

Startup City Fukuoka — Global Startup Centre

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Japan's first National Strategic Special Zone for global startups (2014), Fukuoka City created Asia's first Startup Visa for foreign founders, achieving a 7.3% founding rate (above Tokyo's 6.1%), 1,406 registered startups, and an 82% five-year business survival rate.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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