

BASF in Japan

Overview

BASF has been a committed partner to Japan since 1888. Operating both production sites as well as Research and Development facilities in Japan, BASF contributes to the success of Japanese customers nationwide as well as globally by providing products and solutions to nearly all industries. These include the automotive, construction, pharmaceutical, medical, electronics, electric, packaging, home and personal care, agriculture and food industries. As of the end of 2024, BASF employed 897 employees in Japan, and recorded sales of about € 1.5 billion to customers in the country. Further information is available on www.basf.com/jp.

Key Facts & Figures¹

- Number of companies: 3 wholly-owned, 1 joint ventures
- Number of production sites: 6
- Number of employees: 897
- Sales of BASF Group companies to customers in Japan in 2024: approximately € 1.5 billion

Production Sites in Japan

BASF Japan Ltd.

Kitatone site (Koga, Ibaraki)

- Emollients and waxes
- Established in 1970

Kasumi site (Kasumi, Yokkaichi)

- Thermoplastic polyurethanes (TPU)
- Established in 1989

¹ Globally consolidated companies (major companies and sites) only, as of December 31, 2024.

Rokuromi site (Rokuromi, Yokkaichi)

- Dispersions
- Established in 1963

BASF Coatings Japan LLC

Totsuka site (Totsuka, Yokohama)

- Automotive OEM coatings
- Established in 1964

BASF TODA Battery Materials LLC (joint venture with TODA KOGYO CORP.)

Onoda site (Sanyo Onoda, Yamaguchi)

- Cathode materials and their precursors
- Established in 2003 (part of BASF since 2015)

Kitakyushu site (Kitakyushu, Fukuoka)

- Cathode materials
- Established in 2002 (part of BASF since 2015)

Research & Development

Yokohama Innovation Center

Engineering Plastic Innovation Center

- Established in 2012
- Provides technical support for engineering plastics

Creation Center

- Opened in 2019 (designfabrik® Tokyo was opened in 2014 and was relaunched as Creation Center)
- Offers ideas relating to materials and design

AgSolution Farm Naruto

- Opened in 2017
- Conducts field trials under actual farming conditions for crop protection

Community

- BASF Japan held the "46th Summer Festival" at the Totsuka site in Yokohama, in July 2024. This site is dedicated to the production and development of automotive coatings, and 2024 was a special year as it celebrated its 60th anniversary. More than 1,200 visitors attended the festival, making it a significant community event. The festival featured a variety of activities, including stalls and food booths operated by BASF employees, performances by the local elementary school's baton club, and a watermelon smashing game. The venue was filled with energy and excitement. This annual event, held every July, aims to strengthen ties with the local community. Through these events, BASF will continue to contribute to local communities in Japan.
