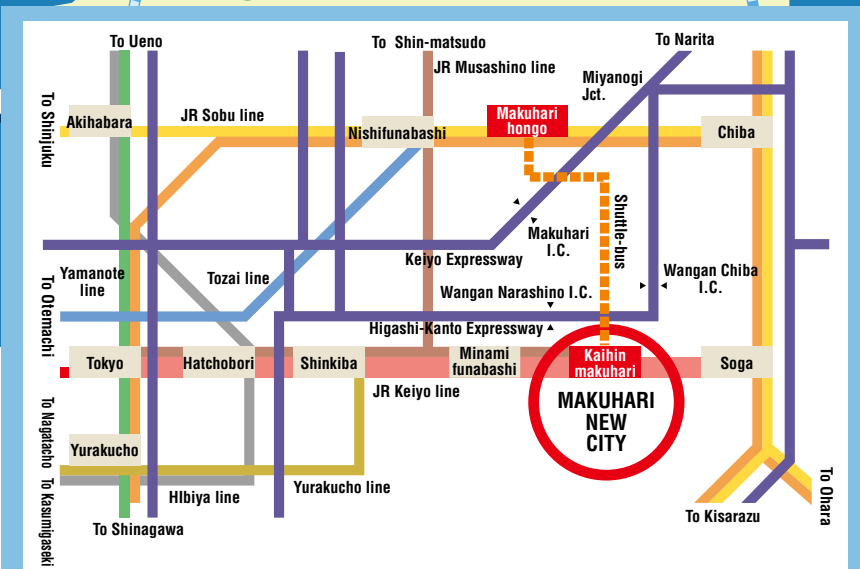


LOCATION & ACCES



Convenient Access

- From Tokyo Station
[JR Keiyo Line limited express] 29 minutes
[JR Uchibo/Sotobo Lines special express] ※limited stops 24 minutes
- From Kasumigaseki Station 37 minutes
[JR Keiyo Line limited express, change to Tokyo Metro Line Hibiya Line at Hatchobori]
- From Shinjuku Station 44 minutes
[JR Keiyo Line limited express, change to JR Chuo Line at Tokyo]
- From Haneda Airport About 45 minutes
* Limousine Bus. Journey times vary depending on traffic.
- From Narita Airport About 30 minutes
From the Wangan Chiba interchange of the Higashi-Kanto Expressway
* Journey times vary depending on traffic.



By train

Makuhari New City can be accessed from the center of Tokyo in about 30 minutes, using the JR Keiyo Line, JR Sobu Line, or the Keisei Line, as well as the express services of the JR Uchibo and Sotobo Lines. Furthermore, a shuttle-bus service links Makuharihongo Station (JR Sobu and Keisei Lines) with Makuhari New City.

By car

Makuhari New City can be accessed using either of two expressways; the Higashi-Kanto Expressway (Wangan Narashino or Wangan Chiba Interchanges) between Narita and Tokyo, or the Keiyo Road (Makuhari Interchange) that links Tokyo and Chiba.

By "Limousine Bus" (Airport Express Bus Service)

Makuhari New City is linked to both Narita and Haneda Airports by the "Limousine Bus" express bus service. By bus, it takes only 30 minutes to reach Narita Airport.

Under 30 minutes from both the heart of Tokyo and Narita Airport

After the opening of Makuhari Messe —the centerpiece of Makuhari— in October 1989, New City has witnessed the continuous development of facilities and functions (business/research buildings, hotels, housing, schools, and parks for working, living, studying, and playing) to cater to international conventions, culture, and the promotion of intercultural activities. The current daytime population of the city, if we include workers, students, residents, and visitors, has reached 135,000. With the start of Phase 2, New City is set to become a leading international business city for the 21st Century.

Makuhari New City and the massive convention center Makuhari Messe within have attracted the head offices and research and development facilities of major leading-edge technology-based companies and foreign-capital companies from all over. Today Makuhari is an international crossroads and the center of a high-tech zone that has transformed Chiba Prefecture into one of the most international and technically advanced areas in Japan.

This has opened up a wealth of possibilities to Chiba Prefecture. In addition to its new role as an international hub of high technology, Chiba is now attracting many governmental functions away from the traditional center of Tokyo. Some describe the area as “International Capital Makuhari”; others call it “Global Makuhari.” The benefits are tremendous for Chiba: Makuhari New City pushing the industrial structure of Chiba Prefecture far into the future while maintaining the balance of the region.

The latest developments in the industrial and R&D district have brought in a larger working population. The Public Enterprises Agency of the Chiba Prefectural Government moved into Makuhari Techno Garden in January 2006. The Starts Group, meanwhile, opened the Robot FA Center in March 2006 with plans to use the facility as its headquarters.

In the Multiple Zone with Academic Facilities, the Institute of Developing Economies under JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) moved to the educational district from Shinjuku in 1999. Later, in April 2006, the JA Kyosai Makuhari Training Center opened nearby.

A host of new facilities have opened in the Town Center district. Garden Walk Makuhari, Carrefour Makuhari, and Messe Amuse Mall all opened between 2000 and 2002. ROOM DECO Kanetaya and Park Side, a new wing in Garden Walk Makuhari, opened in April 2005. The Residential Zone has seen new residents moving into a wide range of new housing, including mid- and high-

rise towers. The permanent population of Makuhari New City now stands at around 21,000.

The expanded district has also been growing rapidly. The opening of Costco Wholesale Makuhari in December 2002 was followed by Carest-Makuhari in October 2003, the Tokyo Interior Corporation Makuhari store in December 2005, and Sakura Hiroba of Mitsubishi Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. in April 2006.

Makuhari New City continues to develop steadily with an eye toward becoming an international business city geared for the future.



Port of Chiba

Port of Chiba, located at the north-east corner of Tokyo Bay, is Japan's second largest, with 133 km of docks. Its port facilities have been granted special status by the Government as one of Japan's most important ports. The facilities handle more freight than any other port in Japan, making them immensely important to the country as a whole, and contributing immeasurably to the economic vitality of the capital. In 1994, in addition to conventional industrial port functions, container-handling facilities for foreign trade were added to the Chiba Chuo area, as the distribution role became more important. These international port facilities play a major role not only in ensuring the progress and stability of Japan's economy, but also that of local economy and the prosperity of its citizens.



Narita Airport

Since its opening in 1978, Narita airport has grown to be the most important air transport facility in Japan as well as the world's leading international airport, in 2005 the airport served 3,145,000 airline passengers and 2.24 million tons of cargo. As Japan's gateway to the world, it plays an immensely important role.

