

About Us

The Yokohama Chamber of Commerce and Industry (YCCI), with its foundation legislated in a specially designed Japanese law titled the “Chambers of Commerce and Industry Law,” is a nonprofit comprehensive economic organization comprised of small, medium, and large enterprises.

The YCCI is today known as one of the most influential and venerable chambers of commerce and industry in Japan. As a proactive catalyst for development, the Chamber strives to promote and support the drive for globally competitive Yokohama-based enterprises and to improve the business climate and quality of living in the Yokohama metropolitan area for residents, workers, and visitors.



*Date of establishment: April 13, 1880
Aggregate of membership: about 12,000
(as of March 2017)*

Major characteristics of the Chamber

The aggregate number of chambers of commerce and industry in Japan today stands at more than 500, with a chamber in almost every city. Each chamber, including The Yokohama Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has four major characteristics of daily operations.

1) **Public-spirited:**

A chamber of commerce and industry is a public-oriented organization that serves for the good of its region and is prohibited from engaging in any business activities intended to benefit particular individuals or organizations

2) **Region-based:**

Closely related to its coverage area, a chamber of commerce and industry promotes the development of the region's commerce and industry.

3) **Comprehensive:**

Application to a chamber of commerce and industry is open to various fields of business regardless of the size, type, and nature of their business.

4) **International:**

A chamber of commerce and industry has a global outlook and maintains connections with other chambers of commerce and industry around the world.