

■ An organization implementing comprehensive support that covers all areas of SME policy

• SME SUPPORT JAPAN Kansai Head Office
 All members of the Kansai Head Office work as one team to help SMEs and regional supporting organizations mainly in the six Kinki prefectures with all kinds of business challenges and requests, including starting a business, improving productivity, developing human resources, expanding overseas and preparing for the future.

■ Main startup/venture support measures of SME SUPPORT JAPAN

• Incubation

It develops and runs incubation facilities in eleven locations across the Kinki area, including Higashiosaka City and Ibaraki City in Osaka Prefecture, through partnership with universities and municipalities. Incubation Managers provide tenant companies with advice on management and other support, such as that for collaboration with industry, university, government, or financial institution partners.

• FASTAR (an acceleration program)

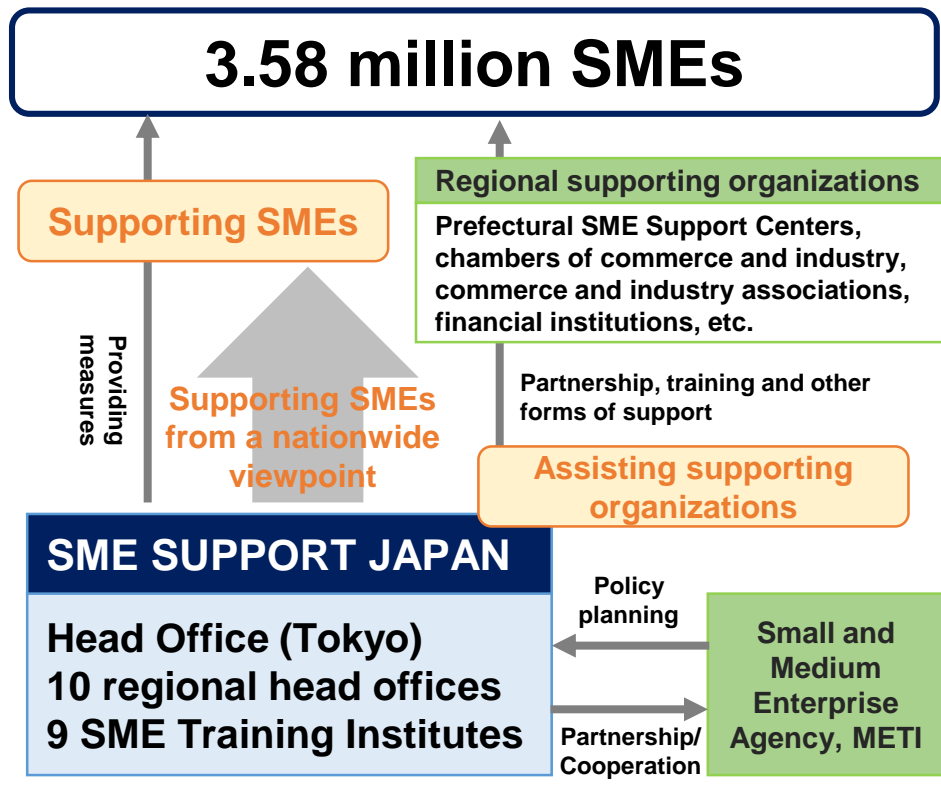
It provides short-term intensive growth acceleration support program, which accompanies venture companies to raise funds, form business partnerships, and so on.

• Startup consultation service and AI chatbot

You can receive free startup consultation from specialists in respective fields as many times as you want (one hour per session, appointment-only and online consultation available). Those preparing for or interested in starting up a business can also have online chats with an AI on LINE and have their questions about business startups answered.

• Sponsoring a fund

It sponsors a fund that aims to invest in venture companies etc. that have been founded within the past five years and are in the early stages of development.



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