



# Business Location Guide Kizugawa City, Kyoto Prefecture



# 1. Introduction to Kizugawa City

Kizugawa City is located in the southern tip of Kyoto prefecture. The city is an active participant in the national Kansai Science City project and is continuously promoting its development.

Kizugawa City was formed on March 12, 2007 by the merger of Kizu, Kamo and Yamashiro towns. As expressed in the city's motto, Kizugawa is "A Cultural City, Rich in Water, Nature, and History Where People Cheerfully Unite to Create a Prosperous Future," and strives for its residents' happiness and well-being.

Located in the core region of the Kansai Science City, Kizugawa City is rich in history and nature, and acts a source of cutting-edge scientific and cultural research.

# [Summary]

- OFounded: March 12, 2007
- ○Address: 110-9 Kizu Minami-gaito, Kizugawa City, Kyoto Prefecture Southern tip of Kyoto Prefecture, north of Nara city (Coordinates: 34°44′N 135°49′E [City Hall])
- OArea: 85.13km<sup>2</sup>
- OPopulation: 75,000+ (as of December 12, 2017)
- OTransportation:
- ① Train: Japan Railways (3 lines) and Kintetsu (1 line)
  - Japan Railways JR Kizu Station (3 lines)
    - ✓ JR Kansai Main Line (to Nara, Osaka, Nagoya)
      - ✓ JR Nara Line (to Kyoto, Nara)
      - ✓ JR Gakkentoshi Line (to Osaka, Kobe)
  - Kintetsu Railways (1 line) Takanohara Station
    - Kyoto Line (to Kyoto, Nara)
- ② Car:
  - Route 24 (Kyoto to Wakayama)
  - Route 163 (Osaka to Mie)
  - Keinawa Motorway

#### Kizugawa City Hall



#### JR Kizu Station



# 2. Business Enterprises in Kizugawa

Among the 12 designated sites in Kansai Science City, 3 are located in Kizugawa City: Seika-Nishi Kizu, Heijyou-Soraku and Kizu.



# 3. Support for New Businesses in Kizugawa City

Kizugawa City offers various subsidies and incentives for businesses relocating to Kizugawa City. They are the *Business Start-up Subsidy* for development of business infrastructure, *Local Employment Subsidy* to encourage the employment of local residents, and *Business Operation Support Subsidy*. The *Business Operation Support Subsidy* offers **up to \fomega150,000,000** over 3 years. Kizugawa City also offers a comprehensive support service and provides advice and assistance with all aspects of government and municipal regulations, from planning to the start of business operations.

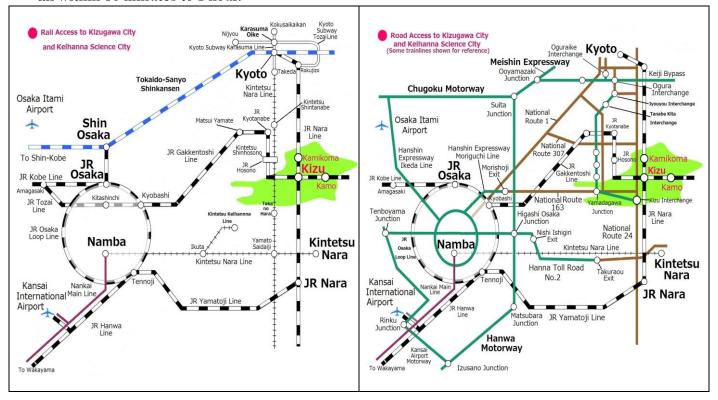
Overview of Kizugawa City Business Development Support Conditions

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Item		Details			
Prerequisites		<ul> <li>Businesses relocating from outside Kizugawa City, as well as businesses relocating, establishing new facilities, or expanding within Kizugawa City</li> <li>Businesses which will stimulate the local economy, industries, and employment</li> <li>Businesses which will operate with respect and care for the local environment</li> </ul>			
Eligible Areas		Semi-Industrial Areas			
Application Period		Businesses prepared to locate to Kizugawa by March 31, 2022.			
Allocation of Support		Decided after review by the Kizugawa City Business Development Committee			
Eligible Industries		High-Tech In  Head offices or branches of IT or R&D companies Head offices of manufacturing companies	Offices of     manufacturing     companies	Offices or Headquarters of manufacturing businesses (other than high-tech)     Other applicants proposing offices or headquarters may be accepted at the discretion of the Mayor	
Requirements	Site Area  Value of fixed assets  Locally employed staff	Over 500m <sup>2</sup> or over ¥20,000,000		Over 500m <sup>2</sup> or over ¥50,000,000  1 or more	
I		One tenth of cost of fixed assets			
Business Start-up Subsidy		Maximum subsidy: ¥	¥30,000,000 Maximum subsidy: ¥10,000,000		
II Local Employment Subsidy		<ul> <li>Subsidy for employing the following categories of employees for at least one year after start of business operations:</li> <li>Handicapped employees (%1) ¥500,000</li> <li>Regular employees (%2) ¥400,000</li> <li>Other employees ¥100,000</li> <li>Maximum subsidy over 3 years: ¥30,000,000</li> </ul>			
III Business Operation Support Subsidy		<ul> <li>Fixed Asset Tax rebate (excluding land value tax): First Year: 90%, Second Year: 66.6%, Third Year 33.3%</li> <li>Maximum subsidy over 3 years: ¥150,000,000</li> <li>Businesses with invested fixed assets of over 10 billion yen and 5 or more new local employees may receive up to 600 million yen in Business Operation Support subsidies.</li> </ul>			

- oRecipients of the Kyoto Industrial Site Strategy 21 Special Business Subsidy are not eligible for Subsidy I and II above.
- •Recipients of the Ordinance Concerning Exception to City Tax Measures Regarding the Establishment of Kansai Science City are ineligible for Subsidy III.
- $(\mbox{\ensuremath{\%}}\mbox{\ensuremath{1}}$  ) As designated by Section 2 of the General Handicapped Persons Act
- (\*2) Kizugawa City will determine the status of regular employee based on: direct employment, non-fixed term working contract, working hours, status of social insurance, etc.

# 4. Access to Kizugawa City

Located in the center of the Kansai Region, Kizugawa City is well serviced by public transportation. Kizugawa City is connected with direct trains to the metropolitan areas of Kansai, Osaka and Kyoto, all within 30 minutes to 1 hour.



## 5. Further Information

For parties interested in further information and discussion, please direct all enquiries to the Kizugawa City Hall Tourism, Commerce, and Industry Division, or the Urban Renaissance Agency.

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### Notable News

- OIn December 2007, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (METI) named Kizugawa City as one of 12 municipalities noted for business development strategies.
- OIn March 2010, the *Keihanna Area Regional Basic Plan* was approved by the National government. The bill provides <u>favorable treatment of low-interest loans</u> to businesses looking to establish themselves in Kizugawa City and Keihanna area.