

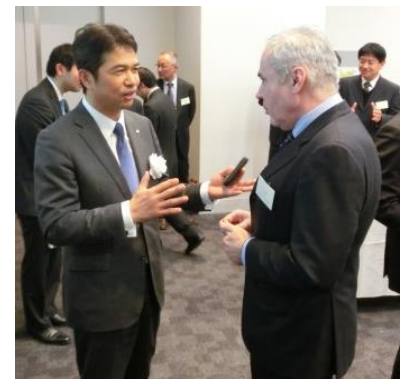
Regional Business Conference in Ibaraki Prefecture

Invitation Program to Ibaraki

Ibaraki prefecture is proactively attracting foreign companies to create employment and innovation, and rejuvenate the local economy. In Tsukuba Science City, the world’s most advanced research organizations which generate innovation are concentrated, and there are over 20,000 researchers of which roughly 7,000 are from overseas. Taking advantage of upcoming events that are drawing attention to Ibaraki and Japan, such as the G20 Ibaraki Tsukuba Ministers Meeting on Trade and Digital Economy in 2019 and the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020, Ibaraki Prefectural Government and JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) offer an attractive invitation program for foreign companies who are interested in investing in Ibaraki in the field of life science or robotics industry. In this program, we will hold business matching opportunities with local companies, offer tours of world class institutes located in Tsukuba, and the governor of Ibaraki will explain about Ibaraki in person.

■ Program Outline

Schedule	Feb. 19, 2019 (Tue) ~ Feb. 20, 2019 (Wed)
Place	Day 1: Hotel Grand Shinonome at Tsukuba Day 2: TSUKUBA CENTER, INC. at Tsukuba
Event	<p>【Day 1】 Feb. 19, 2019 (Tue)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Ibaraki Prefecture • Pitch Event • Courtesy call to the Governor of Ibaraki • Reception <p>【Day 2】 Feb. 20, 2019 (Wed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Matching with Japanese Companies • Visiting Research Institutions, University, and Companies in Ibaraki <p>【Day 3】 Feb. 18, 2019 (Mon) or Feb. 21, 2019 (Thu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An optional extra day • Optional arrangement of business inspection



The top sales at Ibaraki Foreign Investment Seminar (Feb. 2018)



Touring research institutes (Feb. 2017)

■ The advantages for participants

- By studying the investment climate and support system in Ibaraki, you can investigate the possibility of establishing an R&D center.
- Through reception and business matching, you can build a network with the world's most advanced research institutes and Japanese companies with excellent technologies.
- You can promote your company's products and services to visitors and potential business partners.

■ Who can apply?

- Foreign companies who are interested in investing in Ibaraki in the field of life science or robotics industry.
- Executives with the right to decide about investment can join the entire program.

■ Costs borne by Ibaraki Prefectural Government and JETRO

(For one person per company/In-kind payment)

- Flight to/from Japan
- Travel insurance
- Hotel accommodation for the duration of the program
- Travelling costs within Japan for the duration of the program
- Arrangement of business meetings with Japanese business partners
- Interpreter during the exhibition and business meetings

■ Costs not included

- Hotel expenses (e.g. food, laundry service)

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