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Support system for foreign and foreign-affiliated companies

Basic Requirement of Foreign and foreign affiliated companies

- ① Companies founded under foreign laws
- ② Companies founded under the Japanese law with 1/3 or more of the capital investments of foreign corporations

Each support system has eligibility requirements imposed by Hyogo Prefectural Government, Kobe City Government and the JETRO.

Office Rent Subsidy System

[Kobe City]

- ▶ Area: All areas of Kobe City
- ▶ Subsidy amount: Up to 25 % of rent (utilities and taxes excl.)
- ▶ Maximum amount: JPY \1,500/m² per month; JPY \10,000,000 per year
- ▶ Max. Subsidy period: 3 years
(5 years when a space of 1,500m² and more is rented)

[Hyogo Prefecture]

- ▶ Area: Kobe International Economic Zone
- ▶ Subsidy amount: Up to 25 % of rent (utilities and taxes excl.)
- ▶ Maximum amount: JPY \750/m² per month; JPY \1,000,000 per year
(JPY \1,500/m² per month; JPY \10,000,000 per year if 11 or more new full-time employees are hired)
- ▶ Maximum subsidy period: 3 years

Prefectural Corporate Enterprise Tax Reduction [Hyogo Prefecture]

- ▶ Area: All areas of Kobe City
- ▶ Reduction rates *1: A 1/4 of prefectural corporate enterprise tax
- ▶ Period: 5 years
- ▶ Requirements *2: 11 or more new permanent employees

*1,2:

A 1/3 of prefectural corporate enterprise tax reduction is applicable if a space of 1,000m² or more is utilized in Kobe International Economic Zones (employment requirement is not applicable).

Additional Subsidy for Employment [Kobe City]

- ▶ Requirement: Five or more permanent employees (Kobe citizens)
- ▶ Maximum amount: JPY \100 mil.

Kobe City	Site for accumulating business functions *2
• Requirement: Newly moving into Kobe City *1 Indefinite-term full time employee: JPY\1,200,000/ person Other: JPY\200,000/ person	• Requirement: Newly employed Kobe citizens *1 Indefinite-term full time employee: JPY\1,000,000/ person Other: JPY\150,000/ person

*1 Unemployment insurance and other requirements apply.

*2 City area around Sannomiya station, Shin-Kobe, Motomachi, Kobe, Port Island, etc.

Employment Subsidy [Hyogo Prefecture]

- ▶ Requirement: 11 or more new permanent employees
- ▶ Maximum subsidy: JPY \300,000 per person (Hyogo citizens)
- ▶ Maximum amount: JPY \300 million

Company Start-up Support [Hyogo Prefecture]

Subsidy for Corporation Registration Fee

- ▶ Area: Kobe International Economic Zone
- ▶ Maximum subsidy: 50% of qualifying expenses
- ▶ Maximum amount: JPY \200,000

Subsidy for Market Research Fee

- ▶ Area: Kobe International Economic Zone
- ▶ Maximum subsidy: 50% of qualifying expenses
- ▶ Maximum amount: JPY \1,000,000

Free Temporary Offices [JETRO Kobe]

- ▶ Maximum Use Period: approx. 3 months