

Indiana – Japan Relationship

Summary

Indiana is home to more than 300 Japanese businesses, making the country the state's largest source of direct FDI. Indiana's economic ties to Japan have been largely in the automotive industry. Subaru, Toyota, and Honda and their vast supply chains drive the majority of Japanese investment in Indiana. However, Indiana is now focused on building economies of the future, including electric vehicles, semiconductors, and life sciences. The IEDC is represented in Japan by the State of Indiana Japan Office, which has been in Japan for over 40 years.

Indiana's Economic Ties to Japan

- More than 300 companies from Japan operating in Indiana, with over 55,000 jobs supported.
- Among all U.S. states, Indiana has the largest amount of Japanese investment per capita.
- Many Indiana-based companies, including Eli Lilly, Cook Medical, Cummins, Urschel Laboratories and Zimmer Biomet, have operations in Japan.
- Governor Holcomb has visited Japan three times as Governor, including most recently in September 2023 joined by a strong business delegation representing sectors across the state.

Japanese Sister-State & Sister-City Relationships

- The Indiana-Tochigi Prefecture relationship was established over 25 years ago.
- More than 13 communities in Indiana have established sister-city relationships with Japanese cities.
- Indiana has MOUs with Aichi Prefecture and Gunma Prefecture.

Indiana-Japan Educational Ties

- Indiana is home to five Japanese-language Saturday schools. These schools are located throughout the state, making it convenient for Japanese expatriates and their families.
 - Indianapolis: Indiana Japanese Language School: www.indiana-j-school.net
 - New Albany: Greater Louisville Regional Japanese Saturday School: <https://jsshonbu.wixsite.com/japaneseschool>
 - Evansville: Southern Indiana Japanese School: <https://www.usi.edu/outreach/southern-indiana-japanese-school>
 - Ft. Wayne: PFW Japanese Saturday School: <https://japanesesaturdaysc.wixsite.com/pfwjss>
 - Bloomington Indiana Japanese Language School: <https://bloomingtoninapan.wixsite.com/website/class>

- There are many educational exchanges that are taking place between Indiana universities and Japan, and several of the highest acclaimed university-level Japanese studies programs are found in Indiana.

Japanese Support Organizations in Indiana

- **Japan America Society of Indiana (JASI):** Founded in 1988 by local communities, businesses, and educational leaders, the Japan-America Society of Indiana has more than 3,000 individual and business representatives throughout Indiana, with aims to promote culture and education, and serve as a bridge of friendship between the people of Indiana and the people of Japan. JASI reaches out to more than 10,000 people each year through various programs, volunteer activities, and services. JASI hosts a variety of cultural exchange events, network receptions, business briefings, and lectures on recent business-related issues in Japan and the United States. The Japan-America Society of Indiana is a member society of the National Association of Japan-America Societies, based in Washington, D.C.
- **Indiana Japan Chamber (IJC):** The Indiana Japanese Association, commonly known as IJC, is a non-profit organization established to serve as an information network and resource for Japanese companies, organizations, and Japanese people. It originally started as a contact network for Japanese living in the state based on a request from the Chicago Consulate. In cooperation with the Japan-America Society of Indiana (JASI), which was established in 1988 with the aim of promoting cultural and educational exchanges between Japan and the United States, the IJC works to promote smooth exchanges between Japan and the United States.