

Tsukuba Science City

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Japan's flagship planned science city since 1963, Tsukuba concentrates dozens of national research institutes and ~20,000 researchers spending nearly half of Japan's R&D; budget — though peer-reviewed research documents its struggle converting research into commercial output.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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