The outline of Chugoku Region In Japan

Chugoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
Introduction

The Chugoku region is located in western Japan and is surrounded by the Sea of Japan and the Seto Inland Sea, with the Chugoku Mountains running through its middle. It is home to diverse cultures and is blessed with a rich natural environment. With a developed infrastructure, including air and seaports, a vibrant flow of people and goods connects the Chugoku region with other parts of Japan and the world.

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<th>Travel Times from Major Cities to Hiroshima (hours:minutes)</th>
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<td>Tokyo  Shinkansen(NOZOMI)</td>
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<td>Sapporo Flight</td>
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Domestic and International Network

Notes: 1. As of November 1, 2019 2. The figures for domestic flights are the number of flights per day.
Source: Websites for each airport and harbor Regional Economic Research Promotion Council Chugoku Economic Federation
The total area of the Chugoku region is 31,922㎢, the total population is 7.33 million, and the total production is 29.9 trillion yen. 

"6-8% Economy": The percentage of the major economic indicators such as GDP in the Chugoku region is about 6 to 8%. (See the pie charts below)

### Data of Chugoku region to the national

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<th>Units</th>
<th>National</th>
<th>Chugoku Region</th>
<th>Tottori Pref</th>
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<td>Total area</td>
<td>kil</td>
<td>377,974</td>
<td>31,922</td>
<td>3,507</td>
<td>6,708</td>
<td>7,114</td>
<td>8,480</td>
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<td>Total population</td>
<td>Ten thousand people</td>
<td>12,644</td>
<td>733</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>68</td>
<td>190</td>
<td>282</td>
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<td>Gross production in prefecture</td>
<td>Hundred million yen</td>
<td>5,465,505</td>
<td>299,201</td>
<td>17,551</td>
<td>25,657</td>
<td>77,879</td>
<td>119,411</td>
<td>58,702</td>
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<td>Value of manufactured goods shipments</td>
<td>Hundred million yen</td>
<td>3,191,667</td>
<td>258,603</td>
<td>8,040</td>
<td>11,721</td>
<td>76,032</td>
<td>101,713</td>
<td>61,097</td>
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<td>Value of retail sales</td>
<td>hundred million yen</td>
<td>1,451,038</td>
<td>82,288</td>
<td>6,304</td>
<td>7,067</td>
<td>20,931</td>
<td>33,097</td>
<td>14,889</td>
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### International comparison of Gross domestic product

1 United States       | 18,219
2 China               | 11,226
3 Japan               | 4,389
40 Colombia            | 293
41 Philippines         | 292
42 Ireland             | 290
43 Pakistan            | 270
Chugoku Region        | 249
44 Chile               | 243
45 Finland             | 232

(U.S. dollars Billion)
Industry in the Chugoku Region since the Meiji era has developed primarily along the coastal areas of the Seto Inland Sea. The industrial structure features a high proportion of basic material, processing and assembly industries. This structure is continuing to develop; while the strong position of these industries is being maintained, there is growth in information and communication industries and electromechanical industries. As a result of the concentration of industries, there is an accumulation of fundamental technologies and skilled personnel in the Chugoku region. These are considered the source of this region’s great potential for development.

- **Hagi Yaki**
  Pottery made in the city of Hagi and the surrounding area.

- **Automobile Industry**
  The head office and factory of Mazda, one of Japan's leading automobile manufacturing companies are located in Hiroshima City. They produce 569,000 cars and trucks annually.

- **New Izumo Wind Power Plant**
  26 windmills of 3MW are installed, counting a total output of 78MW. The amount of electricity generation is equivalent to the consumption of 40,000 households.

- **Tatara Iron making**

- **Sekishu Banshi**
  Premium Japanese paper made in Iwami region, western part of Shimane Prefecture.

- **Ouchi Nuri**
  Lacquered wares such as bowls and trays made in Yamaguchi City.

- **Akama Inkstone**
  Useful and appreciative elements, coupled with the unique color of reddish brown and industrial art works.

- **Kumano Fude**
  Brushes for calligraphy and makeup. Made in Kumano Town, Hiroshima Prefecture.

Photo Source: Shimane Pref., Hiroshima Pref., Yamaguchi Pref. and Nittoho
【Setouchi Kirei Solar Power Plant】
One of the largest solar power plants in Japan facing the Seto Inland Sea (Approx. 235 MW, 500 hectares)

【Mizushima Industrial complex】
One of the largest industrial complexes of the petrochemical, steel and auto industries in Japan.

【Inshu Washi】
Premium Japanese paper made in the east of Tottori Prefecture. Recently it has been used for a variety of purposes such as building materials, craft materials and accessories.

【Maniwa Biomass Power Plant】
One of the largest biomass power plants with thinned timbers and forest off-cuts in Japan (Max 10MW)

【Kurashiki, Kojima, Ibara Jeans】
The birthplace of indigo-dyed jeans in Japan

【Bizen Yaki ware】
One of 6 of the oldest mortared potteries in Japan, made in Bizen City, Okayama Prefecture.

【Yumihama Gasuri】
Clothes for premium kimono(Kasuri) made in Yumigahama Peninsula (Yonago City & Tottori City), Tottori Prefecture.

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**World heritage**

### The Atomic Bomb Dome (Hiroshima Pref.)

The A-Bomb Dome, listed as a World Heritage site, is a landmark dedicated to the devastation caused by the first nuclear weapon to be used in wartime in human history in 1945. It is a symbol for the abolition of nuclear weapons and the importance of lasting peace throughout the world.

### Itsukushima Shrine (Hiroshima Pref.)

Itsukushima Shrine, standing in the sea is famous for its vermilion lacquered tower gate. Looking out over Seto Inland, to the rear it is crowned by Mt. Misen, which has primeval forest, Itsukushima Shrine strikes harmony between nature and culture.

### Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine (Shimane Pref.)

Increased production of silver in Japan and contributed to commercial exchanges between Japan and countries in Southeast Asia. Along with traces of large-scale silver production such as silver mines, transportation routes, ports and towns, it was registered as a World Heritage site in 2007.

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**History & Culture**

- **Bicchu Kokubunji Temple (Okayama Pref.)**
- **Motonosumi Inari Shrine (Yamaguchi Pref.)**
- **Iwami Kagura Sacred dancing (Shimane Pref.)**
- **Mitokusan Nageire-do Hall (Tottori Pref.)**
- **Hiroshima Castle (Hiroshima Pref.)**

Photo Source: Tottori, Shimane, Okayama, Hiroshima and Yamaguchi Pref.
Scenery, Hot springs & Gourmet

**Scenery**

- Shinjiko Lake (Shimane Pref.)
- Shimanami Kaido Expressway (Hiroshima Pref.)
- Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter (Okayama Pref.)
- Tottori Sand Dune (Tottori Pref.)
- Kintaikyo Bridge (Yamaguchi Pref.)
- Senkoji Park (Hiroshima Pref.)
- Akiyoshido Cavern (Yamaguchi Pref.)

**Hot springs**

- Misasa Hot Spring (Tottori Pref.)
- Matsue Shinjiko Hot Spring (Shimane Pref.)
- Hawai Hot Spring (Tottori Pref.)
- Okutsu Hot Spring (Okayama Pref.)

**Gourmet**

- Matsuba Crab (Tottori Pref.)
- Okonomiyaki Layered dish (Hiroshima Pref.)
- Japanese Sweets (Shimane Pref.)
- Tsuyama Horumonyaki, Grilled guts and Udon noodle (Okayama Pref.)
- Shimane Japanese beef (Shimane Pref.)
- Sliced Blowfish (Yamaguchi Pref.)

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Chugoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry

The Chugoku Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry is a local office of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), located in Hiroshima city.

The Chugoku Bureau of METI provides a wide varieties of supports to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to promote new products and services, to increase renewable and new energy, to boost economy and industry in Chugoku region. In addition, it conducts on-site inspections to business operators in order to ensure safety and security.