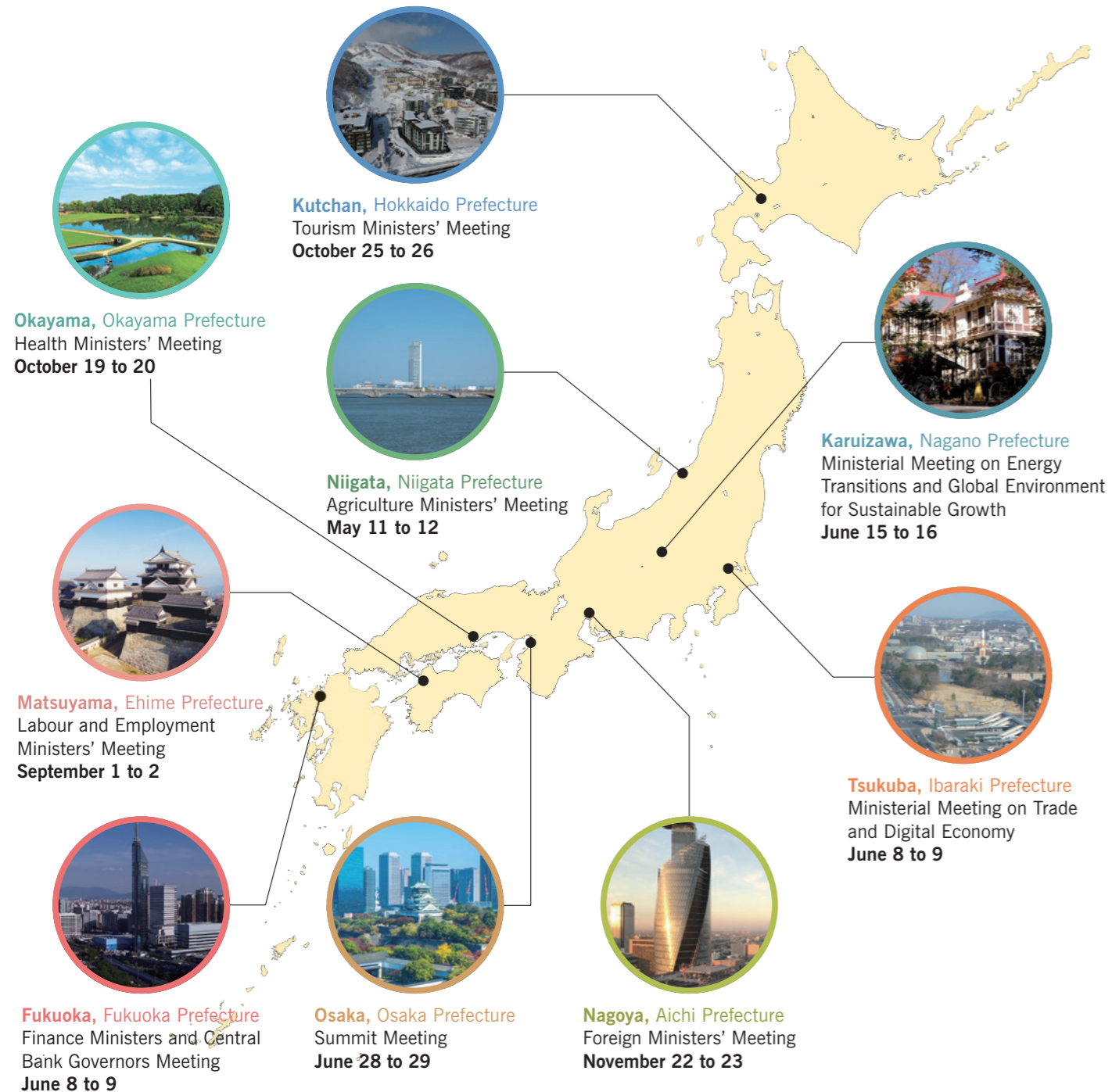


# All Nine Host Cities Represent Unique Aspects of Japan

The nine cities hosting the G20 Summit and its related ministerial meetings all have their own fascinating cuisine, history, and culture.



## Flourishing from Ancient Times as Japan's Center of Commerce and Trade

Osaka, Osaka Prefecture | Summit Meeting | June 28 to 29

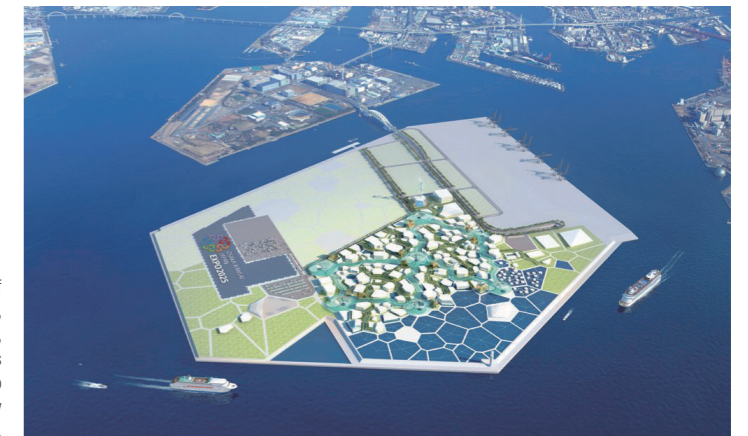
Osaka has been a major city of commerce and trade since olden times. Today it is served by three different airports, including Kansai International Airport, with round-the-clock arrivals and departures, and has become an international city visited by over ten million foreign visitors every year. Osaka is brimming with so many manufacturing companies that people say there is nothing that it cannot make.

Together with other nations, Japan now faces the issue of a super-aging society. Osaka is promoting endeavors that incorporate cutting-edge technologies to develop a society in which all people can live healthy and happy lives, with the plan to showcase its achievements to the world by hosting EXPO 2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN, with the theme of "Designing Future Society

for Our Lives."

Both the prefecture and the city have collaborated to enhance the functionality of Osaka's urban infrastructure to provide the ideal environment for welcoming the visiting G20 heads of state. Osaka is

taking every precaution for the safety of the top-level global summit and the 30,000 people who will come for it. Mustering the combined strength of both the public and private sectors, Osaka is doing all it can to bring about a successful G20 Summit. ✨



As the host city of EXPO 2025 OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN, Osaka continues to transform to become a truly international city.

### Hako-zushi

A type of sushi comprising an ingredient placed upon rice seasoned with vinegar and molded in boxes. The ingredient chosen for each sushi square is most often a high-quality food such as conger eel, prawn, or sea bream.



### Takoyaki

Osaka locals have a reputation for an enthusiasm for culinary delights. Takoyaki, made by mixing octopus and spices into flour batter and frying them into balls, is the representative gourmet snack in the city.

## What to Enjoy in Osaka

### The City of Water

Osaka, one of Japan's economic and cultural hubs, was developed through water-based transport and is fondly referred to as "the city of water."



## Pioneering Next-generation Agriculture and Food Culture

Niigata, Niigata Prefecture | Agriculture Ministers' Meeting | May 11 to 12



Niigata has implemented various advanced measures to boost its agricultural productivity, such as the use of driverless tractors.

and the incorporation of information and communications technology. While promoting such forward-looking agriculture, it is also striving to create a new food culture, doing such things as helping restaurants operated by farming families.

Niigata, the city that is also notable for its distinctive Japanese cuisine, sake, and geisha culture, is easily accessible from Tokyo in as little as 100 minutes by the Shinkansen bullet train. When Japan ended its isolation from other countries 150 years ago, Niigata Port was one of the five ports nationwide designated to be open to international trade. In addition to being the year for welcoming the G20, 2019 also marks the 150th anniversary of the port's opening. The city is treating that momentous occasion as a "second opening of the port," and plans to further promote its reputation as an international hub city. \*

The city of Niigata boasts highly-productive agriculture and fishing. In particular, it produces more rice than any other area, and is home to the premium rice brand known as Koshihikari. In the past, however, much of the land used to be flood-prone marshes, including even the farming regions that today are very fertile. It therefore used to be a struggle for the farmers

to manage the water and soil to create the farmlands. In order to hand down the productive fields to subsequent generations, Niigata has a long history of engaging in environmentally-friendly, sustainable agriculture, while also working to increase its profitability.

Today, Niigata is working hard to develop state-of-the-art agriculture through large-scale plant factories

### What to Enjoy in Niigata

#### Niigata Port

Niigata Port is in the northern part of the city. Currently celebrating 150 years since it first opened, it continues to play the role of an important gateway to Japan.



#### Rice

The city of Niigata is a bountiful rice producing region. The flavor of cooked rice is simple, but delicious to eat even on its own.

#### Nihonshu (Japanese sake)

Premium Japanese sake owes its flavor to high quality rice. The city of Niigata is home to 14 sake breweries, and each has its own unique flavor.



## A Leading Japanese City for Startups

Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture | Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting | June 8 to 9

The city of Fukuoka, with a population of 1.57 million, boasts the largest economy in the Kyushu region. In addition to enjoying an economic boom, the city has also been designated by the national government as a National Strategic Special Zone for Global Startups and Job Creation.

For certain startups within the special zone, the corporate tax rates are lowered and visa requirements relaxed. Together with support from Fukuoka's startup accelerator Fukuoka Growth Next, the city has attracted outstanding human resources from both around Japan and overseas, and is the origin of many unique enterprises. Fukuoka is even regarded by some as Japan's most startup-friendly city. Experiments on drones and hydrogen energy are conducted within the city, and the implementation of technologies such as artificial intelligence and

the Internet of Things (IoT) are also making headway.

Fukuoka's airport, harbor, and main station are concentrated in a 2.5km (1.6mi) radius, creating a compact urban structure. The city is also surrounded by a rich natural environment of ocean and mountains, and its striking urban vitality exists in harmony with that environment.

The waves of innovation are surging in the financial sector as well, and the world is keeping a close watch on future developments, lending great significance to Fukuoka's hosting of the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting. As the host city, Fukuoka is determined to make the meeting a success. \*



Fukuoka boasts one of Japan's largest startup accelerators, Fukuoka Growth Next.



#### Seaside Momochi

Seaside Momochi is a seaside area in the city of Fukuoka. This popular public space has a park, sandy beach and other attractions.

### What to Enjoy in Fukuoka

#### Hakata ramen

Hakata ramen is the local cuisine of the city of Fukuoka. This delicious dish of pork-bone broth and thin noodles can be enjoyed at *yatai* (street food stalls) in the city.



## A Science City and Hub of Cutting-edge Technology

Tsukuba, Ibaraki Prefecture | Ministerial Meeting on Trade and Digital Economy | June 8 to 9



Ibaraki is devoted to the use of robotics and digital technology to foster a new generation of skilled professionals.

cultivate future leaders. Examples of such efforts include its approaches to resolving social issues using innovative digital technologies, such as autonomous driving and robotics, and fostering human resources with the help of digital equipment.

Through the upcoming meeting, Tsukuba aims to live up to its reputation as a cutting-edge technological hub, amid Ibaraki Prefecture's beautiful nature, and show the world examples of its progressive global economic partnerships and digital technology utilization. \*

Ibaraki Prefecture, located in the vicinity of Tokyo, features highly-developed agriculture and manufacturing, which finely balance each other. Furthermore, Tsukuba, the ministerial meeting's host city, is known as Japan's leading city of research and academia, producing scores of cutting-edge technologies. Roughly 9,400 researchers, students

and the like from about 140 countries also live in this international city. Tsukuba enjoys easy access from Tokyo, taking just a quick forty-five minutes by train.

Leveraging the innovations developed at Tsukuba, Ibaraki is taking advantage of its favorable conditions to pursue efforts to further boost its industry and

### What to Enjoy in Tsukuba

#### Blueberry

Popular for their largeness, and perfect blend of sweet and tangy flavors, blueberries are one of the city's special local products. The city has also earned a name for processed products such as jam.



#### Tsukuba Space Center

Rocket Plaza, located at the Tsukuba Space Center, is one of Tsukuba's notable landmarks. The plaza symbolizes Tsukuba's role in Japan as a leader in the development of advanced technologies.

## A Community in Harmony with Nature, Striving for Energy Self-sufficiency

Karuizawa, Nagano Prefecture | Ministerial Meeting on Energy Transitions and Global Environment for Sustainable Growth | June 15 to 16

The town of Karuizawa is located on a plateau and ensconced within a beautiful natural environment, just over an hour from Tokyo by the Shinkansen bullet train. It welcomes some 8.5 million visitors annually as one of Japan's preeminent resort areas. In 1886, the Canadian missionary Alexander Croft Shaw praised the town as "a hospital without a roof," and since then it has developed into a place for getting away from the summer heat, as well as an international setting for health and recreation.

Under the slogan "Karuizawa Smart Community," there are ongoing efforts to reduce the environmental impact by not only equipping public facilities with renewable energy systems, but also providing subsidies for the installation of residential solar panels and the purchase of electric

vehicles. Through those measures, the town hopes to promote energy conservation and "local production for local consumption" in the area of energy. Its goal is to become a community grounded in coexistence with nature.

As the host of the meeting, the

town hopes that future generations will come to see the meeting as a big turning point regarding the world's environmental issues, and aims to create the best possible environment for productive discussions, while informing visitors about such efforts. \*



To preserve its uniquely beautiful nature, Karuizawa adopts such policies as subsidizing the purchase of electric vehicles.



#### Cycling

The people of Karuizawa have worked hard to preserve their beautiful environment. Cycling in the lush green forest glades is a wonderful way to become fully immersed in the splendor of this nature.

### What to Enjoy in Karuizawa

#### Soba

Karuizawa belongs to the Shinshu area, located in the center of Japan's main island Honshu, renowned for its fragrant and chewy soba (buckwheat noodles). The cuisine is enjoyed cold or hot, with a wide selection of toppings.



## Making Life and Work Easier

Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture | Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting | September 1 to 2



Matsuyama works hard to create a society that provides supportive work environments for everyone.

The city of Matsuyama, the capital of Ehime Prefecture and the largest city on the island of Shikoku, boasts a great variety of attractions. Among them are Dogo Onsen, said to be the oldest hot spring resort in Japan, and whose main building is designated as an Important Cultural Property, and the four-century-old Matsuyama Castle in the city's center, which is one of the only twelve remaining

original castles in Japan. The neighboring Setouchi Shimanami Kaido Expressway also provides a world-renowned cycling course. This relatively warm city facing the Seto Inland Sea is wholeheartedly working toward creating an environment that is pleasant not only to live in, but also to work in.

Matsuyama is providing training and job-seeking support to women

raising small children, as well as to single parents and others, additionally creating opportunities for those people to work from home. That helps the development of diverse human resources, which contributes to resolving labor shortages among small and medium enterprises.

Starting in fiscal 2018, Matsuyama has striven to achieve its goal to be "Matsuyama City, leading the way in work style reform." Its initiatives include boosting work efficiency through the effective use of IT devices, promoting a wide range of work styles and schedules tailored to each person's lifestyle, and generally creating work environments that encourage people to stay long-term. Through this ministerial meeting, Matsuyama hopes to be the city where a new page is turned toward resolving labor and employment issues around the world. ✨

### What to Enjoy in Matsuyama

#### Citrus Fruits

Beside the Seto Inland Sea, the city of Matsuyama enjoys a warm climate throughout the year and is known as a producing area for high-quality citrus fruits.



#### Dogo Onsen Honkan

Dogo Onsen in Matsuyama is said to be Japan's oldest hot spring. Its main building was the first ever public bath to be designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan.

## Developing into a City Where Everyone Can Live a Long and Healthy Life

Okayama, Okayama Prefecture | Health Ministers' Meeting | October 19 to 20

The city of Okayama, located in a pleasantly warm region that has served many years as an important hub for domestic transportation, is known as a city offering advanced medical treatment on account of its plentiful medical resources. It boasts some of the highest rankings in the country for the number of doctors per capita, as well as for the quality of both its medical organizations

and its doctors. In 2014, the city hosted the Stakeholder Meetings of the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and has received high praise internationally as a city taking the lead in that field.

Okayama is also gaining recognition for its efforts toward sustainable urban development. In Okayama, health is considered the

foundation for building a sustainable city. The city is working to create an environment where everyone can enjoy a long and healthy life and continue living in a place he or she is accustomed to, even if medical or nursing care is needed.

Through the Health Ministers' Meeting, in addition to showcasing Okayama's approach to health and medical care as an issue of critical importance, the message will be conveyed that medical care should be provided under the philosophy of universal health coverage, meaning that everyone should have access to affordable health care services in time of need. ✨



Okayama utilizes its abundant medical resources for community development, helping everyone to live a long and healthy life.

### What to Enjoy in Okayama

#### Okayama Korakuen Garden

Okayama Korakuen Garden, a breathtakingly beautiful garden, is known as one of the three most famous gardens in Japan.



#### Fruit

The city of Okayama is also known as the Fruit Kingdom. You can enjoy fresh seasonal fruits such as grapes, white peaches and strawberries all year round.

## Evolving into One of Japan's Preeminent International Resorts

Kutchan, Hokkaido Prefecture | Tourism Ministers' Meeting | October 25 to 26



Kutchan supports the development of luxury condominiums and hotels, while enforcing strict town aesthetic standards.

The town of Kutchan, situated two and a half hours by car from New Chitose Airport in Hokkaido, is one of Japan's top ski resorts, internationally recognized for its high-quality powder snow and scenic landscapes. The number of foreign tourists has risen dramatically over the past twenty years. Luxury

condominiums are being built in rapid succession thanks to foreign direct investment, transforming the town into an international resort with beautifully organized streetscapes.

Besides skiing, the town also offers a variety of outdoor activities throughout the year, including

rafting and cycling in summer. The number of long-term residents is beginning to increase in summer as well, and the town is promoting its future potential as a year-round tourist resort.

Kutchan has taken various other measures to become even more hospitable toward foreign visitors, such as by putting up additional guidance signs and enhancing Wi-Fi coverage. To ensure foreign visitors can coexist in local society, the town has proactively helped the local hospital become foreign-language friendly. With the cooperation of local residents and related organizations to ensure the meeting's success, the entire town is looking forward to welcoming the participants from the various countries. ✨

### What to Enjoy in Kutchan

#### Rafting

In summer, rafting is also particularly popular in Kutchan.



#### Skiing

The town of Kutchan has grown into one of Japan's leading ski resorts. You can enjoy skiing against the backdrop of majestic nature.



## An Industrial Center Coexists with Tradition

Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture | Foreign Ministers' Meeting | November 22 to 23

Nagoya is the capital of Aichi Prefecture, a preeminent industrial region abounding in cutting-edge technologies and industrial strengths that is leading such fields as automobiles—hosting the headquarters of Toyota Motor Corporation—along with aerospace manufacturing and robotics.

The area has also produced

many of the samurai leaders who laid the foundation of early modern Japan, and contributed greatly to the evolution of the tea ceremony culture. There, one can discover leading technologies as well as develop an awareness of Japan's traditional culture and experience the true heart of Japan.

Nagoya has successfully hosted

various international meetings and events in the past, including COP10 in 2010 and UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development in 2014. Treating the G20 ministerial meeting as a concerted regional undertaking, the local residents will unite to provide a heartfelt *omotenashi* hospitality to all the guests. Peace and friendship are essential to global development, and the people of Nagoya hope to make this opportunity an international gathering that will enable the world's leading nations to cooperate for the future of humanity. ✨



Close to the headquarters of Toyota Motor Corporation, Nagoya has become one of Japan's biggest industrial centers boasting both cutting-edge technology and a highly-skilled workforce.

### What to Enjoy in Nagoya

#### Hitsumabushi

A dish called *hitsumabushi*, which is local to the Nagoya area. Grilled eel is placed over rice, and its taste can be adjusted by adding spices, broth or tea.



#### Shachihoko on Nagoya Castle

A *shachihoko* (golden tiger-fish) that adorns both ends of the roof of Nagoya Castle. It is also a symbol of Nagoya.

