

START YOUR BUSINESS IN SENDAI

Business Support

Visa Support

Lifestyle Support



Knowledge-creating industry

semiconductor-related businesses, software development, content production, robot-related businesses, etc.



Industries related to health, medicine, public welfare, and education

drug discovery businesses, medical technology development, regenerative medicine, development of welfare equipment, education-related businesses, etc.



Industries related to environment, energy, and Disaster Risk Reduction

development of clean energy, next-generation power-storing technology, provision of products and services associated with Disaster Risk Reduction, etc.



Industries related to trading and tourism

businesses contributing to the development of sales channels of products made in Sendai City, businesses associated with attracting foreign tourists, etc.

SENDAI Startup Visa support

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What's Startup Visa?

A Startup Visa is a special visa for foreign nationals who want to start a new business in Japan. It allows you to stay for up to 2 years while you prepare to launch your business.

You'll also receive support from the City of Sendai, so you can confidently move forward with your business plans.

Benefits of Starting a Business in Sendai

01 Extensive Support

You'll receive comprehensive support from experienced staff—covering everything from your business plans to the visa application process. You can also consult with us about finding an office, housing in Sendai, or opening a bank account.



02 Easy Access to the Tokyo Area

Sendai is about 90 minutes from Tokyo by bullet train, making it easy to attend meetings in Tokyo—even as a day trip.



03 A Comfortable Place to Live

Sendai is a beautiful city where nature and urban life coexist. The cost of living, including rent, is more affordable than in the Tokyo area, making it a great place not only to live, but also to start a business.



Sendai Tourism, Convention and International Association (STCIA)

About Sendai City



How to Get a Visa

STEP 01

• Contact Us

Email | Online | In Person

Contact : sendai-startupvisa@gtm.co.jp

STEP 02

- Prepare Application Documents
- Submit Application Documents

Email | Online | In Person

STEP 03

- Document Review
- Interview

Email | Online | In Person

STEP 04

- Receive Confirmation of Business Startup Activity Plan

Email | Online | In Person

STEP 05

- Apply for and Obtain Certificate of Eligibility
- Apply for and Obtain Startup Visa

Email | Online | In Person

STEP 06

- Begin Preparing Your Business in Sendai

Email | Online | In Person

From preparing your Startup Visa documents to receiving your visa:
Approximately 4–5 months (Timeline may vary depending on the review process)

Start with a Free Consultation!

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