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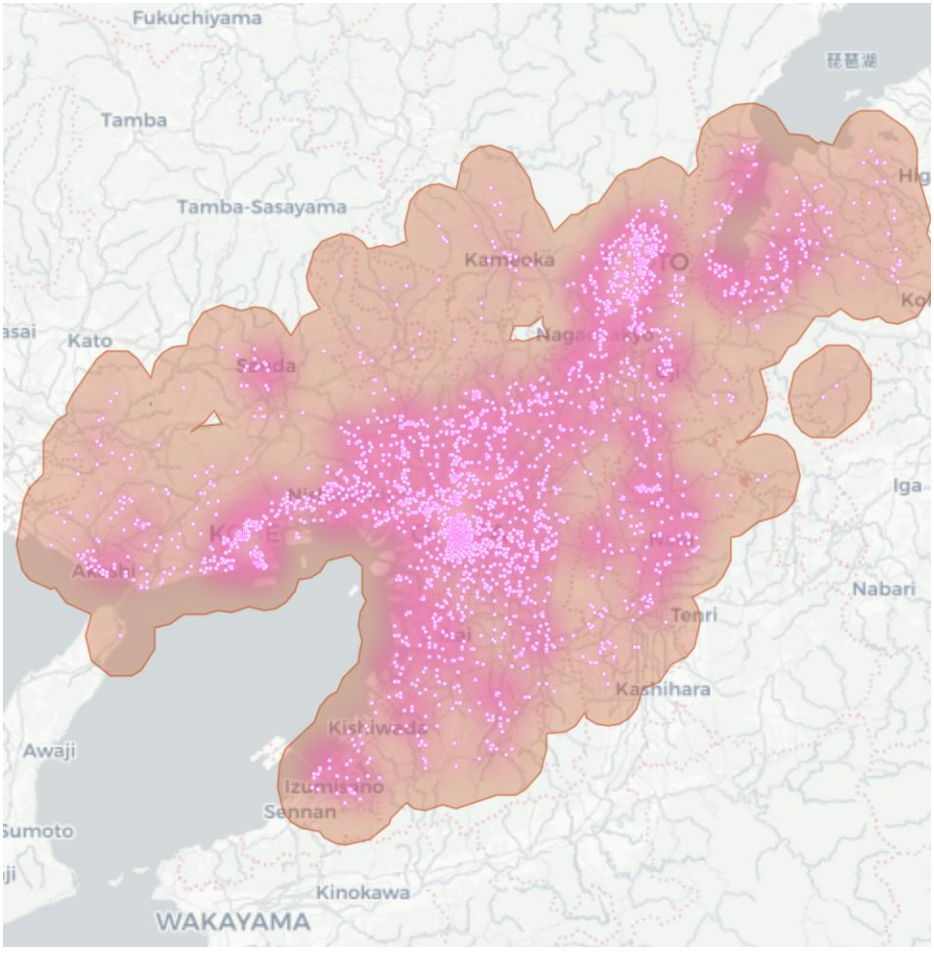


Osaka–Kobe–Kyoto, Japan

Osaka–Kobe–Kyoto is the second-ranked cluster, out of 3 Japanese clusters, that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, this cluster filed a total of **40,179 PCT applications**, published **99,503 scientific articles** and had **543 venture capital deals**, making it:

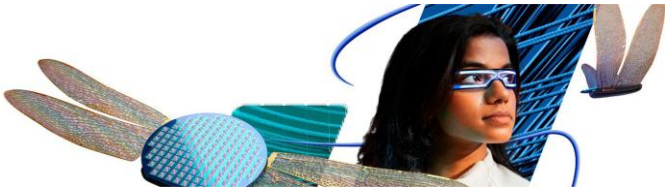
10th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

(Also the 54th innovation cluster by intensity)



Note: Points represent the location of an inventor, author, or VC deal. Map created with Leaflet.
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Source: WIPO Statistics Database, June 2026.

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Top PCT applicants

		Patents	Share
1	MURATA MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.	4,308	12%
2	KYOCERA CORPORATION	2,709	7%
3	NITTO DENKO CORPORATION	2,039	6%

Top publishing organizations

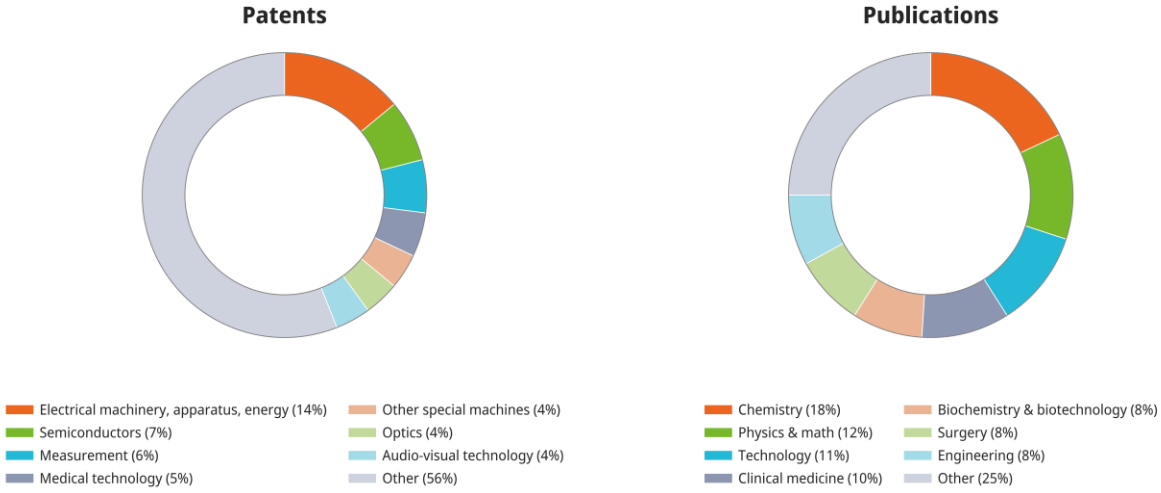
		Articles	Share
1	KYOTO UNIVERSITY	7,885	24%
2	OSAKA UNIVERSITY	5,508	17%
3	KOBE UNIVERSITY	2,415	7%

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Top technology fields in Osaka–Kobe–Kyoto



16% of Osaka–Kobe–Kyoto's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **Tokyo–Yokohama**, **Nagoya** and **San Diego** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

74% of Osaka–Kobe–Kyoto's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Tokyo–Yokohama**, **Nagoya** and **Fukuoka**.

Estimated cluster population	15,064,665

Innovation Metric	Five-year total (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
PCT applications	40,179	36,830	2,445	29,943	6,533
Scientific publications	99,503	51,853	3,442	97,215	73,872
Venture capital deals	543	n/a	36	n/a	n/a

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