

Japan's Kagawa Prefecture

When compared to big cities such as Tokyo and Osaka, living costs are very low, and rent and food and other living costs are very reasonable in Kagawa. It's very easy to live alone is a big advantage. As most things necessary for daily life are accessible by bicycle, transportation fees are almost non-existent.

Monthly average school commuting fees

5,000 yen
Tokyo

0 yen
Kagawa

3 Good Access to Osaka and Tokyo

There is very good access from Kagawa to the big cities of Japan, such as Tokyo and Osaka. It takes approx. 2.5 hours by highway bus from Takamatsu to Osaka. There are close to 30 buses running a day, and the price is very reasonable. Cheap low-cost air carriers fly daily to Tokyo and Narita, and some flights are very cheap, depending on the schedule. It's also easy to access the rest of Japan from Kagawa.



JR Takamatsu Station

Highway bus terminal located at Takamatsu Station

6 Directly Connected to Asian Countries

There are direct flights daily to Hong Kong, Shanghai (China), Seoul (Korea), and Taipei (Taiwan) and then each of those airports offers connecting flights to the rest of Asia. Most of the carriers are budget carriers, making your home country accessible and cheap when you want to travel home.



- Takamatsu - Taipei (Return flights 6 days a week)
- Takamatsu - Hong Kong (Return flights 5 days a week)
- Takamatsu - Seoul (Return flights 3 days a week)
- Takamatsu - Shanghai (Return flights 5 days a week)
- Takamatsu - Tokyo (Haneda) 13 return flights daily
- Takamatsu - Tokyo (Narita) Maximum of 3 return flights daily
- Takamatsu - Naha (1 return flight daily)

Information current Nov. 2019 For more information, please check the Takamatsu Airport Homepage: <https://www.takamatsu-airport.com/>

7 Wide and Long-lasting Alumni Network

There are many international students studying in Kagawa, from a highly diverse range of countries. Senior students help others from the same country, students make friends with students from other countries and enjoy their student life. The network of people that you meet in Kagawa will definitely be one of your most valuable assets, even after graduation.



You'll meet people from all over the world to enjoy your studies with.

Frequent Questions and Answers

- Q1. What is a "Technical School"?**
A technical school is a place where you can learn useful skills and knowledge that you can use straight away in your work life. Various courses are offered to gain skills or specific qualifications. In addition, graduates of technical schools are awarded the title of Diploma by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology. Just as graduates from a university are awarded the title of Bachelor, vocational college graduates are awarded the title of Diploma. The title of the Diploma is necessary for international students to work in Japan. To gain permission to work in Japan, there are conditions regarding employment types, so please carefully check everything when choosing a vocational college.
- Q2. Where can I get more information about the school and the courses offered?**
Come along to the open campus events or attend an information session. It's possible to do a tour to see what student life is like, along with the lessons and facilities. Please contact the school in advance regarding tours as sometimes it isn't possible to look around due to school events or the class schedule.
- Q3. Can I do a part-time job?**
International students can work up to 28 hours per week, or 8 hours a day in the longer breaks, such as the summer holidays, up to 40 hours per week. Having a part-time job is a great way to have contact with local people, outside of the school environment.
- Q4. Is there any career guidance or job support?**
Teachers at the school will give you advice and tips regarding job hunting and job interviews. We also regularly hold industry-specific seminars aimed at international students.
- Q5. Are there any student dormitories?**
Each school is different. In some cases the school offers student dormitory accommodation, in other cases, the school introduces apartments or other similar accommodation, so please check with the school you apply to, regarding their specific situation. Regardless of school, we only offer accommodation where students can live safely and comfortably.
- Q6. What happens if I get sick or ill while I am here in Japan?**
It is required by law for all those on "student" visas to register for Japan's National Health Insurance system. If you become sick or injured while here in Japan, you will be covered by the National Health Insurance system, and you will only need to cover 30% of the medical expenses incurred.
- Q7. What is the entrance exam like?**
The entry requirement for most colleges is the completion of 12 years of education in another country, (including graduates of university preparatory courses) And regarding Japanese, having Level N2 or above of the Japanese Language Proficiency Exam is set as a general guideline. Most colleges here consider your education history, and Japanese language skills as listed for the "document check", your Japanese skills as tested in the written exam, and your level of motivation towards studying and working in Japan in your entry interview.
- Q8. Do I need to have taken the JLPT exam or the EJU exam?**
If you're planning to enter the technical college directly after arriving in Japan, then either N2 or 200 points or higher on the EJU exam is considered as an entry guideline. For those who want to work in Japan in the future, this level of certification will most definitely be of great value in your working life. One way to not only improve your Japanese language skills but also to know more about life and customs in Japan, is to first study at a Japanese language institution.

General Incorporated Association Kagawa Prefecture Specialized Training Colleges & Miscellaneous Schools Federation

There are 29 Specialized Training Colleges & Miscellaneous Schools in this Federation, and in order to continually improve the quality of education offered at each school and training institution, activities are undertaken to contribute to the promotion of career education and technical training.

Kagawa Prefecture Specialized Training Colleges & Miscellaneous Schools Federation (General Incorporated Association)

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Welcome to KAGAWA

KAGAWA STUDY LIFE GUIDE

English



STUDY IN KAGAWA FOR YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE

Seven reasons to study in

1 Various Subjects / Skills for Study

Business, Nursing and Welfare, Design, Tourism, Car Maintenance, and IT - it's possible to learn skills for a wide variety of careers, here in Kagawa. For those who want to grow their skills and capabilities and work in Japan, Kagawa provides the perfect learning environment.



Nursing practicum



Car maintenance practical training



Practical training simulations for the hotel business



Presentations

4 Warm and Friendly People

From very early times in Kagawa, people have maintained the tradition of assisting pilgrims on the Shikoku pilgrimage trail. The practice of treating even strangers with kindness is deeply rooted in society. When your seniors at the school were troubled, they asked their teachers and the staff for help and were able to get used to life in Japan. How about you start your new life in this place, surrounded by kind people?



International students talking with the instructors



Lots of fun events, including meetups

2 An affordable place to live

Monthly average living costs

155,000yen



Tokyo

70,000yen



Kagawa

5 Emerging Global Hot-Spot City

Kagawa prefecture has been introduced as a "trending hotspot" in famous guidebooks and websites worldwide. Ritsurin Garden is a place of great natural beauty, the islands of the Seto Inland Sea are the locations of an internationally renowned art festival, and Chichibugahama beach at Mitoyo are all famous attractions, both nationally and internationally.



Ritsurin Garden (Takamatsu city)



Chichibugahama Beach (Mitoyo city)

Working Graduates

Mastering Japanese and learning new skills in Kagawa. Interviews with graduates who are making their dreams a reality.



Suzuki Jihan Kagawa Corporation Inc.
Pradhan Prashant (Nepal)
Anabuki Technical College
Car Mechanic Major
2019 Graduate

While learning from my peers, I was able to make my first step into my career as a car mechanic.

I just finished my first year in the company and I'm fully occupied with learning all aspects of the job. Under supervision from my supervisors, I get the needed car parts and do things such as oil changes. When we receive a client's car, I want to get it back to them as soon as possible. So I'm very motivated by that to improve my skills. I'm so happy when customers acknowledge my efforts. My superiors are also teaching me a lot, and sometimes when we are finished with work, I cook curry and we eat together. I started learning the required car maintenance skills from zero when I entered technical college. The way a car moves, how an engine is put together, the electric wiring... there were so many things to learn, at first I felt pretty unsure that I would ever be able to fix a car on my own. The first thing I started learning was the names of all the tools in Japanese. It was very tough but the teachers all taught me with great passion, and I'm using all the knowledge I gained at college, in my work. I made some great friends at school too.

For anyone considering studying in Japan, I recommend Kagawa. The cost of living is low, so it's possible to have a good life here, even when supporting yourself. The teachers at the college are very kind and they teach everything from your lessons to the rules of Japanese society. There are not very many natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, so it's a very safe place to live. I saw the ocean for the first time in my life here in Kagawa and I was amazed. Even now, my favorite thing to do on my day off is to go and see the ocean.



Alpha Living Ltd.
Pham Thi Hau (Vietnam)
Anabuki Patissier and Welfare College
Welfare Major
2019 Graduate

I feel happy when someone says "thank you" or "you helped me"

I like to care for people, so I feel very rewarded, working as a certified care-giver. Maybe for my patients it feels a bit like I'm their grandchild. From right after I arrived in Japan, when I got a caregiver part-time job, the patients, taught me Japanese and also ways to communicate. At the nursing college, I didn't just learn nursing techniques, I also learned about connections between our bodies and souls, and also about nutrition. That knowledge is very useful to me now. If you have knowledge about nutrition, for example, if a patient tells me their stomach hurts, I can check what foods are included in their diet, and

suggest, "This food is very hard on the stomach, how about we change it out for something else?". Even having said that, my college studies were really tough! There were lots of exams and right after I started, there were many times that I thought about quitting. When I was close to giving up, I decided to consult with my teachers, and they were very understanding and said, "this period is very tough, isn't it." And they arranged to meet with me one-on-one after class to explain anything I didn't understand in the lessons. College wasn't just a place where I learned nursing skills, I also learned about Japanese culture and customs as well. For those who are going to study in Japan, I want to give you this advice - when there's something you don't understand or you're having problems, ask your teachers and college seniors for advice. The teachers will very kindly help you. Relax and ask them for help.



Asan Kotonami (Onsen Resort)
Suresh Khattri (Nepal)
Anabuki Business College
International Business Major
2018 Graduate

No matter what happened, at any time, the school was a place that became my second home where I could always go for help

The reason I chose to study in Kagawa is that someone from Nepal, who studied at Anabuki and is now working in Takamatsu, said it was a good place. Kagawa's climate is very pleasant, which makes it an easy place to live. My workplace requires employees to be able to multi-task. This is because everyone has to learn and understand all aspects of all the work to be done, including reception, the restaurant, and so we can do all the different jobs, and because the time we spend with each guest is long, the work is very rewarding. When it's busy, we all multi-task to get everything done, so it's an easy place to work. There are many guests from overseas, and because I can speak both English and Japanese, I have a big role to play. There have been many times when a guest has said, "the Nepalese staff member worked very hard to assist me." The things that my teachers taught me when I was at college, for example, Japanese language skills and the hotel business lessons have been very

useful to me in my job. The teachers also kindly helped me with my visa applications and interview practices for job interviews. Anabuki college has a comfortable atmosphere, and when I was sick they went with me together to the hospital so it was very reassuring. When I was studying there were definitely difficult times such as when I was trying to learn kanji characters, the teachers encouraged me saying, "This will definitely be useful for your future.", so I was able to pass the exams. I now know that what they said was true.



Students learning

Starting a new life in a new place. We introduce current students who are learning all they can in Kagawa.



Shahi Indra Bahadur (Nepal)
Anabuki Technical College
Car Mechanic Major

I was able to learn the best skills because I came to Japan.

I was interested in working as a car mechanic, so I decided to do my studies in Japan. I found information about studying in many different countries, but Japan has a very high level of mechanics skills, so I decided on Japan. When I first arrived in Kagawa, my studies and life in Japan were tough, but I gradually got used to everything. The teachers very kindly teach all the subject matter. I've also made friends with students who come here from all over the world and it's been very interesting learning more about their cultures. There are so many things that you can't learn in your own country, that you can learn when studying



in a different country, so I definitely recommend everyone to try studying overseas. Because I came to Japan, I have also been able to learn high-level Japanese mechanical techniques, so I'm happy I came here to study. Kagawa is a very easy place to live. The town is small and compact, and I can easily go by bicycle to the places I want to, so there's no need to ride the train. There are not many train lines, so it's good that it's easy to get around by bicycle. There are lots of shopping malls and supermarkets, so it's easy to find the things you want and I think this makes it a very easy place for international students to live in.



Chan Tan Yen (Vietnam)
Anabuki Patissier and Welfare College
Welfare Major

Every day is very fulfilling, with study and my part-time job. College is very fun right now.

Out of all of Japan, there isn't much danger of earthquakes or tsunamis in Kagawa prefecture, and I think it's very safe. I have been rooming with another Vietnamese student since the day I arrived in Japan until now. I'm together with them for school, my part-time job, and of course at home. Before I entered this college, I was very worried about taking specialized lessons in Japanese, together with Japanese people. But now I'm here in college, I talk with my classmates every day so I'm getting to know my friends better and better. College is

fun for me now. The college also helped me find a part-time job at a nursing facility. Actually, the difference in hourly rates between a job in Kagawa or one in Tokyo or Osaka is not so big. But because the cost of living is cheap in Kagawa, it means that I can save money while working my part-time job. In the future, I want to put everything I've learned at technical college to good use in my job. I want to become a care-giver who can understand the feelings and hopes of those who I'm caring for.



Tommy Pramudya Nugroho (From Indonesia)
Anabuki Business College
Department of International Business

Kagawa is where everything you need in your daily life is close at hand and where nature and the warmth of its people abound.

Since childhood, I have loved Japanese anime and have always wanted to master the Japanese language. There are many well-known Japanese companies in my home country, and my longing to work for one was a major reason why I studied abroad. I chose Kagawa for my study abroad destination because I heard that the people who live there are kind, and I wanted to avoid a big city because I'm not too fond of busy, crowded places. Indeed, after actually living here, I realize that this is true, and I have learned many things and received support from the people around me. My daily life is comfortable, and Kagawa's unique environment, blessed with abundant nature and close proximity to everything, is a fulfilling place to live. Places like Sunport

Takamatsu, where one can enjoy the clean, litter-free sea, Ritsurin Garden, with its beautiful cherry blossoms in spring, and the shopping area, where new desires are born one after another (laughs), are some of my favorite spots. In Kagawa, there is plenty of part-time work, and I am also working in customer service at a hotel. I would like to learn more about language and communication from now on, and in the future, with my sights set on the hotel business, I would like to work in Japan or in my home country as a bridge between our two countries. I would like to fully promote Kagawa's good qualities there as well.



Voices