

Offshore Wind and Investment Promotion in Chiba Prefecture

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Chiba Prefecture

(By the way...) Where is Chiba?

- Simply put, Chiba is located next to **Tokyo**.



【Famous spots】

- **Tokyo** Disney Resort
- **Tokyo** German(!) Village
- Narita International Airport
- Makuhari Messe

Narita Airport is actually found in Chiba, not **Tokyo**.

Chiba's Strengths

- However, Chiba has **several strengths** that Tokyo does not have.

【Population】

approx. 6.27 million

(**6th** in Japan) *As of January 1, 2026

【Area】

5,160 km² (28th in Japan)



Chiba's Industrial Strengths

Agriculture : 4th

(Agricultural output)

Fisheries : 9th

(Sea catch)

Commerce : 9th

(Annual product sales)

Industry : 8th

(Manufactured goods shipment value, etc.)

All major sectors
rank in

Japan's top 10.



The infrastructure is also well-developed.

- Narita Airport
1st in Japan for airport cargo handling volume
- Chiba Port
2nd in Japan for cargo volume

- **Offshore wind power generation** is positioned as a “**key driver**” in the national energy plan.

Offshore wind power generation is expected to account for a certain percentage of Japan's electricity supply as a power source for which costs are expected to be reduced in the future. It is a “key driver” toward making renewable energy a major power source in Japan just as it is overseas where rapid cost reductions and project development are advancing.

In addition, because of the large project scale and its broad industrial base, it is expected to have economic ripple effects, such as contributing to job creation through construction and O&M activities.

Excerpt from “The 7th Strategic Energy Plan ”
https://www.enecho.meti.go.jp/en/category/others/basic_plan/

Key Points of Chiba's Offshore Wind



NEDO demonstration machine (Choshi)
※2018.1~ commercial

Purpose

- Revitalizing the local economy through industrial clusters
- Securing renewable energy

Superiority

- Huge demand for electricity in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area
- Rich wind conditions
- Shallow waters
- Understanding and cooperation of local fishermen
- Over 10 years of offshore wind experience

The situation in each sea area of Chiba

- Offshore wind projects underway in **4 areas**.

1. Off Choshi City

Dec 2021 Operator selected
Aug 2025 Withdrawal of the selected operator

* Re-tender preparation underway

Output: 410MW

2. Off Isumi City

Sep 2021 Organized into “promising areas”

Output: 410MW

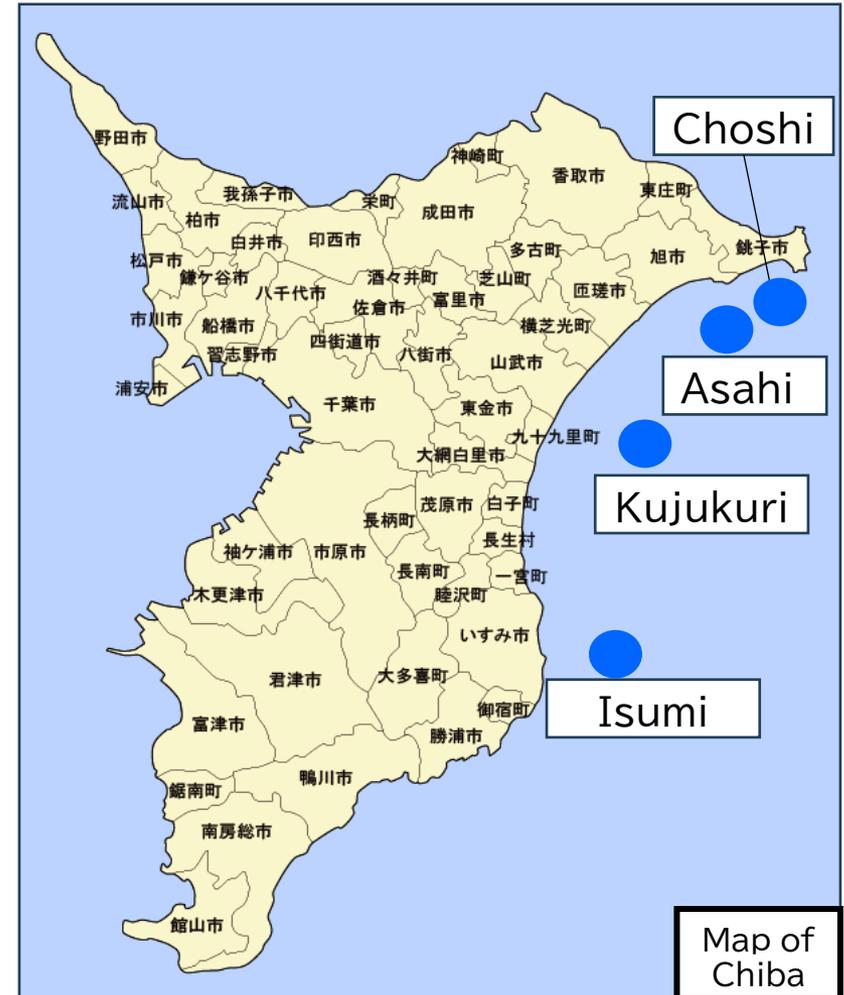
3. Off Kujukuri

Sep 2022 Organized into “promising areas”

Output: 400MW

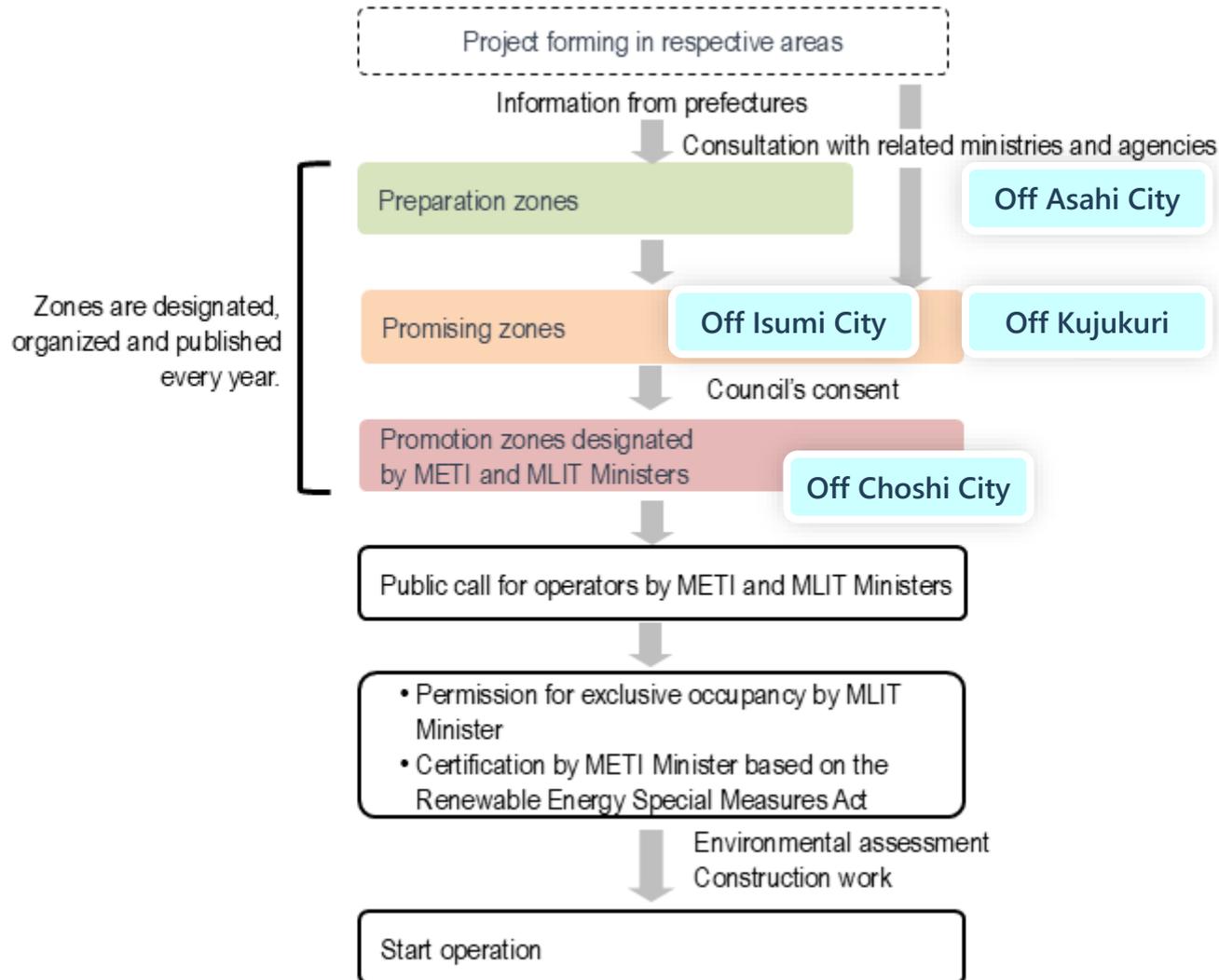
4. Off Asahi City

Oct 2025 Organized into “preparation areas”



(Ref.) Overview of Japan's offshore wind system

Process for designating areas and soliciting businesses



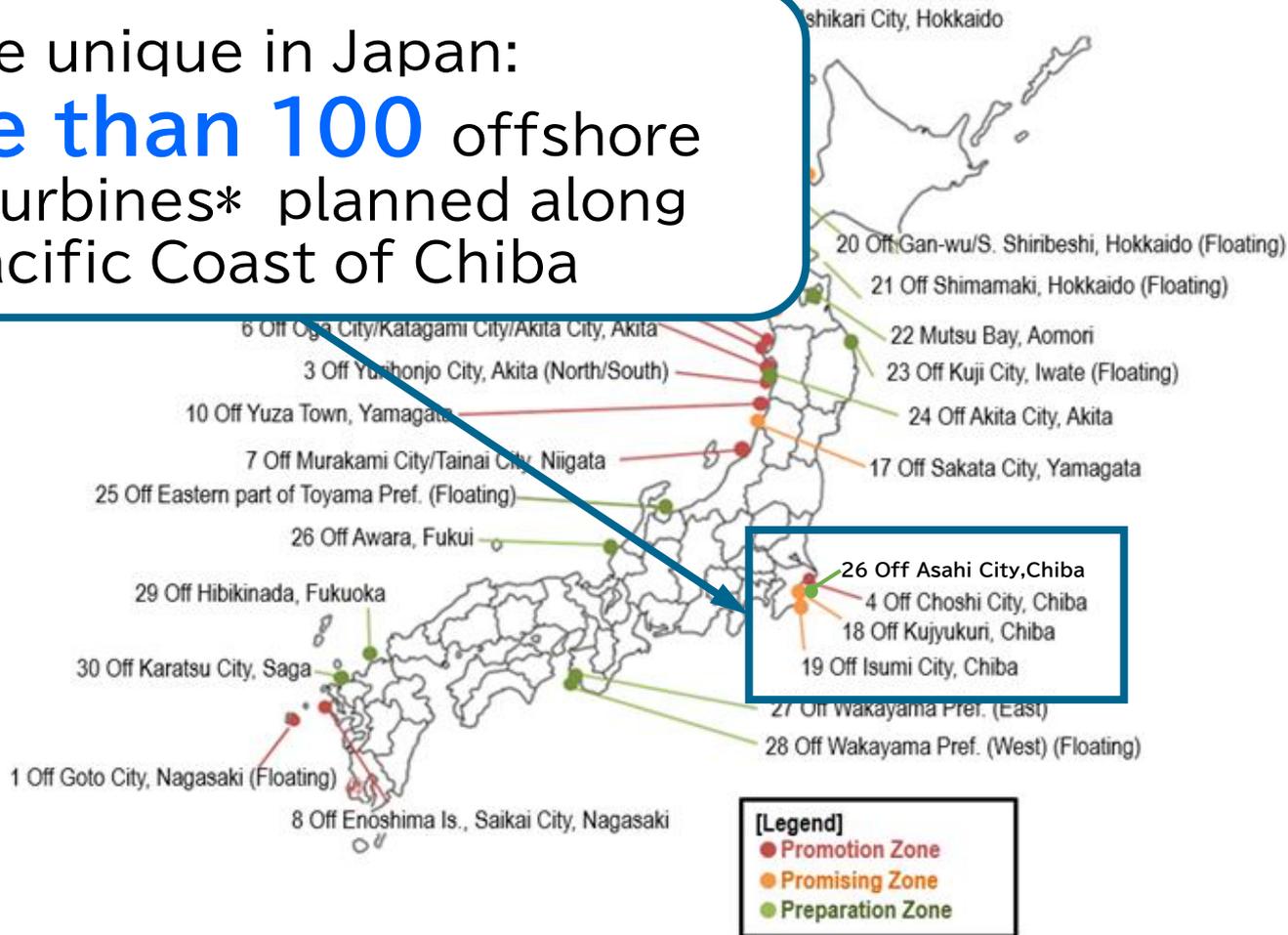
(Source) Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Japan's Offshore Wind Power Generation Now and the Future
https://www.enecho.meti.go.jp/en/category/special/article/detail_208.html

(Ref.) Status of offshore wind in Japan

Area designated and organized status (As of October 3, 2025)

A scale unique in Japan:

More than 100 offshore wind turbines* planned along the Pacific Coast of Chiba



*Estimated values based on published output and a 15MW reference turbine size.

(Source) Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Japan's Offshore Wind Power Generation Now and the Future (Chiba Prefecture adds some information) https://www.enecho.meti.go.jp/en/category/special/article/detail_208.html

- Supporting Local Supplier Participation.

○ Workshop between turbine OEMs and local suppliers (2023, 2024)

① MHI Vestas (2023)

※ Joint venture between

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Vestas

② Siemens Gamesa (2024)



Other: Business meetings and information sessions

off Choshi City (2022, 2023) Mitsubishi Corporation, GE, Toshiba Energy Systems

- ① Overview briefing (power generation business and construction plans)
- ② Onshore construction
- ③ Wind turbine related materials

Trends of companies in Chiba(1)

Komai Haltec

(Wind turbine tower production)



To produce offshore wind turbine towers in Chiba

Komai Haltec

- Offshore wind turbine tower production from FY2026
- ¥5.5 billion investment in Chiba
- Capacity for up to 15MW-class turbines (**Chiba Futtsu plant**)

(Source) July 24, 2024, Nihon Keizai Shimbun
<https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXZQOUC042UPOU4A700C200000/>

Nippon Steel

(Steel production for towers)



Corporate collaboration with Vestas

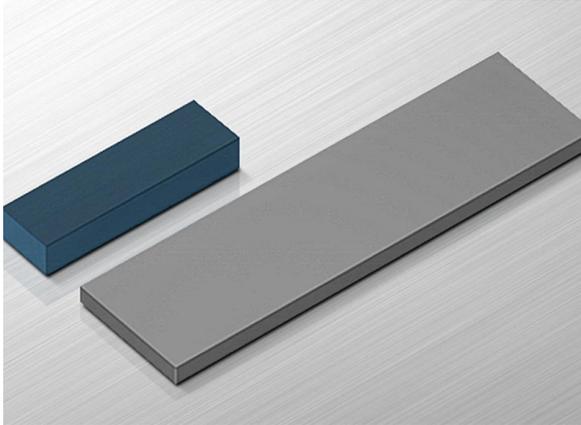
Vestas × Nippon Steel

- MoU to strengthen the global wind power supply chain
- Tower steel supplied from **Kimitsu Works, Chiba** to Europe, Asia, and Japan

(Source)
July 30, 2025 - Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry website
<https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2025/07/20250730004/20250730004.html>

TDK

(Manufacturing magnets for wind turbines)



Neodymium magnet developed by TDK
(Source: TDK website)

Collaboration with Siemens Gamesa

Siemens Gamesa × TDK

- MoU for magnet supply collaboration
- TDK permanent magnets for wind turbines
- Manufacturing base in Narita City, Chiba

(Source)

June 24, 2025 Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry website
<https://www.meti.go.jp/press/2025/06/20250624004/20250624004.html>

June 24, 2025 Yomiuri Shimbun Online
<https://www.yomiuri.co.jp/economy/20250624-OYT1T50003/>

Furukawa Electric

(Submarine power cable manufacturing)



Submarine power transmission cables loaded onto a ship

Establish a new submarine cable factory in Chiba by 2030.

Furukawa Electric

- New submarine power cable factory in Futtsu City, Chiba
- Approx. ¥100 billion investment (incl. government subsidy)
- Supporting renewable power transmission and international cable projects

(Source) October 8, 2025, Nihon Keizai Shimbun
<https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXZQOUC084450Y5A001C2000000/>

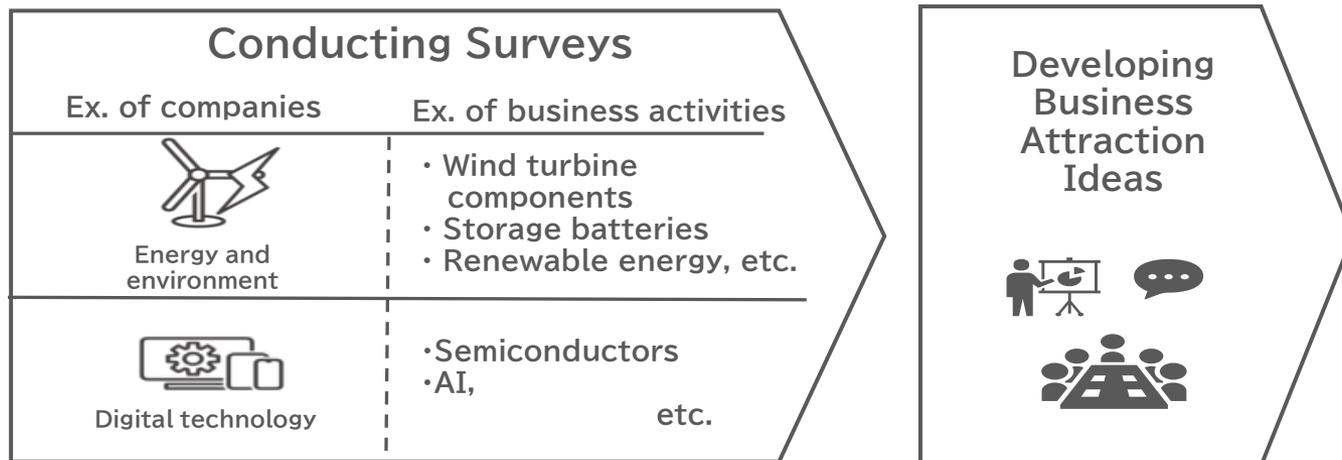
■ Survey on promoting Offshore wind industry locations

To revitalize the prefectural economy through offshore wind, we will survey both growth industries expected to locate in Chiba and business attraction measures.

[Survey details]

Interviewing companies in growth sectors related to offshore wind.

- ✓ Survey the potential for locating in Chiba for industries expected to grow (such as energy and environment, digital technology, and materials).
- ✓ Survey of companies with potential for location in Chiba.
- ✓ Based on the results, we will create ideas to promote the location of businesses in Chiba.



■ Marine renewable energy introduction and industry creation research project

Budget: 30 million yen

Advancing offshore wind along the Pacific coast through local consensus. Linking offshore wind to regional economic revitalization.

- ◆ Host workshop with turbine OEMs for Chiba-based suppliers
- ◆ Promote Chiba at industry events (e.g., Wind Expo)
- ◆ Publish materials showcasing local capabilities etc.

These initiatives will support local companies' entry into the offshore wind supply chain.



For company-owned buildings to establish a new factory and research facility, etc.

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Maximum subsidy amount : 1 billion yen.

If a company belonging to a designated industry constructs its (①・②) in a designated area,

additional subsidies will be provided.

Designated areas



Designated industries

- 1 Digital technology-related industries
- 2 Energy and environment-related industries
- 3 Bio-related industries
- 4 Material-related industries



Corporate Establishment Subsidy Program (for rent)

For rental buildings to establish a new “**corporate headquarters**” or “**research facility**” etc.

Maximum subsidy amount : **10 million yen**

1/2 of the building rent will be subsidized for one year!

- ① An office with 1 - 4 employees (Headquarters or research facilities or other type of facilities) → up to 600 thousand yen
- ② An office with 5 - 9 employees (Headquarters or research facilities or other type of facilities) → up to 1.8 million yen
- ③ An office with 10 - 49 employees (other type of facilities) → up to 1.8 million yen
- ④ An office with 10 - 49 employees (Headquarters or research facilities) → up to 5 million yen
- ⑤ An office with 50 or more employees (Headquarters or research facilities or other type of facilities) → up to 10 million yen

Only for Foreign Companies



Projection
only

We will subsidize part of **the interior construction costs** for companies establishing **corporate headquarters** or **research facilities** under **the subsidy program for rent**.

Maximum subsidy amount :

10 million yen



For headquarters,

One-third of the costs will be subsidized*.

For research facilities,

One-half of the costs will be subsidized*.

*Projects newly submitted on or after April 1, 2026 are expected to be eligible.

① Tokatsu Techno Plaza

– An industrial support facility established by Chiba Prefecture –

【Main Services】

- Provision of rental-type research and development rooms

【Monthly Usage Fees】

- Research & Development Rooms (4th–5th floors): 25,550 yen and up
- Shared Research Rooms (3rd–4th floors): 118,580 yen and up
- Business Incubation Rooms (6th floor): 43,780 yen and up



② KOIL BASE

– A hard-tech office operated by Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd. –

- Lab floors and office floors are available within the same facility.
- Located close to an outdoor demonstration and testing site
- Subsidies from Chiba Prefecture and Kashiwa City may be available depending on location.
(For details, please refer to the prefecture's or city's official website.)
- **Construction was just completed in January 2026, with move-in starting on February 15!**

<https://office.mitsuifudosan.co.jp/detail.php?id=72457>



Chiba Investment Support Center (CISC)



Investment advisors are stationed in JETRO's Chiba Office!

The following services will be provided to companies from overseas who intend to set up business in Chiba Prefecture!

- Introduction offices, factories, laboratories, business sites, etc.
- Introduction of specialists in registration, visa, accounting, and labor affairs
- Support for recruiting human resources
- Support for developing sales channels

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