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6	Development and strengthening of administrative services in English 【The four areas designated as special zones】	• Fukuoka Prefectural Government established the “FUKUOKA IS OPEN CENTER” in October 2024. The FUKUOKA IS OPEN CENTER provides one-stop, multilingual consultation services for foreign residents living in Fukuoka Prefecture regarding “Work”, “Study” & “Live”, and other life and employment - related issues, as well as status of residence, collaborating with specialized organizations from the prefecture and the national government. https://www.fisop.net/fisopcenterabout?lang=en • From October 2024, "The Global Startup Center" where all the necessary procedures for the establishment of a corporation can be done in one place, began providing English-language support for the procedures for the establishment of corporations related to health insurance, welfare pension insurance, employment insurance, labor insurance, etc. • Since February 2025, the Center has been handling articles of incorporation certification and corporate registration procedures in English. • Telephone and video interpretation, and AI multilingual voice translation applications will be introduced and used at counters in all ward branch offices in Fukuoka City.
7	Development and strengthening of administrative services in English 【The four areas designated as special zones】	[Fukuoka Prefectural Government Company Location Promotion Grant (Subsidy)] • Fukuoka Prefectural Government will provide subsidy for part of the costs incurred by foreign & foreign-affiliated financial institutions, asset management companies, and FinTech companies when they establish a business base in Fukuoka Prefecture (scheduled to be implemented in FY2025). [Fukuoka city Business Establishment Support Program] (a subsidy program for companies setting up a new base of operations in Fukuoka city) • Fukuoka city will grant up to 200 million yen for rent and employment to foreign & foreign-affiliated companies that have made their first entry into Fukuoka, and foreign financial institutions that conduct further expansion into Fukuoka from other cities in Japan(in addition to covering establishment costs). https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/k-yuchi/business/g01.html (Japanese site only with machine translation system)

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8	Development of infrastructures for business and living environments [The four areas designated as special zones]	• Support is provided to help run the Fukuoka International School, as well as expand the school building in order to increase the number of students. The school was established in cooperation with the local business community, the city, and the prefectural government. • <<Reposted>> Fukuoka Prefectural Government established the “FUKUOKA IS OPEN CENTER” in October 2024. The FUKUOKA IS OPEN CENTER provides one-stop, multilingual consultation services for foreign residents living in Fukuoka Prefecture regarding “Work”, “Study” & “Live”, and other life and employment - related issues, as well as status of residence, collaborating with specialized organizations from the prefecture and the national government. https://www.fisop.net/fisopcenterabout?lang=en • The Fukuoka City International Foundation operates the Fukuoka City Consultation Support Center for Foreign Residents. The Center provides information and consultations regarding-all aspects of a foreign national’s daily life, including residence (visa) procedures, employment, medical care, welfare, childbirth & childcare, children’s education, and so forth.
20	Various support measures to link fund providers and investees [The four areas designated as special zones]	• The international business matching event "RAMEN TECH" was held for the first time in October 2024. Many investors, start-up companies, and supporters from Japan and overseas participated in the event and ran a wide range of programs such as pitch contests, booth exhibits, individual business matching , and networking. In addition, we invited three overseas venture capital (VC) firms from Taiwan and Singapore. https://ramen-tech.jp/en/ • We held the "Kyushu-Yamaguchi Venture Market" event to support the financing of startups representing Kyushu and Yamaguchi prefectures in Fukuoka City. At the same time, individual meetings with VCs were held. • Fukuoka prefecture implements Fukuoka Startup Acceleration Program “ISSIN,” which provides expert assistance for accompanying start-up companies in their fundraising efforts.

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20	(continued from the previous page) Various support measures to link fund providers and investees 【The four areas designated as special zones】	• "F CUBE INNOVATION" was held to conduct matching events and individual business matching between domestic and overseas investors, five local startups, five domestic and overseas FinTech companies, and financial institutions and companies in Kyushu and Yamaguchi. • In collaboration with the Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC), "Global Connect Fukuoka", a startup support center operated by Fukuoka Prefectural Government, launched "F ★ Pitch", a pitch event to support startups in fundraising and business matching.
21	Measures for vitalizing local stock exchanges 【Hokkaido and Sapporo City, Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City】	• The Fukuoka Stock Exchange opened a new stock market for professional investors called "Fukuoka Pro Market" in December 2024 (8 companies in/outside of Kyushu have already been listed). https://www.fse.or.jp/english/index.php
22	Strengthening of promotion activities through participation in overseas financial events and exhibitions, etc. 【The four areas designated as special zones】 + 【Tokyo】	• Participated in "Tech Crunch Disrupt 2024" in San Francisco to promote Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City to North American VCs and FinTech companies. • Plan to conduct promotional activities at a FinTech event in North America (budget is under discussion from FY2025). • Members of TEAM FUKUOKA joined forces to conduct overseas promotions (FY2024: Vietnam, Singapore, Taiwan; budget is under discussion from FY2025).

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29	Taxation and fiscal support for the entry of growth industries and companies 【The four areas designated as special zones】	[Fukuoka Prefectural Government Company Location Promotion Grant(Subsidy)] Fukuoka Prefectural Government supports companies that establish, expand, or relocate their head office functions within Fukuoka Prefecture. <<Reposted>>[Fukuoka city Business Establishment Support Program] (a subsidy program for companies setting up a new base of operations in Fukuoka city) • Fukuoka city will grant up to 200 million yen to foreign & foreign-affiliated companies that have made their first entry into Japan (including those that have made a further expansion into Fukuoka city from other cities in the financial sector) for rent and employment (in addition to covering establishment costs). https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/k-yuchi/business/g01.html (Japanese site only with machine translation system) • Fukuoka City offers a corporate tax reduction program for startups which conduct innovative business and are established less than five years ago. This program provides a full exemption from corporate municipal tax for up to five years. https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kikaku/business/startuphoujingenzei_en.html