



View from Osaka

Location

Japan is an island country found off the east coast of Asia. Osaka Gakuin University is located in about the middle of Japan, in Osaka Prefecture's Suita City. With a population of 8.8 million, the prefecture is home to the second largest concentration of people in Japan after Tokyo, and in 2011 had 206,000 foreign residents.

The Kansai region, in which Osaka is located, has long been the center of Japan's political, economic, and cultural life. It is an area of equal importance as Tokyo, politically and economically, and is currently acting as the hub for Western Japan.

Thanks to the area's well developed transportation infrastructure, other major cities such as Kyoto and Kobe are just 40 minutes away and Tokyo can be reached in approximately three hours by *shinkansen* (bullet train). Kansai International Airport, the nation's major airline hub, is 80 minutes away.

