

Your child's educational environment

International School



The Japanese school of Knightsbridge House International School in Singapore is scheduled to open in Semboku City. It will provide opportunities for international education based on the Cambridge curriculum.



Consultation desk for foreigners

Akita Prefectural Support Center for Foreign Nationals



Akita Prefecture has set up a consultation desk for foreigners living in Akita, offering multilingual information and connecting them with relevant organizations. If you're unsure where to seek advice, both international newcomers and their friends or associates are welcome to contact us.



Various support systems in Semboku City

We provide various support to help you lead a fulfilling lifestyle, as well as your business.

1. Japanese learning support

Semboku City offers Japanese language classes for foreign residents. While learning useful Japanese for daily use and work, it is possible to deepen ties with the local community.



2. Immigration and settlement support

The city supports people who are considering to settle in Semboku City with the theme of "living in harmony with nature." The city can assist in services such as housing, childcare, education.



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Information for High Skilled Foreign Professionals

Semboku City is a tourist destination where rich nature and historical culture harmonize.

The city is full of charm for all four seasons, such as Lake Tazawa, the deepest lake in Japan, Kakunodate's Samurai Residences, and the famous hot springs of Nyuto Onsen Village and Tamagawa Onsen.

Semboku City, designated as a "National Strategic Special Zone," is working to solve local issues using digital technology, aiming to become the No. 1 city in Japan for happiness.

To enable High Skilled Foreign Professionals to play an active role, we have set up a consultation desk and provide support to companies accepting international personnel. We promote the creation of an environment where they can work and live with a peace of mind.

Expand your career in Semboku City

**A place to create
the future together**



<https://www.city.semboku.akita.jp/>

WELCOME MESSAGE

Semboku City has a wonderful environment owing to abundant nature such as Lake Tazawa and ski resorts, historical buildings such as Samurai Residences, and convenience to go to Tokyo. Furthermore, as it is the northernmost National Strategic Special Zone in Honshu, Japan, you can take advantage of the deregulation menu. As an SDGs future city, we aim to be the No.1 city in the country in terms of happiness, leaving no one behind.

I believe that our environments are great to be active, not only for business person in Japan but also for business person around the world. This is a great place where you can enjoy swimming in the lake in the summer, skiing in the winter, and experiencing traditional culture on holidays.

We hope that you refer to this leaflet and plan to start your career in our city. Please come visit Semboku City and experience its possibilities. Semboku City is looking forward to your visit!



The Mayor of Semboku City
Taguchi Tomoaki



Charm & Features of Semboku City

Semboku City is blessed with rich nature and traditional culture. The city offers a safe and secure living environment. You can enjoy a peaceful life while doing business comfortably.

Excellent location environment

Ranked #1 for safe and secure town!



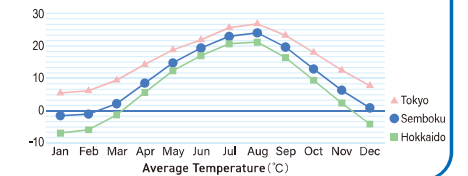
From the perspective of BCP measures
Optimal location!

A disaster-resistant prefecture
Prefectures with low crime rates

Sustainable Lab Co., Ltd. ESG Terast "Safe and Secure City Ranking" (February 2021)

Enjoy the charm of the four seasons

There are four distinct seasons. Summers are cooler than Tokyo, and winters are not as cold as Hokkaido.



Excellent natural environment

Semboku city has an excellent natural environment, including Lake Tazawa, hot springs and ski resorts.



There are also various activities that make use of the previous environment, such as SUP and skiing.

A town of traditional history, culture, and art

You can enjoy a typical Japanese scenery, Kakunodate's samurai residences, the Kakunodate Yama (Float) Festival, and crafts such as cherry bark work and Shiraiwa ware.



Overview of Semboku City

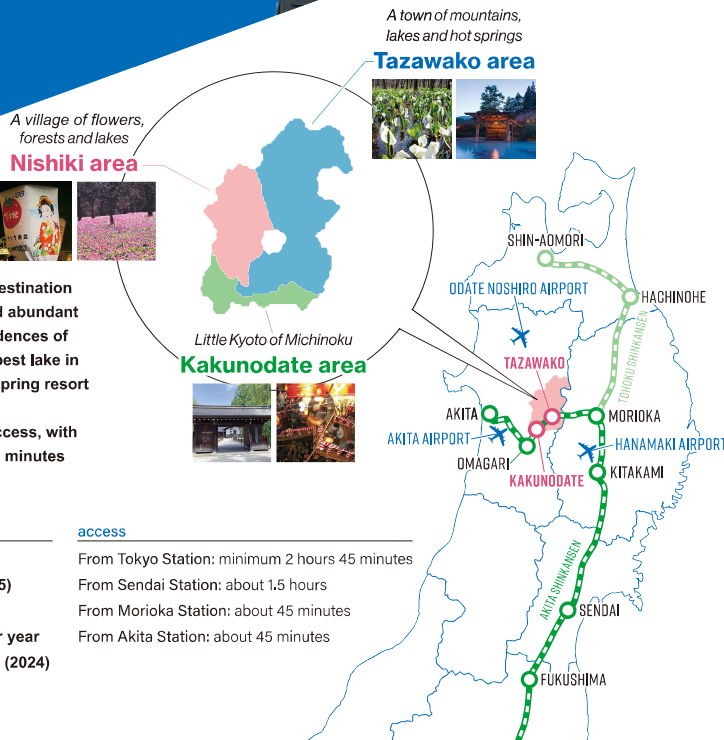
Semboku City is a leading tourist destination blessed with cultural resources and abundant nature, including the Samurai Residences of Kakunodate, Lake Tazawa, the deepest lake in Japan, and the much-admired hot spring resort of Nyuto Onsen Village. The city has good transportation access, with Tokyo Station being 2 hours and 45 minutes away without any transfers.

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Population: 22,337 people
(end of December 2025)
Area: approx. 1,094km²
Number of tourists: 3.90 million per year
(2024)

access

From Tokyo Station: minimum 2 hours 45 minutes
From Sendai Station: about 1.5 hours
From Morioka Station: about 45 minutes
From Akita Station: about 45 minutes



Support system of Semboku City

As a national strategic special zone, Semboku City has established the Semboku City Global Employment and Start-up One-Stop Center, which functions as a "Foreigner Employment Consultation Center" and a "Business Start-up One-Stop Center."

Semboku City Global Employment and Start-up One-Stop Center



Utilizing the advantages of being a national strategic special zone, we provide comprehensive consultations and information to companies that employ international personnel, as well as support for entrepreneurship and business startups, including for international residents and newcomers. We can provide English support with company incorporation registration procedures.

