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[6]	Development and strengthening of administrative services in English 【The four areas designated as special zones】	• Launch of the support desk "Sapporo Transnational Expansion and Partnership (STEP)" which provides one stop support from business to daily life in English (October 1, 2024) (As of the end of May 2025, consultations received from 217 companies (including 148 overseas companies)) https://sapporo-step.global/support/ • In addition to the procedures related to pregnancy and childbirth notifications, admission to day care centers, admission to municipal kindergartens and municipal taxes, the procedures related to resident registration (moving in/out) and seal impression registration have also been provided in English at all ward offices since May 2024. https://www.sapporolife.info/en/
[7]	Taxation and fiscal support for financial and asset management companies 【The four areas designated as special zones】	[Hokkaido/Sapporo GX promotional Tax Incentive] • Hokkaido and Sapporo City cooperated to implement an ordinance concerning special local taxes for GX projects and financial services in April 2025. https://www.pref-hokkaido-lg-jp.translate.goog/kz/gxs/205750.html? x tr sl=ja& x tr tl=en& x tr hl=en (Hokkaido) (Japanese site only with machine translation system.) https://www.city.sapporo.jp.e.ain.hp.transer.com/kikaku/gx/zeiseiyuuguu/gxsuishinzeisei.html (Sapporo City) • [Sapporo Financial Middle Back Office Business Skill Up Subsidy] • A system was established in June 2025 to cover part of the cost of developing human resources for companies that conduct business entrusted by financial instruments business operators, banks, insurance firms and securities companies at their offices in Sapporo City. https://www.city.sapporo.jp.e.ain.hp.transer.com/kikaku/gx/middle-back-office/skill-up.html

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[8]	Development of infrastructures for business and living environments 【The four areas designated as special zones】	• Coordination is being conducted with the management of international schools regarding making use of vacant space of the closed schools in Sapporo. https://www.city.sapporo.jp.e.ain.hp.transer.com/keikaku/kougai/sonota/tokiwa-proposal.html • Sapporo City provides services for foreign patients, such as interpretation support for foreign patients when they make a reservation and inquiry with medical institutions, and provision of medical interpretation by telephone (32 languages) and by accompanying foreign patients (only English), etc. https://www.city.sapporo.jp/kokusai/tabunka/documents/hotline_r7_en.pdf
[20]	Various support measures to link fund providers and investees 【The four areas designated as special zones】	[GX Finance Framework] • In collaboration with various local stakeholders, Hokkaido and Sapporo City are advancing the design of specific standards for the framework and aiming to implement the system by the end of FY2025. [GX Information Platform] • A regional consortium led by Hokkaido, Sapporo City, and Sapporo Securities Exchange plans to launch a website in FY 2025 that consolidates information on GX projects in Hokkaido and related financial products.
[21]	Measures for vitalizing local stock exchanges 【Hokkaido and Sapporo City, Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City】	• Sapporo Securities Exchange is aiming to launch “the Hokkaido Pro Bond Market”, which is an ESG bond listed market for professional investors. https://tsh-gx.jp/en/engagement/esg-probond-market/

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[22]	Strengthening of promotion activities through participation in overseas financial events and exhibitions, etc. 【The four areas designated as special zones】 + 【Tokyo Metropolitan Government】	- Sapporo City participated in the Singapore FinTech Festival 2024 (134 countries participated) in November 2024, and hosted the Nikkei Forum "Global GX & Finance Conference Sapporo" in December 2024. - Hokkaido and Sapporo City collaborated to hold a promotional event for financial professionals in New York City in January 2025. https://tsh-gx.jp/en/engagement/information_from_tsh/ https://tsh-gx.jp/en/stories/event-report-global-gx-and-finance-conference-in-sapporo/
[29]	Taxation and fiscal support for the entry of growth industries and companies 【The four areas designated as special zones】	[Support for Site Visits to Sapporo] - For international companies considering expansion into Sapporo City, the City provides a partial subsidy to cover the expenses for the companies to check the site in advance. https://sapporo-step.global/benefits/site-visits/ [Subsidies for establishing business bases in Sapporo] - Sapporo City is considering a system to subsidize part of the site preparation costs for international companies that have decided to locate their business bases in Sapporo. [Hokkaido Business Location Subsidy Program] - In order to attract GX-related industries, Hokkaido raised the subsidy limit under the Hokkaido Business Location Subsidy Program and expanded the scope of GX projects from April 2025. https://www-pref-hokkaido-lg-jp.translate.goog/kz/ssg/sgr/yugu/sinhojoseido.html? x tr sl=ja& x tr tl=en& x tr hl=en (Japanese site only with machine translation system)

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[29]	(continued from the previous page) Taxation and fiscal support for the entry of growth industries and companies 【The four areas designated as special zones】	《Reposted》 [Hokkaido/Sapporo GX promotional Tax Incentive] • Hokkaido and Sapporo City cooperated to implement an ordinance concerning special local taxes for GX projects and financial services in April 2025. https://www-pref-hokkaido-lg-jp.translate.goog/kz/gxs/205750.html?_x_tr_sl=ja&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en (Hokkaido) https://www.city.sapporo.jp.e.ain.hp.transer.com/kikaku/gx/zeiseiyuuguu/gxsuishinzeisei.html (Sapporo City) (The above two websites are Japanese only.)