

TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. (Kyushu Office)

TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. is a Japanese arm of TÜV Rheinland Group, headquartered in Germany. TÜV Rheinland Group is an independent organization for testing product safety with 400 locations in 61 countries. TÜV Rheinland Japan provides safety testing and certification for industrial products, including electric and electronic equipment and automobiles. The company also examines management systems as a member of TUV Rheinland CERT.



Company Profile	
● Representative	President & CEO; Ralf Wilde Kyushu Office Manager; Parveen Akther
● Location	Fukuoka SRP Center Bldg., 2-1-22 Momochihama, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka
● TEL	+81-92-845-5431
● URL	http://www.jpn.tuv.com
● Established	October 1996
● Parent Company	TÜV Rheinland Group (Germany)
● Capital	¥ 370 million (TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd.)
● Number of employees	15
● Description of business	Safety testing and certification of products, registration of ISO certification

Reasons for Starting Business in Kyushu and Impression of Kyushu

- Providing support near customers
 - As a service providing company, it was important for us to provide support to customers near to them. We also expected to be able to communicate with customers more smoothly and reduce costs like travel expenses.
- Good accessibility (infrastructure, information)
 - Transport in Fukuoka is convenient, which is an advantage. In Fukuoka, it is easy to access the airport and also convenient to move within the city. Furthermore, regarding access to information, due to its relatively small community, it is easy to receive information from JETRO, municipalities and so on. We can actively participate in business gatherings among local foreign affiliated companies, for example, as a board member of the Fukuoka International Business Association (FIBA).

TÜV Rheinland started business in Japan as a Japanese residence office in 1978. In 1983, TÜV Rheinland Japan Ltd. was established. TÜV Rheinland Japan has now locations in Osaka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka and Okinawa in addition to Yokohama headquarters and the technology center. The number of employees is 400.

Business Conditions

- Objects of product safety testing and certification range over 2,000 items, including electric products, industrial machinery, automobiles, food and distribution. Originally we targeted products exporting to EU countries; however, we can now deal with not only the EU regulations and international standards, but also standards specific to each country. In the Kyushu region, many of the customers provided with testing and certification services are companies related to construction, electric products and semiconductors.
- At our Kyushu Office, we have 15 staff members. Their nationalities vary: Indian, English, Australian, Malaysian etc. Because the companies in the Kyushu region have the tendency to be introverted and conduct family business, we try to provide services suitable for each customer's nature and company culture.

Future Prospects

- Expansion of business utilizing Kyushu's characteristics
 - Kyushu is home to companies in the fields of automobile, food and distribution for food exports. These are the fields where we can provide services because consumers in these fields have a keen interest in safety and security. We will focus on these fields in the future and try to expand our Kyushu Office.
- Employment of well-qualified persons
 - Employing well-qualified persons is a future issue for expansion of the Kyushu Office. We need persons who have experience or who undergone a professional education and who also possess language ability. We seek for and employ well-qualified persons, using internship programs including those for foreign students.



