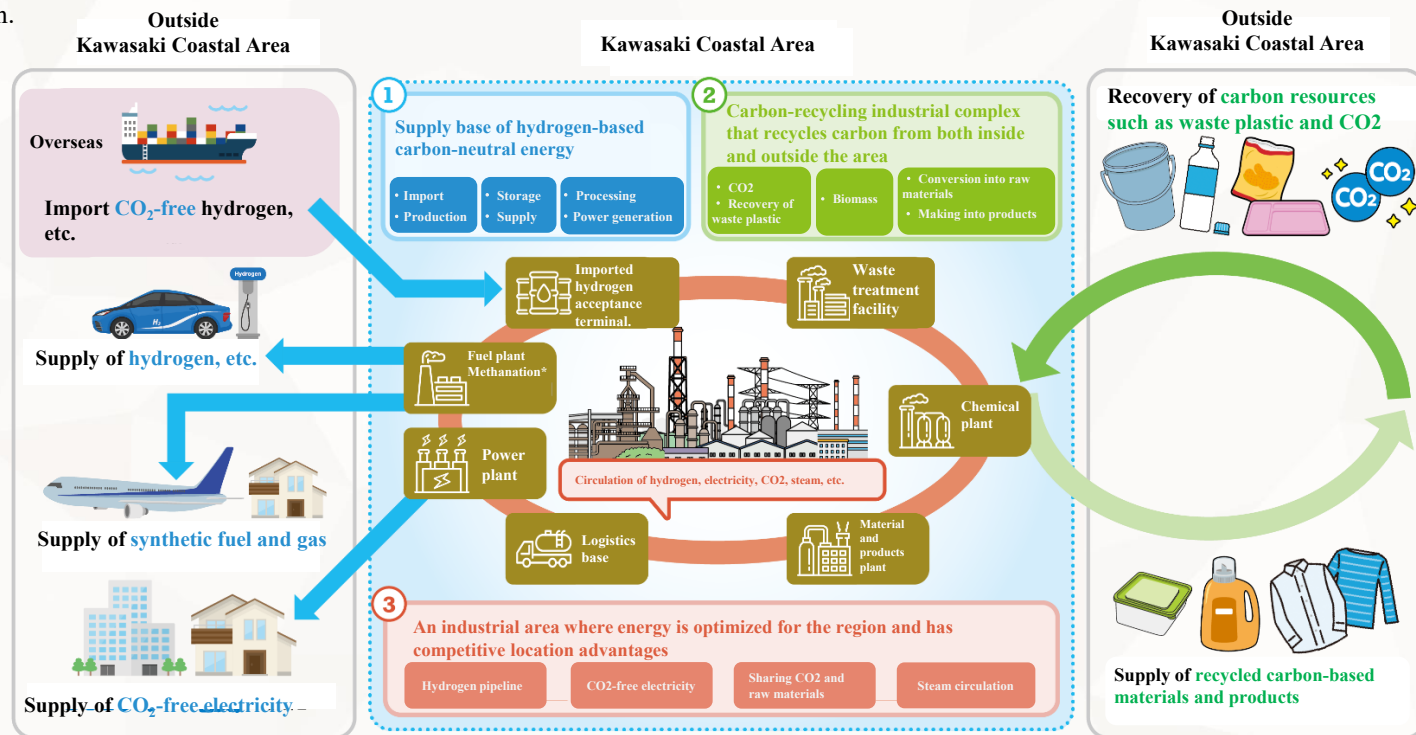
Business model for utilizing hydrogen without emitting CO₂ in Kawasaki

In the Kawasaki coastal area, a demonstration project has begun to create a system for transporting CO₂-free hydrogen by ship and using it in industrial complexes by 2030. Hydrogen can be used in power plants and factory boilers to provide residents of Kawasaki City with CO₂-free electricity and for CO₂-free manufacturing. In cooperation with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Ota Ward, and Yokohama City, we are promoting efforts to utilize hydrogen within the larger framework of the Keihin coastal area, centered on the Kawasaki coastal area.



Industrial complex in Kawasaki coastal area in 2050

To continue manufacturing with less greenhouse gas emissions, we are taking on the challenge of creating a model that reduces the use of new fossil resources. To do this, we import hydrogen, which does not emit CO₂, for fuel conversion and to create materials and products from carbon resources such as waste plastic and CO₂, while wasting no energy in the region.



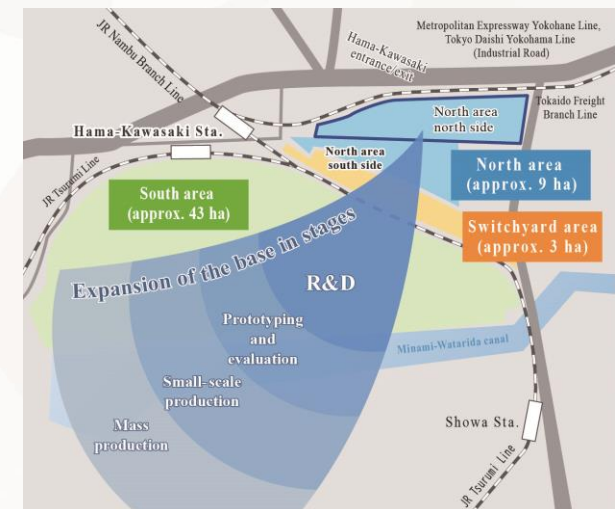
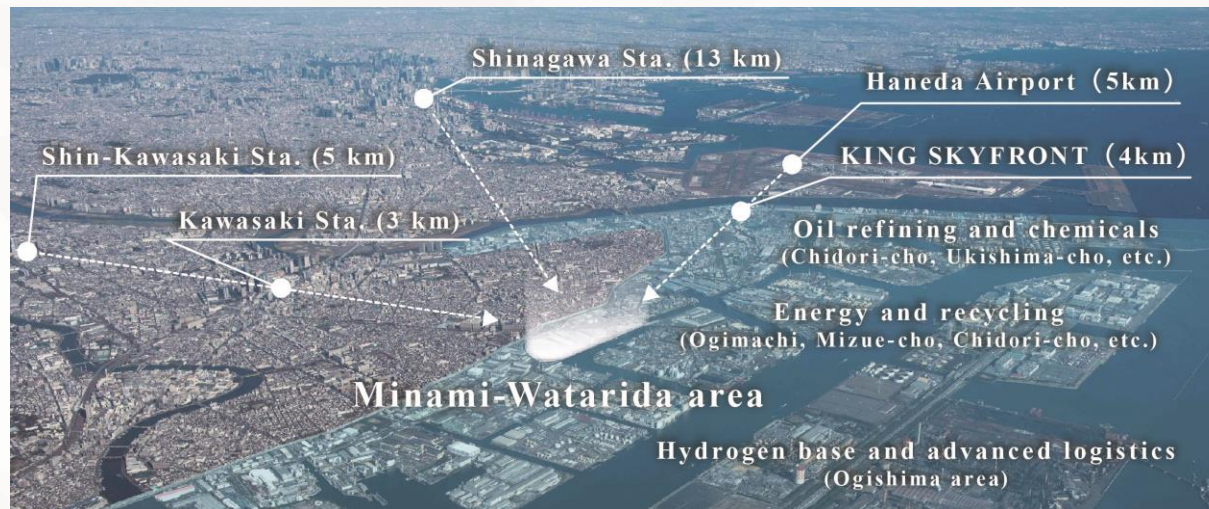
In the Minami-Watarida area, where the land use conversion project is progressing in advance, we aim to create a new industrial base that will support the next 100 years of the Kawasaki coastal area, with the theme of “a scale-up base for implementing climate tech in society”.

“Climate tech” refers to core technologies for solving the problem of climate change, and it is said that the key to solving the problem is to create an accumulation of research and development functions, industry-academia collaboration, and open innovation. In order to solve the problem, it is also necessary to link this innovative technology to social implementation (commercialization). The Minami-Watarida area has a high potential for carrying out everything seamlessly from research and development to prototyping and production, so we are working to make it a base for creating new industries by taking on the challenge of solving the social issue of climate change.

Climate Tech X Scale-up

What is Climate Tech x Scale-up?

A base that enables seamless scale-up from research to mass production within a global network, with the aim of implementing climate technology (technology with the clear objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and countering global warming) in various industrial fields.



It is a global research and development and demonstration base that provides a one-stop service from the development of innovative materials and technologies to prototyping, small-scale production and social implementation. Making the most of its expansive 52-hectare site, it promotes the development of innovative technologies through industry-academia-government collaboration and their implementation in society. It supports the creation and growth of climate tech-related industries with a view to the global market by building a strong ecosystem with diverse stakeholders, including academia, incubators, and advanced materials companies.



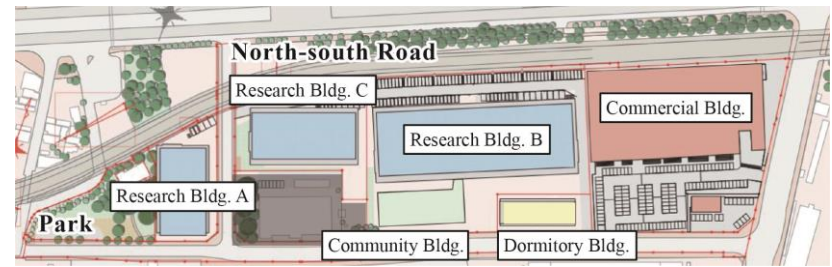
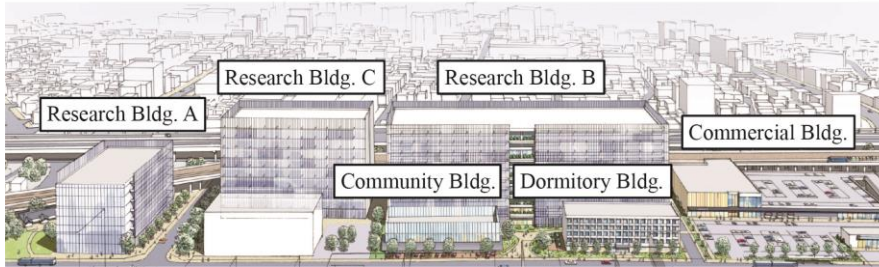
- Business development linked to the carbon neutrality of the entire industrial complex
 - Promotion of hydrogen utilization associated with turning the Ogishima area into a hydrogen supply base
 - Approach to a circular economy including the implementation of a material and chemical cycle project
- Business platform for industry-academia-government collaboration based on data-driven innovation
 - Utilization of data in collaboration with national research institutes
 - Support for optimizing technological development and enhancing production processes
 - Creation of new businesses and discovery of investment targets through matching of seeds and needs
 - Coordination of participation in national projects
 - Support for joint research and business collaboration with academia
- Incubation specializing in materials with a global reach
 - Financial support (direct and indirect)
 - Introduction of highly skilled personnel
 - Training management and engineering personnel
 - Utilization of proximity to Haneda Airport
 - Access to overseas markets through overseas VCs and incubators
 - Collaboration with overseas startup ecosystems

● Outline of the basic plan for the development of a base in Minami-Watarida area

Phase I area: Image of land use in the north side of the north area (approx. 5.6 ha)

FY2027 business partner: Opening of the area by Hulic Co., Ltd. (planned)

- Research and development functions that form the core of the base formation (large-scale rental R&D facility covering approximately 100,000 square meters)
- Various industrial support functions (commercial and residential facilities) that contribute to the creation of a comfortable working environment

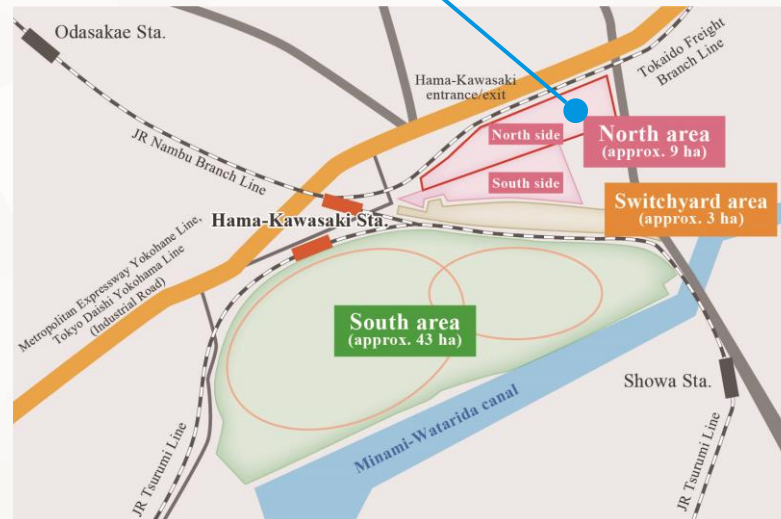


North area north side (approx. 5.6 ha)

- Research and development complex area
Focus on research and development functions, industrial support functions, etc.

North area south side

- Research and development and innovation area
Focus on research and open innovation functions

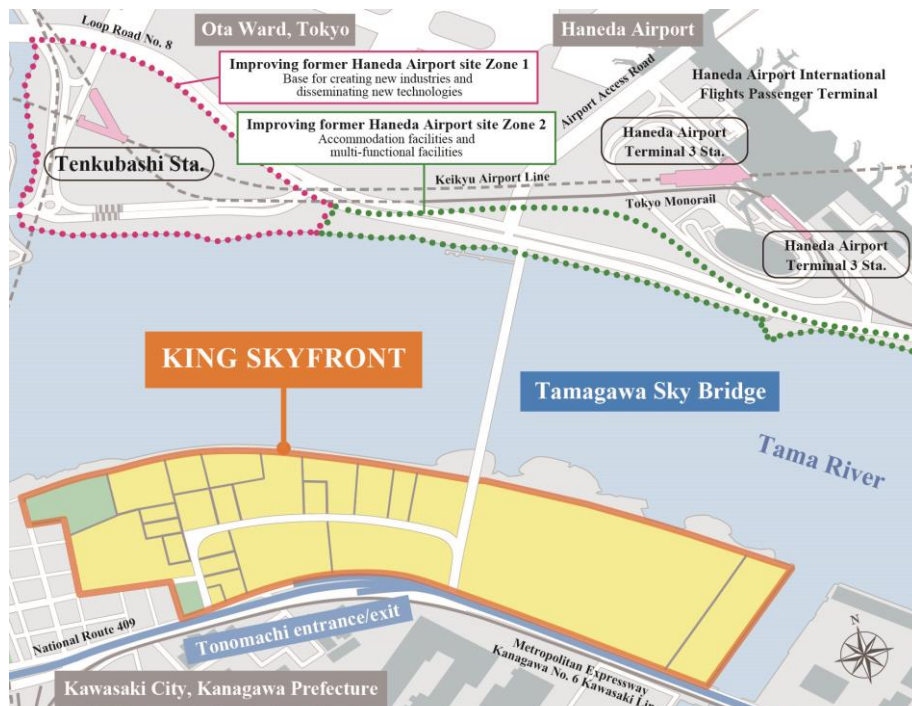


South area (approx. 43 ha)

- Complex industry zone
Focus on production functions such as mother factories, etc.
- R&D/industrial support zone
Focus on prototyping and evaluation associated with technological development, small-scale production functions, etc.

Approximately 80 institutions, mainly companies and research institutes in the life science field, are located in this area, where researchers and other high-level personnel active in Japan and abroad gather and interact actively.

Located adjacent to Haneda Airport, it attracts and fosters startups and promotes collaboration among global companies and research institutions.



No. of organizations
located in the area

Approx. 80



As of May 2024

No. of researchers

Approx. 900




● Research institutes/academia

- Innovation Center for NanoMedicine
- National Institute of Health Sciences
- Kawasaki City Institute for Public Health
- Kawasaki Environment Research Institute
- Keio University
- Institute of Science Tokyo
- Kanagawa University of Human Services
- Kanagawa Institute of Industrial Science and Technology

● Drug discovery and drug discovery support

- Central Institute for Experimental Medicine and Life Science
- PeptiDream
- PDRadiopharma
- JSR

● Medical devices

- Johnson&Johnson
- Medtronic
- CYBERDYNE
- Create Medic
- SHIMADZU CORPORATION
- SB-KAWASUMI LABORATORIES

● Regenerative medicine

- AnGes
- Knowledge Palette
- Takara Bio
- REPROCELL

Shin-Kawasaki Sozo no Mori - One of the largest startup support bases in Japan -

● Evolution of cutting-edge technology and startup base

Since the establishment of the Keio University K² Town Campus in 2000, Shin-Kawasaki Sozo no Mori has developed as the largest incubation base in the Tokyo metropolitan area, and is now promoting new changes with an eye on the next 100 years.

Overview of main facilities

- Asia's first IBM quantum computer "Kawasaki" installed at NANOBIIC (July 2021)
- One of the largest incubation centers in the Tokyo metropolitan area established in Shin-Kawasaki Sozo no Mori
- As the Kawasaki New Industry Creation Center, three incubation facilities (KBIC Main Building, NANOBIIC and AIRBIC) were established. With a total of 100 laboratories with a total floor area of 8,100 square meters, the center houses around 50 startup companies.
- Equipped with Class 10000 and Class 100 clean rooms, the center creates new industries in the nano and micro fields.

Quantum computer Source : IBM Japan



NANOBIIC Yellow Room



● Shin-Kawasaki Sozo no Mori: Reorganization plan of the base for updating functions

- A new innovation facility will be built on the K² Town Campus site. As a research and development base for cutting-edge computing (quantum, AI, semiconductors, Beyond 5G) and DX fields, existing facilities will be demolished and new facilities will be built. The aim is to create a center for knowledge and human resources.
- Creation of both an environment for innovation creation where highly skilled personnel gather and a space for relaxation open to the local community
- Promotion of industry-academia collaboration in the DX field and further development of the startup ecosystem

Development schedule

By the end of FY 2025

Selection of private sector business operators to carry out facility development

By the end of FY 2029

Start sharing

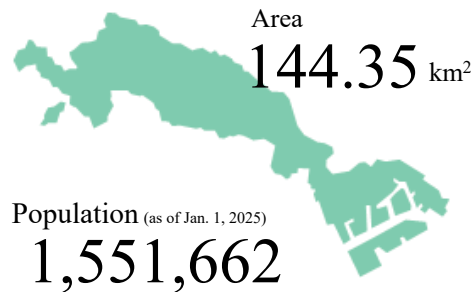


Perspective drawing after updating the functions (for reference)

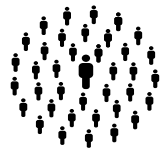
Living Environment and Support Systems



Kawasaki, a livable city



Population density (as of Jan. 1, 2025)
10, 749 / km²



Nominal GDP of the City (FY 2021)

Approx. **6,170.1** billion yen



Approx.
1.1%
of national GDP

Kawasaki City celebrated its
100th anniversary in 2024.



KAWASAKI CITY



Green
Communities

No. of parks **1286**



Green For All
KAWASAKI 2024



Fujimi Park

Todoroki Ryokuchi Park

Ikuta Ryokuchi Park

“Diversity”
×
Green

“Experience and Feel”
×
Green

“History and Culture”
×
Green



Next
Generation

KADOKAWA DREAMS



INTERNATIONAL
STREET FESTIVAL
KAWASAKI 2024



music



Kawasaki Jazz



MUZA Kawasaki Symphony Hall



Tokyo Symphony Orchestra



Well
Being

Kawasaki City Ordinance for the Creation
of a City that Respects Human Rights and
Free from Discrimination

The only one
in Japan

Prohibits hate speech in public places
Penalties to those who make hate speeches repeatedly



Sports

Kawasaki Sports Partner



Kawasaki Frontale



Kawasaki Brave Thunders



Fujitsu Frontiers



NEC Red Rockets Kawasaki



Fujitsu Red Wave



Toshiba Brave Ares








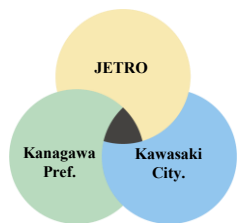
Global

Kawasaki City
Representative
Assembly for
Foreign Residents



List of support by JETRO, Kanagawa Prefecture and Kawasaki City

	Before leaving the country	Preparation to set up a base	When setting up a base	After setting up a base (business expansion)
Support for setting up a base or a company 		JETRO Consultation on setting up a base or a company, introducing experts, etc. (Form of business expansion, corporate registration, opening a bank account, tax filing, visa application, introduction to administrative scrivener or tax accountant)		JETRO Introducing experts necessary for business expansion (Administrative scrivener for obtaining additional visas, labor and social security attorney for creating employment regulations)
Securing offices, laboratories and factories 		JETRO Support for finding offices (introduction of real estate agencies, provision of property information, etc.) Kanagawa Pref. Support for finding offices (introduction of real estate agencies, provision of property information, etc.)	JETRO Temporary office (up to 50 business days) Kanagawa Pref. Rental office (up to 3 years) Kawasaki City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A scheme for increasing floor area ratios for facilities that attract industrial cluster, etc. • Project to promote matching of business sites, etc. (provision of property information) 	JETRO Support for finding a new location (introduction of real estate agencies, provision of property information, etc.)
Securing human resources 		JETRO Support for securing human resources, labor consultation and introduction of specialists (introduction of human resource placement services, introduction of labor and social security attorneys, etc.)		JETRO Matching with highly skilled foreign professionals
Business Support 	JETRO (Overseas Offices) Introducing the business environment of the destination country Kanagawa Pref. (Overseas Offices) Introducing the business environment in Kanagawa Prefecture		JETRO Posting on the website and press releases Kanagawa Pref. Posting on the website and press releases	JETRO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching with highly skilled foreign professionals • Support for promotion Kanagawa Pref. Networking Kawasaki City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of business information (website and mail magazines) • Matching support (Kawasaki Institute of Industrial Promotion) • Business consultation for SMEs (Kawasaki Institute of Industrial Promotion)
Subsidy systems 		Kawasaki City. Support for startups (K-NIC)	Kawasaki City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovate Kawasaki Next (Coastal Area R&D Function Enhancement Subsidy) • Location promotion subsidy for small and medium-sized manufacturing industries • Industrial location promotion fund Kanagawa Pref. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up support subsidy (subsidy for part of registration fees, fees for using specialists, fees for using personnel placement services, etc.) • Partial subsidy for office rent, etc. 	Kanagawa Pref. Partial subsidy for office rent, etc. (for expansion)



Information useful for foreign companies to set up a business location in Kawasaki City

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Invest Japan



Kanagawa Prefecture
Subsidy for Supporting Foreign Companies Setting Up Business Base in Japan



Select Kanagawa
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Handbook of Kawasaki City
Policies for Revitalizing Small and Medium-sized Enterprises



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