

# For Foreign Residents in Hamamatsu who Wish to Start a Business

## Applications for the Foreigner Entrepreneurship Promotion Project (Start-up Visa) are now open!

You will be able to stay in Japan with the “Specified Activities” Status of Residence for a period of up to one year.

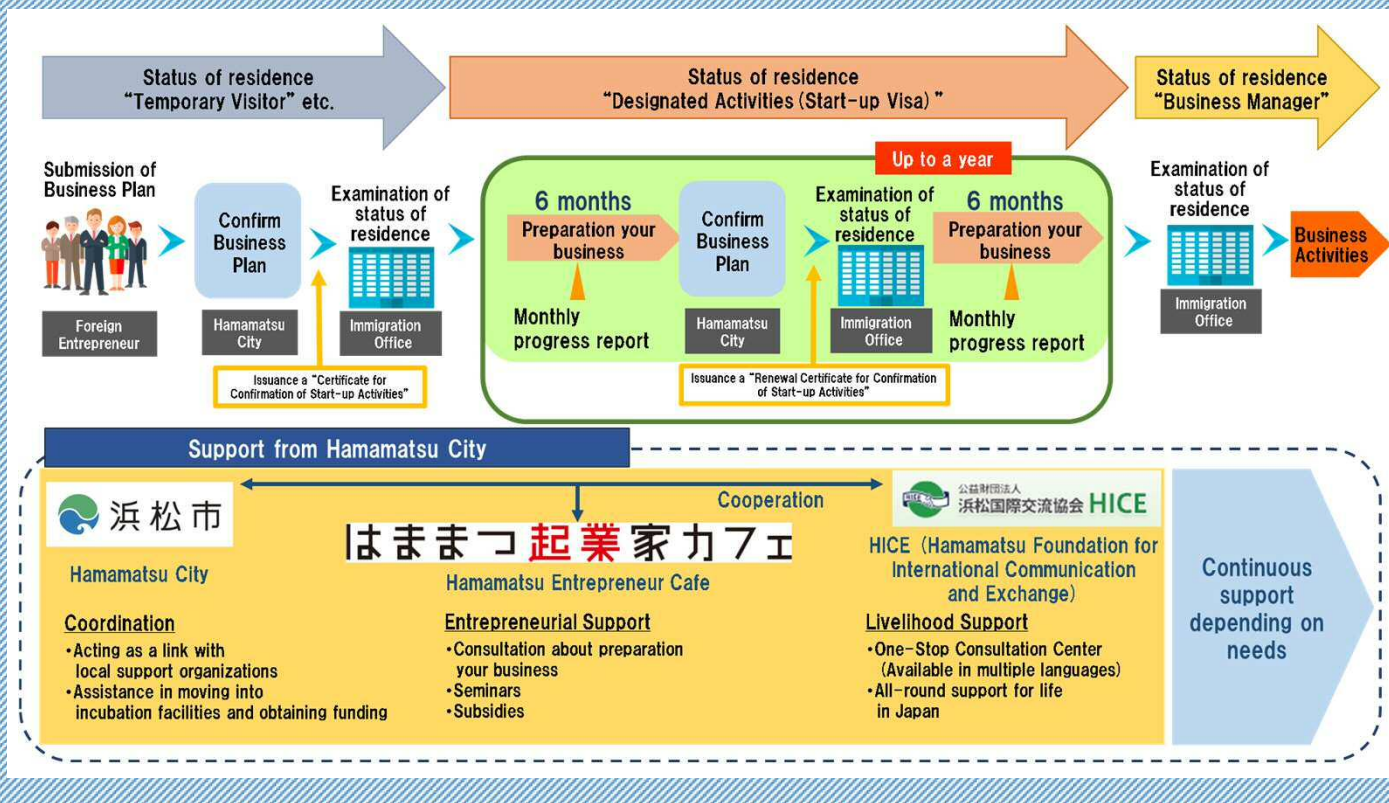
### What is the Foreigner Entrepreneurship Promotion Project (Start-up Visa)?

The Foreigner Entrepreneurship Promotion Project is a scheme from the Ministry of Economic, Trade and Industry to be implemented at certified local government with the goal of increasing the acceptance of foreign entrepreneurs and the promotion of their businesses. Hamamatsu is one of the certified local governments.

For foreign entrepreneurs to acquire the “Business Manager” Status of Residence, they need to fulfil two conditions. They must own an office and have either 5,000,000 yen in investments or hire two full-time employees upon landing in the country.

In this project, foreign entrepreneurs will have to submit a Business Plan for the Start-up to Hamamatsu and if the city judges that the above condition for the “Business Manager” Status of Residence will be fulfilled within a one year period, a certificate will be issued to the applicant.

The foreign entrepreneur will receive a “Specified Activities” Status of Residence for up to a period of one year when they make their application at the immigration office by submitting the certificate along with other necessary documents.



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## Application Procedure

### ① Application for receiving Confirmation for Start-Up Activities

Foreign residents living in Hamamatsu are required to submit the following application form and documents if they wish to: have their start-up business plan confirmed or renew confirmation for their pre-existing business plan for a start-up.

Eligible for:	Foreign Residents living in Hamamatsu who wish to create a start-up
Eligible Fields:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any one of the 7 following fields that were in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vision for Hamamatsu Industry Innovation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>① Cutting-edge Shipping Carriers/Device</li> <li>② Health, Medical Care</li> <li>③ Neo Agriculture</li> <li>④ Environment, Energy</li> <li>⑤ Light, Electronics</li> <li>⑥ Digitalization</li> <li>⑦ Robotics</li> </ul> </li> <li>Revolutionary technology Projects which aim to improve current services</li> <li>Any other field recognized by the Mayor</li> </ul>
Documents to be Submitted:	[Application Confirming Preparation for Start-up Activities] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for Confirmation of the Business Plan</li> <li>The Business Plan for the Start-up</li> <li>The Applicant's Resume (C.V.)</li> <li>Contract for the business</li> <li>A document which clearly shows the address of the applicant for the 1 year period after landing in Japan/having a change of visa status</li> <li>A document which clearly shows your living expenses for the 1 year period after landing in Japan/having a change of visa status</li> <li>A copy of the applicant's :Graduation Certificate or Certificate of Employment</li> <li>A copy of the applicant's passport</li> <li>Other documents, supply as required</li> </ul>
	Application Confirming the Renewal for Start-up Activities] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application for Confirmation of the Business Plan (Renewed)</li> <li>The Business Plan for the Start-up</li> <li>A document which clearly shows the address of the applicant for the 1 year period after landing in Japan/having a change of visa status</li> <li>A document which clearly shows your living expenses for the 1 year period after landing in Japan/having a change of visa status</li> <li>Other documents, supply as required</li> </ul>

### ② Issuance of a Certificate of Confirmation for Start-up Activities

Applicants who apply for a Certificate of Confirmation for their start-up will be required to consult with and hear the opinions of a Small Medium Enterprise Management Consultant. Upon which they will be issued with a Certificate for Confirmation of Start-up Activities *or* a Renewal Certificate for Confirmation of Start-up Activities.

### ③ Application for Residence Status at the Immigration Bureau

Once you (the foreign applicant) have been issued with a Certificate of Confirmation for Start-up Activities (as in ②) , you must apply for a COE (Certificate of Eligibility) for "Specified Activities" from the Nagoya Regional Immigration Bureau ***within 3 months***.

### ④ Immigration, Start-up Activities

Once the applicant has been granted the "Specified Activities" residency status, they are permitted to remain in Japan and complete various activities for their start-up, for up to 1 year (renewal necessary after 6 months) . After arriving in Japan, Hamamatsu City will run checks on the progress of your start-up activities and business plan's progression once a month.