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#### Growth Potential of Fukuoka City

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In Japan, there are less entrepreneurs than overseas.

Many venture companies are established not only in the countries like U.S.A. where people commonly have entrepreneurship but also in the countries where people have no other choice but start up their own business because of less companies with employment.

In Japan, students seek stability and prefer to be employed by enterprises or organizations. It is also because companies have hired many employees until now.

However, traditional companies and large-size enterprises have started to reduce the number of employees by downsizing, and younger companies are relatively increasing the number of employees.

Startup has efficient effect on employment.

Japan needs to start to scrap and build companies and industries, and focus on generating new employment.

Entrepreneurs are looking for the place of business activity with the global point of view.

We need to provide the core for them to create added values in Japan.

Fukuoka City aims to create a suitable place for startups in Japan, and builds up the higher value as a city, which also produces good influence on Japanese economy.

#### "Startup City Fukuoka"



"Startup" means to "establish a new activity or business".

In the "Japan Revitalization Strategy" recently decided by cabinet council, "startup" is considered as the important policy, and Fukuoka City has already included "the urban development of start up city to support new challenges" in "the 9th Fukuoka City Master Plan" established last year.

In order to provide the sufficient support for startup in Fukuoka City, the city also submitted the application for the "Global Startup National Strategic Special Zone" to the call for the national Strategic Special Zone Ideas.

If this application is approved, many entrepreneurs and investors will gather to Fukuoka City not only from Japan but also from overseas.

Fukuoka City is one of few urban cities in Japan where population growth is expected for the next 20 years.

Those who aim to start up business in Fukuoka City will have good quality of life. The city already has the highest business entry rate in Japan.

When the ecosystem generating new businesses grow bigger in Fukuoka City by attracting domestic and oversea entrepreneurs to the city, it boosts the scrap and build of industry, and the city establishes itself and starts to grow sustainably.

This is the goal of "Startup City Fukuoka".

#### Applied for the "Global Startup National Strategic Special Zone".

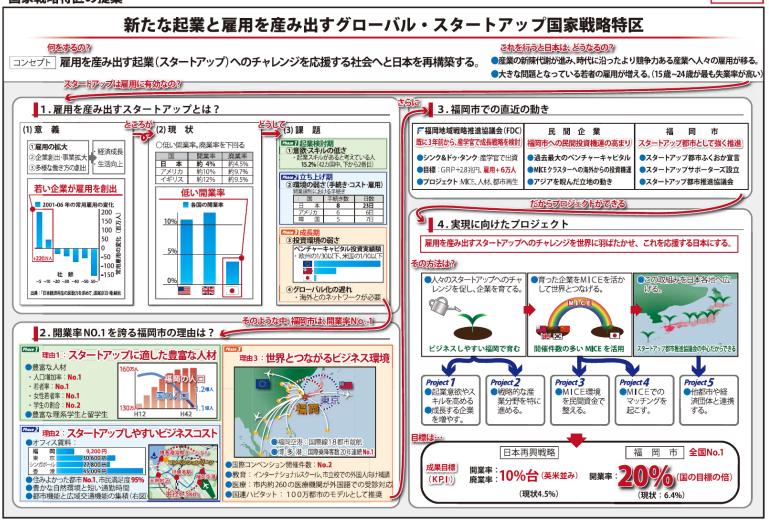
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#### Application summary of global startup national strategic special zone

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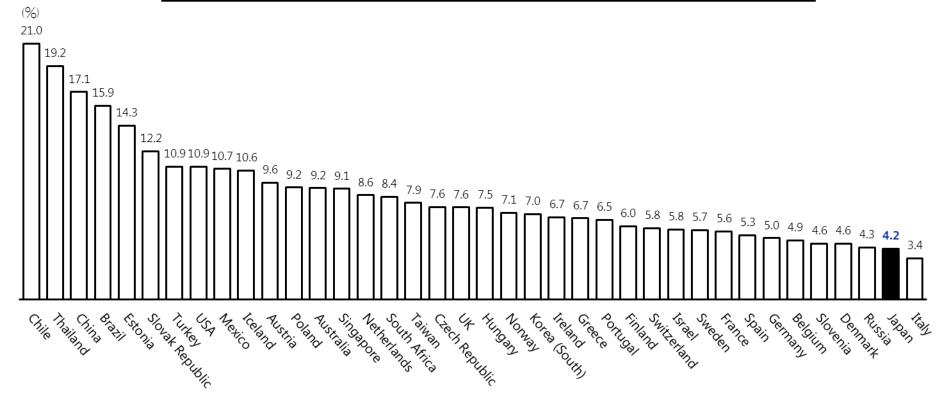
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As a proposal for the national strategic special zone, Fukuoka City has applied for the "Global Startup National Strategic Special Zone". Fukuoka City is aiming to get higher business entry rate than national target by carrying out the national policy "to boost the business entry and exit rates and speed up the restructuring of industries" which is indicated in the Japan Revitalization Strategy.

Japan's law entrepreneurship compared to other countries in the world.



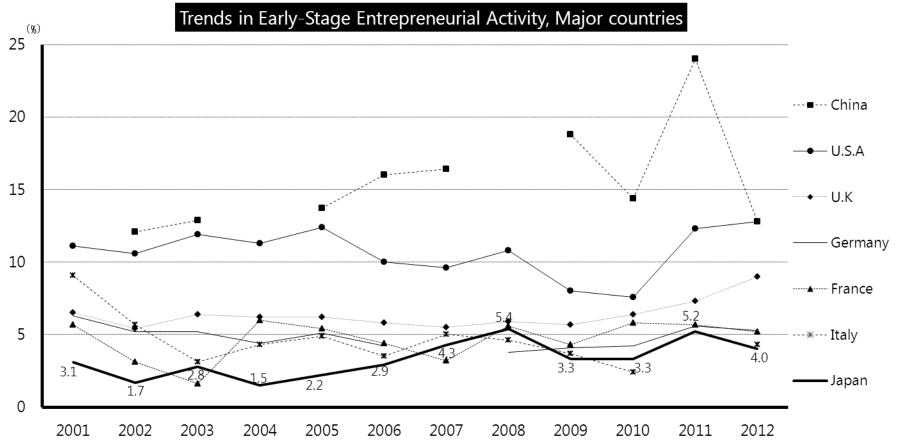
### Total Early-Stage Entrepreneurial Activity, Major countries (Average 2010-2012)



The number of entrepreneurs per capita is relatively law in Japan, compared to other countries. Although the top countries have small job markets which lead people to rely on starting businesses, entrepreneurial activity in Japan is slow.

#### Growth trend of entrepreneurship in Japan till 2008 & high level in China and USA.

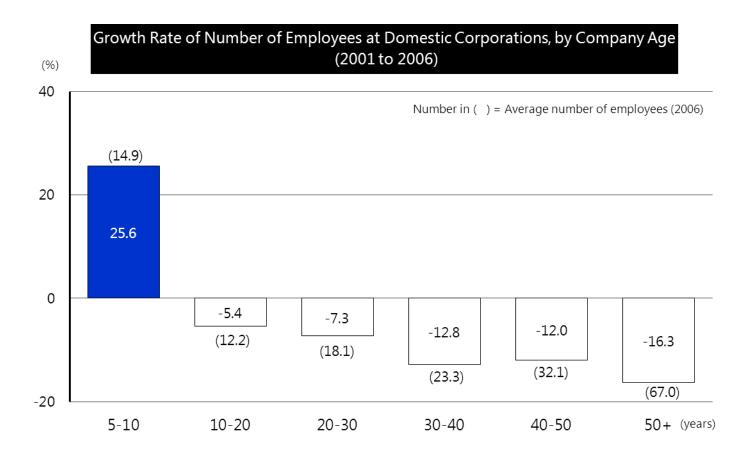




Although the early-stage entrepreneurial activity in Japan had continued upward trend until 2008, it remains low after the effect of the global recession. The activity in USA and China is significantly high, but the current level in Japan is still higher than the level in the first half of 2000's, and it is not outstandingly low compared to other countries in Europe. It is possible for Fukuoka City to be able to have higher business entry rate by providing sufficient startup support and attracting inner and outer entrepreneurs into the city.

## Startup companies generating employment in Japan.





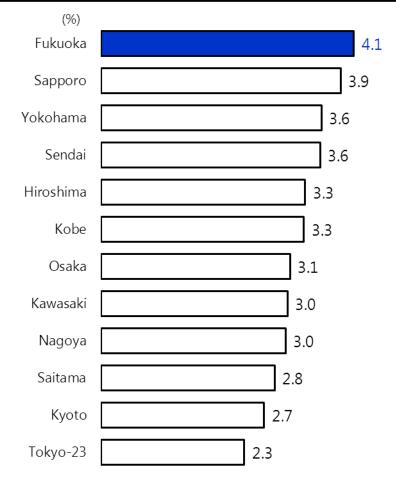
The active startup activities contribute to the local business community by not only speeding up the restructuring of industries but also boosting the employment.

Although the companies with longer history are relatively large in size, the number of employees has been decreasing since 2001, and only the companies with younger than 10 years have growing number of employees.

#### High level of new business formation rate in Japan.



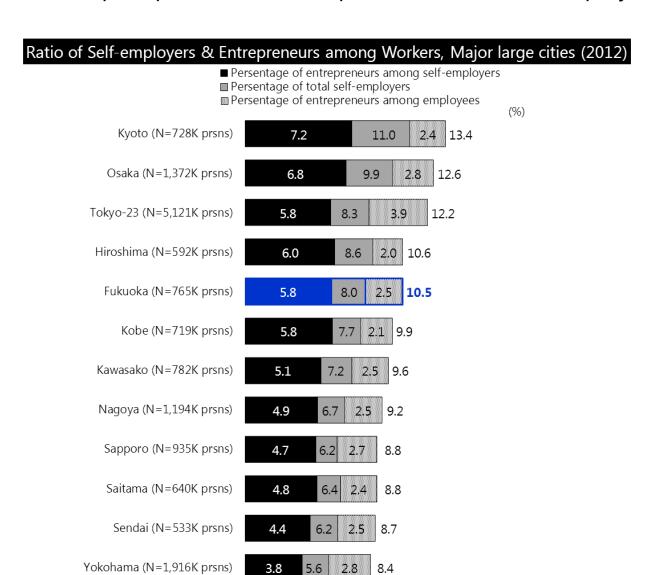
#### Business Entry Rate, Major large cities (2006 to 2009)



Business entry rate in Fukuoka City (Reference Value) is the highest level in Japan, which indicates that there are many potential entrepreneurs.

#### Approx. 10% of occupied persons are entrepreneurs or the self-employed.



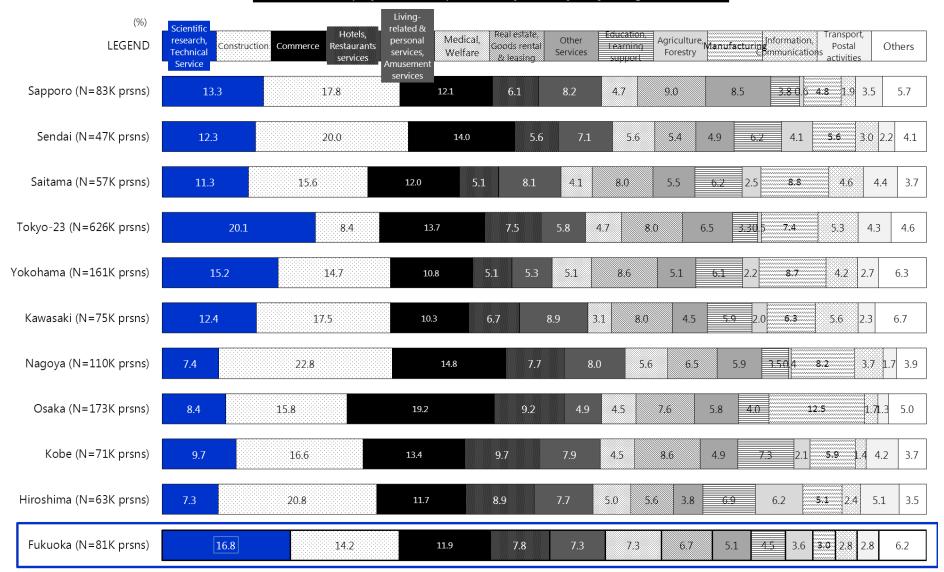


The ratio of self-employed and entrepreneurs is approximately 10 % in all occupied persons.

#### High ratio of entrepreneurs in scientific research and technical services.



Ratio of Self-employers & Entrepreneurs, by Industry, Major large cities (2012)



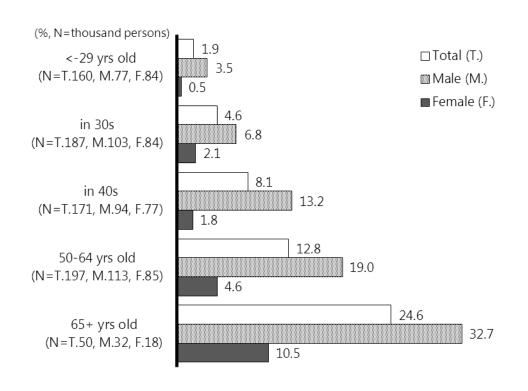
Most self-employers and entrepreneurs are in the scientific research and technical service industry. Although the ratio of construction industry is high as well, it is lower than other major large cities.

Tokyo-23=Tokyo 23 wards. Note: Major large cities are the cities with more than 1 million population. Data is the total number of employed entrepreneurs. Source: Statistic Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications. Employment Status Survey (2012).

### Increasing ratio of entrepreneurs with age.



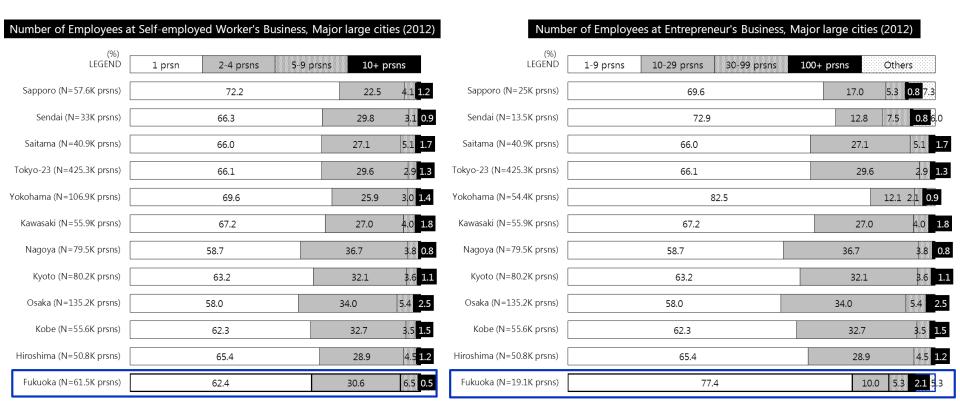
#### Employed Entrepreneur Shares in Fukuoka, by Gender and Age Group (2012)



Both male and female starts businesses as they grow older, which indicates that people with experience tends to start businesses. Many people older than 65 who start to have difficulties to get employment from companies, start businesses with strong will to work.

#### Small-size startup businesses by self-employed workers and entrepreneurs.

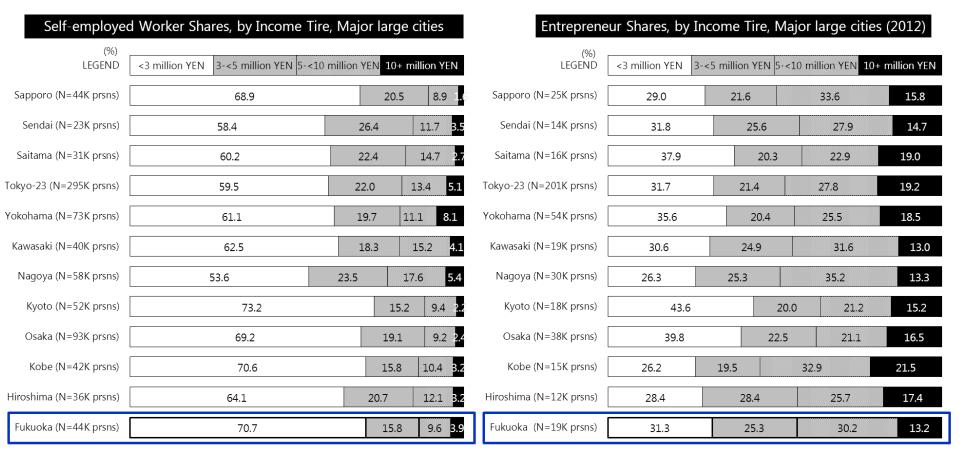




Most of both self-employed workers and entrepreneurs have small size businesses.

### The largest income group of entrepreneurs in Fukuoka City is in the middle tire.



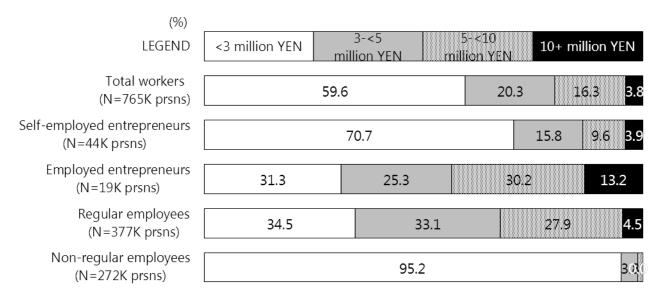


While the income of self-employed workers is relatively law, the largest income group of entrepreneurs is the middle tire which is more than 3 million YEN and less than 10 million YEN. Entrepreneurs keep the constant income level.

### Entrepreneurs have higher income than full-time employees in Fukuoka City.



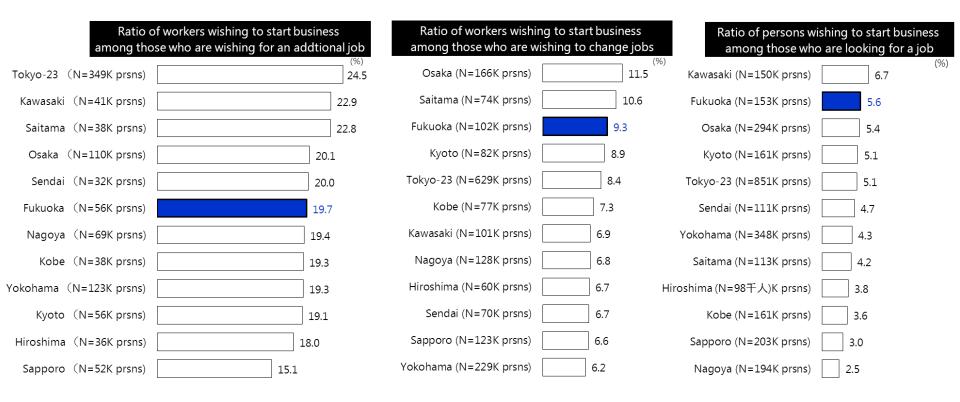




While the income of self-employed entrepreneurs is low, the income of employed entrepreneurs is much higher than the average income of total workers, and also higher than the regular employees.

#### Steady number of potential entrepreneurs.





Although the entrepreneurship of workers who already have a job is relatively low compared to other major large cities in Japan, people who are looking for a job has higher entrepreneurship in Fukuoka City.

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