

KAGAWA PREFECTURE



Prefecture's Flag

Main City: Takamatsu

Population: 986,000 people, ranking 39/47 prefecture (2013) [1]

Area: 1,876 km² [2]

Latest update: August 2013



Geographical / Landscape description

Kagawa comprises the northeast corner of the Shikoku region. It is also the smallest prefecture by area in Japan. Kagawa is a relatively narrow prefecture located between the mountains of Shikoku and the sea. [2]

Climate

The prefecture is blessed with a mild climate and bright sunshine all year long. Due to this The area's salt production is the most important in Japan, so much so that the prefecture has been nicknamed "Salt Kingdom Kagawa". As a side effect, the infrequency of rain causes regular water shortage during the summer period. [2]

Time zone

GMT +7 in summer (+8 in winter)

International dialling code: 0081

Recent history, culture

Kagawa Prefecture is home of one of the most successful projects related to the promotion of art and culture. Founded in 1989 on the small island of Naoshima, this project aimed to establish various contemporary art museums and events in a single location. Today, the project has spread to other nearby islands too, giving the area a high concentration of art centres and a famed international art festival called Setouchi Triennale that lasts for more than 100 days. [3]

Economic overview

Kagawa Prefecture has been developed historically as a centre of economy, culture, and industry in Shikoku as the gateway to the main island. In the economic and industrial fields, the prefecture focuses on improving the infrastructure to ease access to the Kinki economic bloc, which is one of the largest in Japan, and to the Chubu and Tokyo economic blocs to contribute to the development of industry in the prefecture. [4]

Economic Indicators

	Kagawa Prefecture	All Japan
Population (2013) [1]	986,000	127,350,000
Unemployment rate (2012) [5]	3.4%	4.3%
GPD (2010) [6]	0.7% of Japan's	495 trillion Yen

Infrastructure

Road/railways

Crossing the Seto Inland Sea, the Seto Ohashi Bridge links Kagawa Prefecture with Okayama Prefecture in Honshu, it is the world's longest two-tiered highway and railway bridge. [7]

Shipping

Takamatsu Port has regular routes to China and Korea. [8]

Civil Aviation

Takamatsu Airport with domestic flights to Tokyo and Okinawa and international flights to Korea, China and Taiwan. [9]

Living Environment

With its many touristic spots, a commitment to promoting art and culture and its quiet location, Kagawa prefecture is a great place to live.

Major types of economic activities

Agriculture, natural resources

"Salt Kingdom Kagawa" produces most of the salt used in Japan; it is also the largest producer of red carrots and olives. [2][10]

Manufacturing

In 2011, the manufacturing industry's shipment value was principally composed of petroleum and coal (24.9%), nonferrous metals (14.9%) and food and related products (10.9%). [11]

R&D, Innovation, Scientific research

The Kagawa Intelligent Park groups together six public R&D and science-related centres while around the area other private entities have established themselves. Kagawa Intelligent Park aims to provide a strategic location for research, development, and the creation of new industries through industrial, academic, and governmental cooperation. [12]

Opportunities for EU Investors / Exporters / Importers

Promising sectors for cooperation

Long-established industries: agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture, livestock breeding, primary metal, transportation machinery, food-related industries, petroleum and coal products, metal products.
Growing industries: nanotechnology, biotechnology. [4][10]

Financial/logistic support

- *Subsidy system for plants, experimental research establishments and information processing facilities
- *Financing system for plants and distribution facilities
- *Prefectural tax incentive measures
- *Kagawa Intelligent Park: research institutions providing support to companies

More information: <http://www.pref.kagawa.lg.jp/kigyoritti/english/prefential/index.html>

Setting up a business in Kagawa

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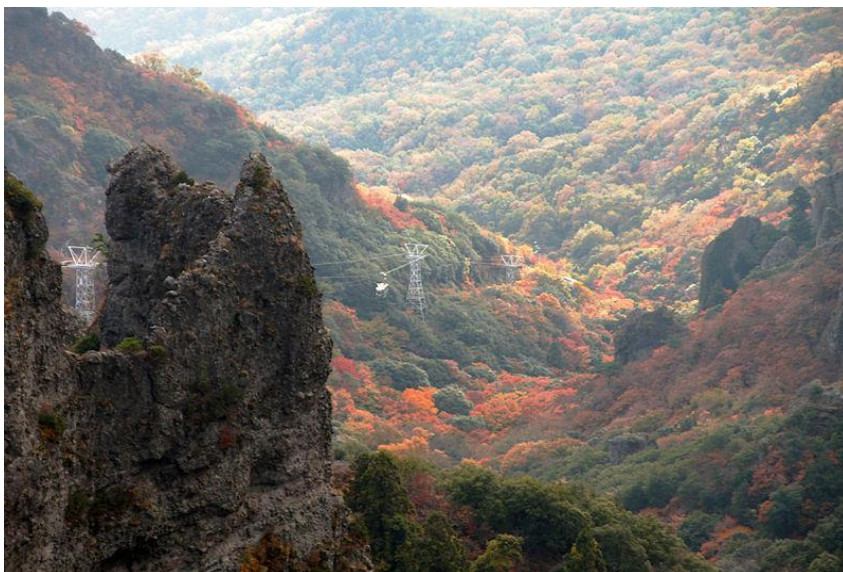
Other contacts:

Kagawa Prefecture
<http://www.pref.kagawa.jp/foreigner.shtml>
Kagawa Intelligent Park (links to 6 R&D centres)
<http://www.pref.kagawa.lg.jp/kigyoritti/english/research/index.html>
Kagawa Prefecture Tourism Association
<http://www.my-kagawa.jp/eg/>

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Autumnal view of Kankakei in Shodoshima



Takamatsu



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