



The Declaration of Startup Friendly Kansai 関西ベンチャーフレンドリー宣言

Under the Kansai Startup Backing Initiative, we aim to make the Kansai region a highly innovative area full of creativity and fully open to the world.

To this end, now that a startup ecosystem is emerging in the Kansai region, we hereby announce that all supporting companies are quite positive in: inheriting a dynamic corporate culture typified by a unique way of thinking as well as a “Just try it” culture, both of which we have long fostered; and staying close beside next-generation entrepreneurs striving hard to launch new businesses, thereby providing them with necessary support.

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[Our Overview] (Dear startups)

Given that the Kansai region has historically produced many entrepreneurs, we believe that the region has the potential ability to produce and raise entrepreneurs in modern society. In recent years especially, business enterprises, local governments, universities, etc. have taken a growing interest in nurturing startup companies, thereby intensifying support activities for startup companies. However, these efforts have only led to the region being dotted with startup companies that are not integrated into a single combined system of startup companies and start-up corporations. Among others, increased efforts for open innovation would be required from large companies and startup companies.

To enable the Kansai region to achieve further growth, it is vital to break the status quo to revitalize Kansai's startup ecosystem. This has prompted us to announce the Kansai Startup Backing Initiative, aimed at deepening cooperation between existing companies and new startups. Asked about big hurdles faced in opening up a business, many startup companies cited their being turned away at the door due to lack of past trade performance when they approached existing companies, as well as business-building and development of marketing networks, technical support, management of funds, etc. To solve these problems, we have called upon business enterprises and other organizations willing to provide consultation on these matters. Their category of business covers a broad range, including financing, trading houses, manufacturing, IT firms, and infrastructure-building. You are encouraged to actively use the opportunities offered under the bolstered system.

[Supporting Companies as of August 30, 2021](in alphabetical order) (95companies in total)

Industry	Company / organization name
Construction	DAIWA HOUSE INDUSTRY CO., LTD / SHIMIZU CORPORATION
Manufacturing	AIR WATER INC. / BANDO CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. / DAIKIN INDUSTRIES, LTD., / Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. / KOKUYO Co., Ltd / KONAN ELECTRIC CO., LTD. / KUBOTA Corporation / MCC FOOD PRODUCTS CO., LTD. / MARUICHI STEEL TUBE LTD. / MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC Corporation / Mitsuboshi Belting Ltd. / MORESCO Corporation / Nakanishi Metal Works Co., Ltd / Sanoyas Holdings Corporation / Suitousha Co., Ltd. / Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd.
Electricity, Gas	OSAKA GAS CO., LTD / The Kansai Electric Power Company, Incorporated
Information and communications	Asahi Broadcasting Group Holdings Corporation / Global Cyber Group, Inc. / ITOCHU Techno-Solutions Corporation / KANSAI TELEVISION CO. LTD. / Micware Co., Ltd. / NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE WEST CORPORATION / NTT DATA Corporation / Proassist, Ltd. / SOPPRA Corporation / The Asahi Shimbun Company / THE KOBE SHIMBUN / TIS Inc.
Transport and postal activities	ART CORPORATION / Japan Airlines Co., Ltd. / JR West INNOVATIONS CO., LTD. / Kintetsu Group Holdings Co., Ltd / MAGUCHI HOLDINGS CO., LTD. / Nankai Electric Railway Co., Ltd.
Wholesale and Retail trade	DIGITAL ALLIANCE HOLDINGS CO., LTD / FELISSIMO CORPORATION / ITOCHU Corporation / Iwatani Corporation / MANIX Co., LTD. / Mayatec Co., Ltd. / Mitsubishi Corporation / Rock Field Co., Ltd. / SEIBUNSHA Co., Ltd. / Sewing Takeuchi Co., Ltd / SHINYEI KAISHA / Sumitomo Corporation
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Real estate	Hankyu Hanshin Properties Corp. / SHIOYA TOCHI CO., LTD. / XYMAX KANSAI Corporation
Scientific research, professional and technical services	Daiko Advertising Inc. / HAKUHODO Inc. / Healthy City Design Institute Inc.
Accommodations, eating and drinking services	Hotel New Awaji Co., Ltd / Hotel Okura Kobe Co., Ltd / KOBE PORTOPIA HOTEL Co., Ltd.
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[Method for utilization and explanatory notes]

- If you wish to receive advice from a supporting company, you are requested to contact us with the content described. It should be noted that depending on the content, your requirements may not be met.
- If you have scheduled an interview, you may be requested to be accompanied by an interpreter (Japanese).

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