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# INVEST IN AICHI

The Industrial Capital of Japan



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AICHI-NAGOYA



“Heart” of JAPAN  
-Technology & Tradition-





## Welcome to Aichi Prefecture, the industrial capital of Japan!

Hideaki Ohmura, Governor of Aichi Prefecture

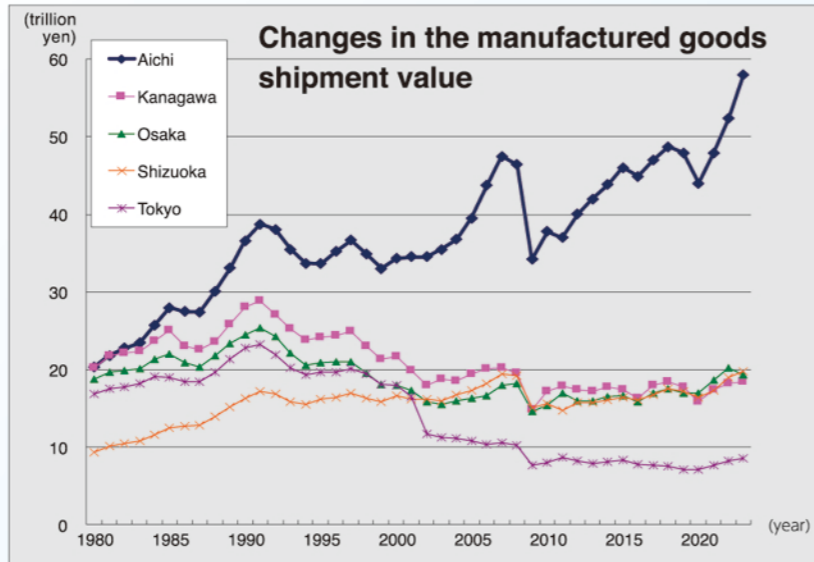
Aichi Prefecture, which has the geographical advantage of being in the center of Japan and other advantages including excellent transport infrastructure, is an industrial capital and manufacturing center that leads the world economy. We have seen considerable progress in Aichi's major initiatives including "STATION Ai," Japan's largest startup support facility, aiming to drive open innovation, and a variety of hydrogen related projects to realize a hydrogen society, which are expected to shape the future of Japan. With a large non-Japanese population, Aichi Prefecture strives to make itself more livable for all residents. We are looking forward to supporting your investments in Aichi, the industrial capital of Japan.

### Industrial clusters in Aichi

Value of Manufactured goods shipments: USD 374 billion (JPY 58.0218T)  
15.5% share in Japan

Ranked 1st in Japan for 47 years since 1977

(Source: 2024 Economic Conditions Survey, METI)



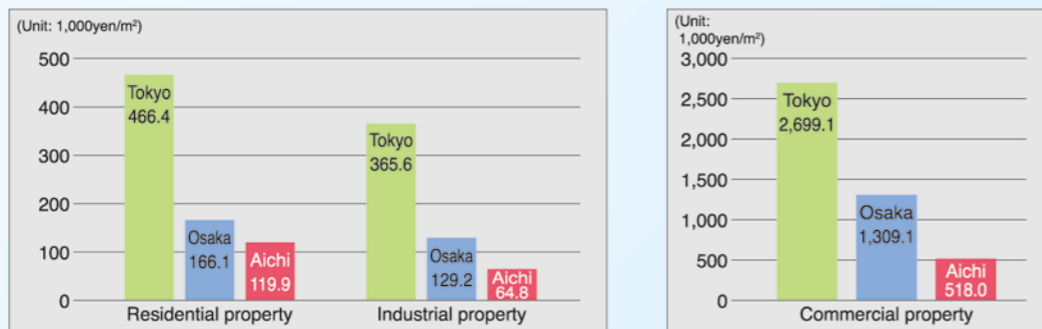
\*Graph created by Aichi Prefectural Government based on the Census of Manufacture (until 2018) and Economic Conditions Survey (after 2019)

### Industries ranked first in the Japanese market share No.1 in 10 out of 24 manufacturing categories

Transportation machinery and equipment	Electric machinery and equipment	Rubber products	Iron and steel	Plastic products
Metal products	Ceramic, stone, and clay products	Textile	Business-use machinery and equipment	Production-use machinery and equipment

### Comparison of cost among the three major urban areas

Among the three major urban areas, business expansion into Aichi costs significantly less.



Source: Prefectural Land Price Survey, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

### Access

**Nagoya Airport**  
Nagoya Airport is a hub for small aircrafts, such as Commuter Airline.

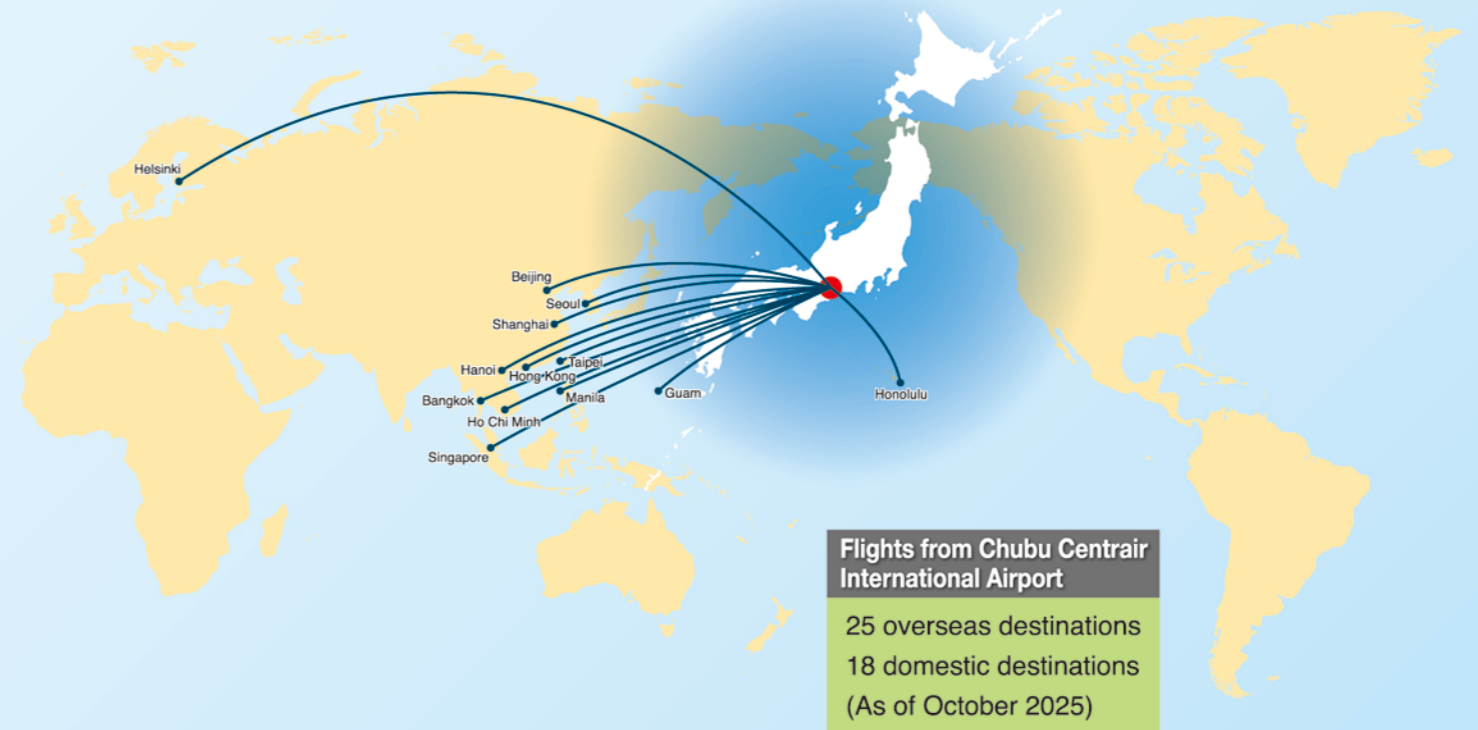
**Chubu Centrair International Airport**  
Chubu Centrair International Airport, the air gateway to the central Japan region, is a 24-hour airport with an extensive network of international and domestic flights.

**The Port of Nagoya**  
The Port of Nagoya, which ranks first in Japan in terms of total cargo throughput and export value, is a major international logistics hub in the country.

**Chuo Shinkansen (SCMaglev)**  
(To be launched between Nagoya and Tokyo in 2027 or later)

**Aichi Sky Expo**  
Japan's first international exhibition center  
Directly connected to the international airport

**Legend:**  
 - JR Line (Yellow)  
 - Shinkansen (Green)  
 - Other railways (Blue)  
 - Expressway etc. (Red)  
 - Expressway etc. (under construction) (Dashed Red)



Voices of businesses operating in Aichi Prefecture

**1 Autoliv Japan Ltd.** [Sweden] Automotive safety

Start of operation in Aichi: July 1989

Colin Naughton, President

(Pictured: Katsuya Muguruma, Communications and Marketing Senior Manager, Asia)



We develop, manufacture, and market safety solutions such as airbags, seatbelts and steering wheels for the mobility market, including automobiles. We opened our Chubu facility in 2023 in Chita, Aichi as it is a major hub for the automobile industry and allows us to quickly deliver products to our customers' manufacturing sites. The facility also has excellent access to the Chubu International Airport. Aichi provides an environment that makes collaboration between Japan and the global market easy.

**2 Carbon Technologies Nippon** [U.S.A.] 3D Printer

Start of operation in Aichi: February 2023

Philip DeSimone, Office of the CEO

(Pictured: Scott Macpherson, Production Success Manager)



Carbon Technologies Nippon offers 3D printers and related products which meet a variety of needs from prototyping to mass production. We established a technical lab in Aichi, located in the center of Japan, to provide solutions for a wide range of customers involved in manufacturing. Aichi is a manufacturing hub with a cluster of associated businesses. Extensive support provided by the local governments is also advantageous. Aichi provides opportunity to network with a diverse range of businesses and is an ideal location for overseas companies who want to establish a connection with local manufacturing industries.

**3 UrbanChain Group Co., Ltd.** [Hong Kong] AIoT

Start of operation in Aichi: October 2023

Vitaly Pentegov, CEO



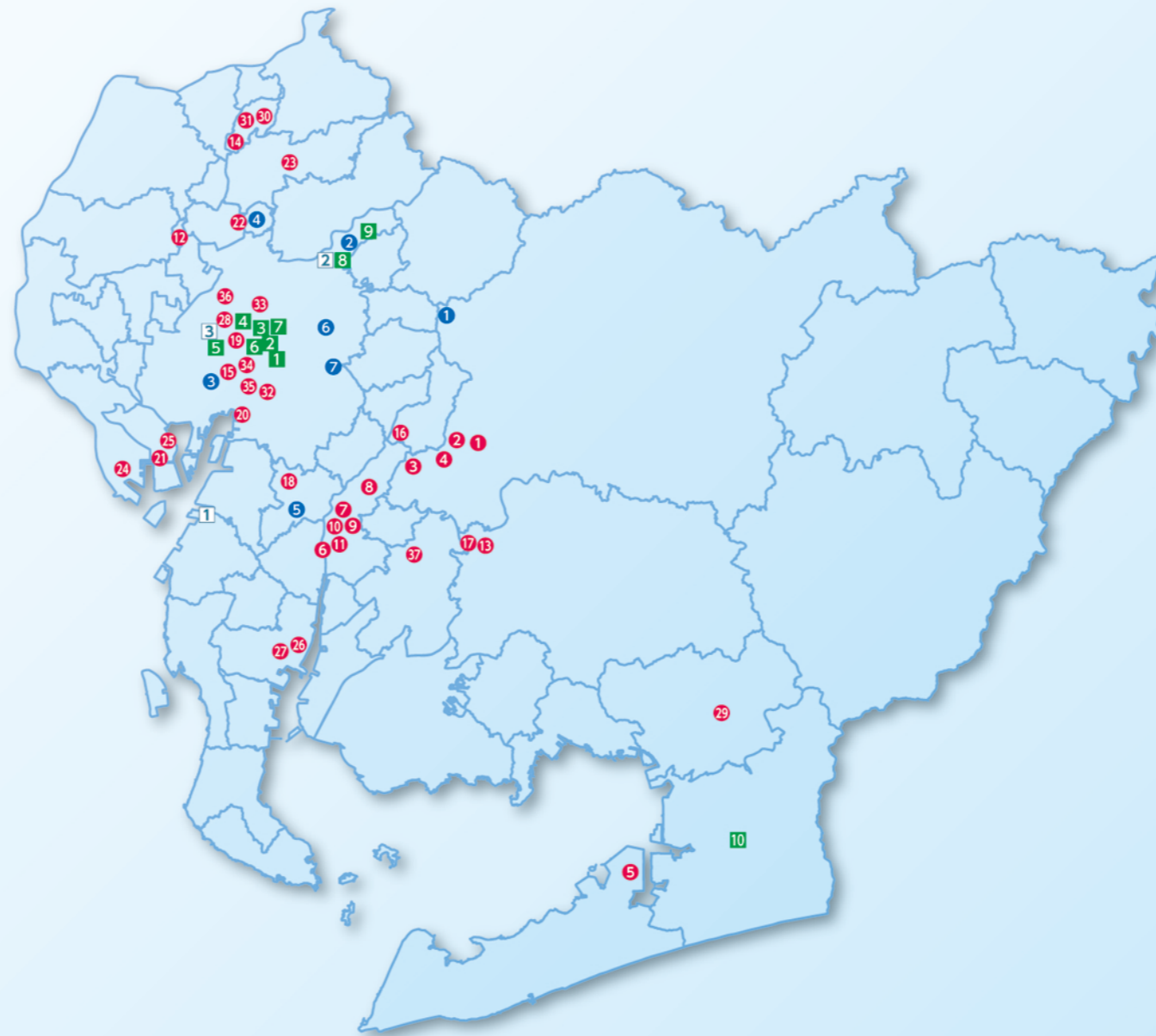
UrbanChain Group Co., Ltd. is a revolutionary smart parking solutions provider. We are located in Aichi, a transportation hub in the central Japan region, providing an innovative parking management system. Aichi has great access to different areas across Japan and overseas and is the perfect place to introduce new technologies to market. We will continue to strengthen ties with local companies and municipalities to contribute to sustainable urban development.

Main Incubation Facilities

- 1 STATION Ai
- 2 NAGONO CAMPUS
- 3 NAGOYA INNOVATOR'S GARAGE
- 4 JETRO Invest Japan Business Support Center (IBSC) Nagoya
- 5 Nagoya Business Incubator (nabi/Kanayama)
- 6 Nagoya Business Incubator Shirakane (nabi/Shirakane)
- 7 Nagoya Life Science Incubator (NALIC)
- 8 Creation Core Nagoya
- 9 Science Exchange Plaza
- 10 Toyohashi Science Core

Main Research Facilities

- 1 Knowledge Hub Aichi (Aichi Center for Industry and Science Technology, Aichi Synchrotron Radiation Center & Research Area)
- 2 AIST Chubu, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
- 3 Nagoya Municipal Industrial Research Institute
- 4 Aichi Prefecture Flight Research Center & JAXA Nagoya Flight Research Center
- 5 National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology & Aichi Service Robot Practical Application Center
- 6 Academic Research & Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration, Nagoya University
- 7 Meijo University



Businesses operating in Aichi Prefecture

Automobile Sector

- Toyota Motor Corporation
  - 1 Head Office
  - 2 Motomachi Plant
  - 3 Takaoka Plant
  - 4 Tsutsumi Plant
  - 5 Tahara Plant
- 6 Toyota Industries Corporation
- 7 JTEKT CORPORATION
- 8 TOYOTA AUTO BODY CO., LTD.
- 9 AISIN CORPORATION
- 10 DENSO Corporation
- 11 TOYOTA BOSHOKU CORPORATION
- 12 Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd.
- 13 MITSUBISHI MOTORS CORPORATION Okazaki Plant
- 14 Tokai Rika Co., Ltd.
- 15 Aichi Machine Industry Co., Ltd.
- 16 Sango Co., Ltd.
- 17 Futaba Industrial Co., Ltd.
- 18 Aisan Industry Co., Ltd.
- 19 Niterra Co., Ltd.

Aerospace Sector

- Nagoya Aerospace Systems Works, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd.
  - 20 Oye Plant
  - 21 Tobishima Plant
  - 22 Komaki South Plant
- 23 Nagoya Guidance & Propulsion Systems Works, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. Aerospace Systems Company
  - 24 Nagoya Works 1
  - 25 Nagoya Works 2
- SUBARU Corporation Aerospace Company
  - 26 Handa Plant
  - 27 Handa West Plant

Machine Tool Sector

- 28 DMG MORI Sales and Service Co., Ltd.
- 29 OSG Corporation
- 30 Okuma Corporation
- 31 Yamazaki Mazak Corporation

Other Sectors

- 32 Brother Industries, Ltd.
- 33 Daido Steel Co., Ltd.
- 34 NGK Corporation
- 35 Nippon Sharyo, Ltd.
- 36 NORITAKE CO., LIMITED
- 37 Makita Corporation

## Next-generation Industry Project

### Startups

Since formulating the "Aichi-Startup Strategy" in 2018, Aichi has been investing efforts into the STATION Ai Project. At the core of this project is STATION Ai, a startup support hub opened in October 2024. Its mission is to create, nurture, scale and attract startups, and foster open innovation in collaboration with Aichi's manufacturing companies. To achieve these goals, STATION Ai offers resources such as facilities and various support essential for entrepreneurial success under one roof.



### Hydrogen and ammonia

To facilitate the adoption of carbon neutral fuels such as hydrogen and ammonia across diverse sectors, Aichi has initiated hydrogen-related projects to create supply and demand of hydrogen at local power plants, factories, ports, logistical, agricultural, and public facilities. We have also established the Central Japan Hydrogen and Ammonia Association (CH2A) to help develop hydrogen and ammonia supply chains and accelerate utilization.



JERA Hekinan Thermal Power Plant aiming for substitution to ammonia fuel



Opening ceremony for a hydrogen station

### Autonomous driving

To improve autonomous driving technology, Aichi conducts a variety of testing and offers one stop governmental service for facilitating adoption.



Autonomous driving vehicle regularly operated in Nagoya

### Offshore wind power

Aichi provides support on the floating wind turbine demonstration projects taking place off the coast of Tahara and Toyohashi Cities using the national Green Innovation Fund provided by the Japanese Government.



Photo provided by Kanadevia Corporation

## Incentives

### Subsidies

\*Other conditions apply. Please contact us for further details

#### Subsidies for Business Facility Investment

##### Foreign-Affiliated Company Startup Support Program \*Supported by the Greater Nagoya Initiative Center (GNIC)

Eligibility Criteria	Foreign-affiliated companies that will newly establish a business base in Aichi, Gifu or Mie Prefectures
Eligible Expenses	1. Professional service fees for company registration 2. Recruitment agency fees and similar expenses 3. Real estate brokerage fees
Maximum Amount	Up to 500,000 yen, in proportion to the capital

##### Aichi Prefecture Business Facility Investment Subsidy for Cutting-Edge Sectors of the 21st Century

Eligibility Criteria	Factories or research institutes of the manufacturing or software sectors in advanced technology fields such as aerospace
Subsidy Rate (maximum)	Large enterprises: 8% (JPY 10 billion), SMEs: 10% (JPY 10 billion) *Up to JPY 1 billion if the investment is 30 billion or less

##### Aichi Prefecture Business Facility Investment Subsidy for Promising Industries (Type B)

Eligibility Criteria	Factories or research institutes in next-generation growth sectors, such as the automotive industry, producing materials or products that help strengthen industrial competitiveness
Subsidy Rate (maximum)	Large enterprises: 8% (JPY 10 billion), SMEs: 10% (JPY 10 billion)

##### Aichi Prefecture Business Facility Investment Subsidy for Promising Industries (Type C)

Eligibility Criteria	1. Software companies that start business in Aichi for the first time (except for companies that already reside in Station Ai) 2. Software companies that further expand their business 3. Startups moving out of STATION Ai
Subsidy Rate (maximum)	1: 50% plus additional personnel allowance (JPY 500,000 per employee) (Up to JPY 17 million for 3 years) 2 and 3: 30% (Up to JPY 10 million for 2 years)

#### Subsidy for Research and Development

##### Aichi Prefecture Research and Development Subsidy

Eligibility Criteria	Companies conducting R&D or demonstration projects in sectors with high growth potential including next generation vehicles, aerospace, digital (AI), and carbon neutrality
Subsidy Rate (maximum)	Large companies: 1/3 (JPY 100 million), Medium: 1/2 (JPY 100 million), SMEs: 2/3 (JPY 100 million)
Application Period	Typically from March to April (once a year)

### Tax Incentives

#### Business Facility Investment Tax Incentive (Real estate acquisition tax exemption and reduction)

Eligible Business Sectors	Manufacturing sector of the aerospace industry	Manufacturing sectors of other industries, etc.
Eligible Districts	Districts categorized under (1) or (2) (1) Districts of the Special Zone to Create Asia No.1 Aerospace Industrial Cluster (2) Districts designated by the Governor of Aichi upon request from the mayor of the municipality where the applicable area is located	Districts designated by the prefectural governor upon request by mayors of municipalities
Eligible Property	Buildings Land	Buildings newly constructed on newly purchased or rented land for applicable business operations Newly purchased land, if buildings are newly constructed within three years after purchase
Amount to be Reduced	Total tax amount	Large companies: Amount equivalent to half of total tax amount Small and medium-sized companies: Amount equivalent to three-fourths of total tax amount

#### Industrial Sites Owned by the Aichi Public Enterprise Bureau

##### Long-Term Installment Plan for Repayment of Land Acquisition Fees

Installment Period	To be paid within 10 years (10 or fewer installments including the first payment)
First Payment	10% or more of the total contract amount
Installment Plan	Equal annual principal installment for the contract amount that remains after the first payment

##### Leasing System (available to specific areas only)

Land Leasehold (period)	Leasehold for business-use land (10-20 years)
Annual Leasing Fees	Coastal area: Selling price x 3% + a fixed asset tax equivalent amount Chubu Rinku coastal area: Selling price x 4.2% + a fixed asset tax equivalent amount

## Incubation facility information

### STATION Ai

Rent: Initial fee, starting at 3,300 yen  
Usage fee, starting at 33,000 yen (Other fees apply)  
Capacity: approx. 510 seats (Private rooms)  
approx. 640 seats (Fixed seats)  
approx. 400 seats (Coworking) \*As of August 1, 2025



### Nagoya Business Incubator Shirakane (nabi/Shirakane)

Rent: 2,300-2,900 yen/m<sup>2</sup>  
Capacity: 51 rooms



### NAGONO CAMPUS

Rent: Please contact the facility directly.  
Capacity: 28 rooms



### Nagoya Life Science Incubator (NALIC)

Rent: 99,000-224,400 yen  
\*Other fees apply  
Capacity: 50 rooms



### NAGOYA INNOVATOR'S GARAGE

Rent: 60,000 yen (Individual member)  
360,000 yen (Corporate member)  
Capacity: 11 areas



### Creation Core Nagoya

Rent: 137,280-535,040 yen  
\*Other fees apply  
Capacity: 19 rooms



### JETRO Invest Japan Business Support Center (IBSC) Nagoya

Rent: Free  
Capacity: 2 rooms



### Science Exchange Plaza

Rent: 3,200 yen/m<sup>2</sup> including utility fees  
Capacity: 10 rooms



### Nagoya Business Incubator (nabi/Kanayama)

Rent: 2,300-2,900 yen/m<sup>2</sup>  
Capacity: 25 rooms



### Toyohashi Science Core

Rent: 34,000-386,088 yen  
Capacity: 54 rooms



## Support Organizations for Business Expansion

### INVEST IN AICHI-NAGOYA CONSORTIUM (Providing free consultation services for global businesses expand to Aichi)

<https://www.invest-an.jp/en/>



### Greater Nagoya Initiative Center (GNIC)

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