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The Honorable Robert Niemi
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Dear Mayor Niemi:

Thank you very much for your continued support of sister city programs and for your commitment to U.S.-Japan relations. The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit serves the states of Michigan and Ohio and is dedicated to promoting ties between these two states and Japan. As for sister-city relationships, there are 27 sister-city relationships between Japan and Michigan including the Marquette -Higashiomi-City relationship which dates back to 1979, in addition to the Michigan State and Shiga Prefecture relationship. I am very pleased to know that both cities have been connected through bilateral delegate visits since then.

Since I arrived here as Consul General of Japan in Detroit at the end of September of last year, I have actively visited many cities including those which have sister-city relationships in both the states of Michigan and Ohio in order to promote ties between these two states and Japan. My wife and I drove to Marquette early last month for summer vacation. It was indeed a fantastic town! I very much look forward to coming back for official purposes next time.

According to our recent survey, Japan is a leading foreign investor in Michigan. In fact, there are 469 facilities of Japanese companies which provide more than 37,000 jobs to people living here. As of January 2014, there were more than 12,000 Japanese nationals in Michigan. In addition, there are more than 6,400 students learning Japanese at schools and other institutions. For your reference, I have enclosed informational materials outlining Japan's presence in Michigan. I am very pleased to know that Japan has such a big presence in Michigan and am certain that bilateral relations will continue to expand in the future.

The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit would be delighted to support sister city activities which play the most important role in further strengthening people to people relationships. Please, therefore, let us know and feel free to contact us regarding bilateral delegate visits and student exchange programs between Marquette -Higashiomi city. We would be happy to support you in any way possible.

In order to further promote ties among sister cities, we would also appreciate if you could post our webpage's link on your website. (<http://www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/index.htm>) Please also feel free to visit my Facebook page entitled "From the Desk of Consul General" on which I regularly update my activities as Consul General. The Facebook page is accessible through our website. Once again, thank you for your support of U.S.-Japan relations.

With warmest regards,



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Consul General of Japan in Detroit

2013 Japanese Direct Investment Survey: Summary of Michigan Results (as of October 1, 2013)

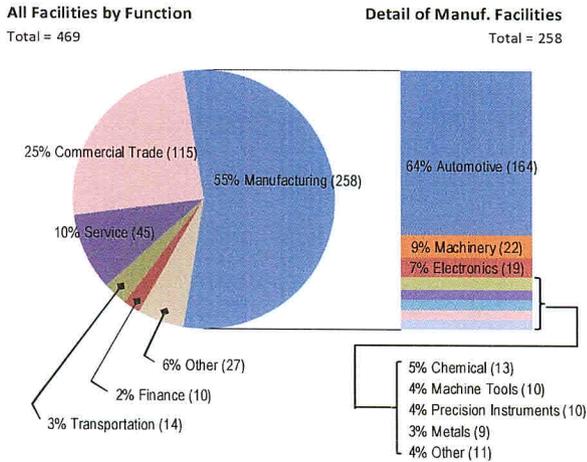
The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit annually surveys Japanese-owned facilities and Japanese nationals in Michigan. As the 2013 data indicate, Japanese investment contributes significantly to the state economy.

NOTE: Japanese facilities are defined as non-franchised operations with at least a 10% share of Japanese ownership. Past years' data are periodically revised.

FACILITIES

Japan is a leading foreign investor in Michigan with 469 facilities. The majority of Japanese facilities (258) operate in the manufacturing sector; 64% of manufacturing facilities are automotive related. There are 115 facilities operating in the commercial trade sector, accounting for 25%, or the majority of all non-manufacturing facilities.

Figure 1: Japanese Facilities by Sector



EMPLOYMENT

Japanese facilities provide 37,020 jobs in Michigan, 95% of which are held by local residents.

Figure 2: Long-term Japanese Investment Trends

Year	Facilities	Total Employees	Employee Breakdown		Manufacturing Employees
			Local	Japanese	
2013	469	37,020	35,197	1,823	15,704
2012	481	35,788	34,061	1,727	15,376
2008	548	37,522	35,311	2,211	15,896
2003	483	36,419	34,261	2,158	16,434
Percent Change					
1 Year	-2.5%	3.4%	3.3%	5.6%	2.1%
5 Year	-14.4%	-1.3%	-0.3%	-17.5%	-1.2%
10 Year	-2.9%	1.7%	2.7%	-15.5%	-4.4%

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The southeast's 380 facilities are primarily R&D, engineering and sales offices, which provide 21,853 jobs. The facilities in other regions are predominately in the manufacturing sector, and provide 15,167 jobs.

Figure 3: Japanese Investment by Region (Top Counties)

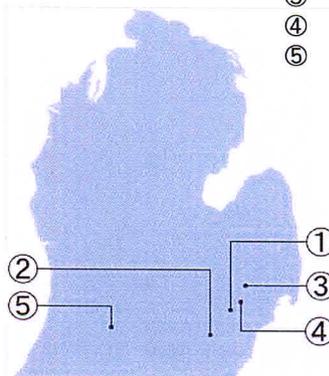
Region	Facilities	Total	Manufacturing
		Employees	Employees
Southeast	380	21,853	4,839
• Oakland County	229	10,880	1,075
• Wayne County	100	5,948	2,224
• Washtenaw County	25	3,123	389
• Macomb County	13	596	339
• Livingston County	10	935	561
Southwest	48	11,031	7,941
Central	33	3,529	2,461
Northern	8	607	463

JAPANESE POPULATION

As of January 2014, there are 12,027 Japanese nationals in Michigan, most of whom reside in the southeastern region of the state.

Figure 4: Japanese Population (Top 5 Cities)

- ① Novi 2,941
- ② Ann Arbor 1,584
- ③ West Bloomfield 974
- ④ Farmington Hills 643
- ⑤ Battle Creek 343



Japanese Education in Michigan

17 Universities and Community Colleges (Fall 2013)				
	City	University	Japanese language courses	
			Total students enrolled	Total number of classes
1	Ann Arbor	University of Michigan	390	23
2	East Lansing	Michigan State University	315	15
3	Rochester	Oakland University	246	17
4	Ypsilanti	Eastern Michigan University	220	21
5	Kalamazoo	Western Michigan University	213	12
6	Detroit	Wayne State University	117	10
7	Bloomfield Hills	Oakland Community College	121	6
8	Grand Rapids	Grand Valley State University	100	5
9	Lansing	Lansing Community College	89	5
10	Grand Rapids	Calvin College	70	5
11	Holland	Hope College	64	6
12	Saginaw	Saginaw Valley State University	59	3
13	Adrian	Adrian College	35	3
14	Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo College	32	3
15	Grand Rapids	Aquinas College	30	3
16	Big Rapids	Ferris State University	28*	1
17	Mount Pleasant	Central Michigan University	24	1

TOTALS

2,125

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K-12 Schools (Fall 2012)		
	Total Number of Schools	Total students enrolled
	60	4,350
High School	34	2,273
Elementary and Middle School	26	2,077

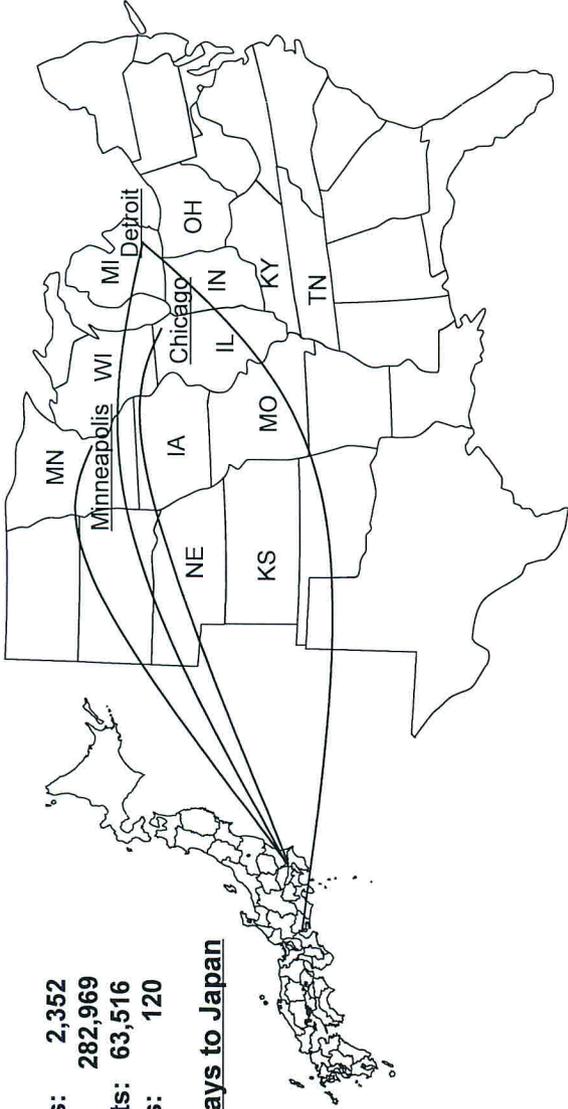
* Denotes courses only offered in Spring

Japan-U.S. Midwest Overview

12-State Totals
Japanese Facilities: 2,352
Total Employees: 282,969
Japanese Residents: 63,516
Sister-States/Cities: 120

3 Midwest Gateways to Japan

- **Detroit**
- **Chicago**
- **Minneapolis**



Michigan (MI)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 469
Employees: 37,020
Jpn. Residents: 12,027
Main Exports to Japan:
 Automotive; Metal &
 Chemical Products
Sister-State: Shiga
Sister-Cities: 27

Ohio (OH)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 425
Employees: 69,183
Jpn. Residents: 12,320
Main Exports to Japan:
 Automotive; Chemical &
 Metal Products
Sister-State: Saitama
Sister-Cities: 14

Illinois (IL)

[Governor-D]
Facilities: 590
Employees: 38,340
Jpn. Residents: 14,527
Main Exports to Japan:
 Electronics; Chemical
 Products
Sister-State: None
Sister-Cities: 9

Indiana (IN)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 203
Employees: 43,950
Jpn. Residents: 5,339
Main Exports to Japan:
 Chemical Products;
 Machinery
Sister-State: Tochigi
Sister-Cities: 11

Iowa (IA)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 45
Employees: 4,710
Jpn. Residents: 1,240
Main Exports to Japan:
 Agriculture (Grains);
 Farming Equipment
Sister-State: Yamanashi
Sister-Cities: 10

Kansas (KS)

[Governor-D]
Facilities: 40
Employees: 1,420
Jpn. Residents: 1,379
Main Exports to Japan:
 Agricultural Products;
 Metal Products
Sister-State: None
Sister-Cities: 3

Kentucky (KY)

[Governor-D]
Facilities: 156
Employees: 37,371
Jpn. Residents: 4,043
Main Exports to Japan:
 Automotive; Chemical
 Products; Machinery
Sister-State: None
Sister-Cities: 7

Minnesota (MN)

[Governor-D]
Facilities: 71
Employees: 4,220
Jpn. Residents: 3,055
Main Exports to Japan:
 Agricultural Products;
 Livestock; Electronics
Sister-State: None
Sister-Cities: 10

Missouri (MO)

[Governor-D]
Facilities: 81
Employees: 5,830
Jpn. Residents: 2,569
Main Exports to Japan:
 Agriculture (Grains);
 Livestock
Sister-State: Nagano
Sister-Cities: 7

Nebraska (NE)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 40
Employees: 3,760
Jpn. Residents: 1,138
Main Exports to Japan:
 Agricultural Products;
 Chemical Products
Sister-State: None
Sister-Cities: 3

Tennessee (TN)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 179
Employees: 34,700
Jpn. Residents: 3,725
Main Exports to Japan:
 Machinery; Chemical;
 Automotive
Sister-State: None
Sister-Cities: 6

Wisconsin (WI)

[Governor-R]
Facilities: 53
Employees: 2,510
Jpn. Residents: 2,154
Main Exports to Japan:
 Agricultural Products;
 Electronics
Sister-State: Chiba
Sister-Cities: 13

(Note: MI/OH data compiled 3.13.14; All others compiled 6.3.2013)