Kansai Economic Federation (KANKEIREN)
Efforts to establish an ecosystem for startups in Kansai

■Types of support

• Kansai Economic Federation

The Kansai Economic Federation is an economic organization with about 1,300 members comprising companies and universities primarily in Kansai. It has greatly helped not only Kansai but also Japan develop economically by taking part in various activities, including such projects in Kansai as inviting the Kansai International Airport and the World Expo 2025 , fostering international collaboration primarily with other Asian countries, and making policy proposals.

• Venture Ecosystem Committee

We have established a Venture Ecosystem Committee with the aim of promoting collaboration between large companies and startups. The Federation's member companies are greatly interested in developing a startup ecosystem in Kansai and promoting open innovation.

■Examples of main activities

•Innovation co-creation field

The aim of this field is to promote open innovation, encourage interaction between large companies and startups, and facilitate industry-academia collaborations. It also serves as a liaison between Startups and our federation's member companies.

•Incorporating an innovation development function into Umekita's 2nd phase development project

We are collaborating with private enterprises on developing a support system for incorporating an innovation development function based on Kansai's advantages into Umekita's 2nd phase development project, to be completed in 2024.

•Asia Business Creation Platform（ABC platform）

The ABC platform, which aims to stimulate the economies of Japan and other Asian countries by creating new businesses, provides small-and-medium-size companies in Kansai with support in the form of seminars and business tours for entering markets overseas.

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