

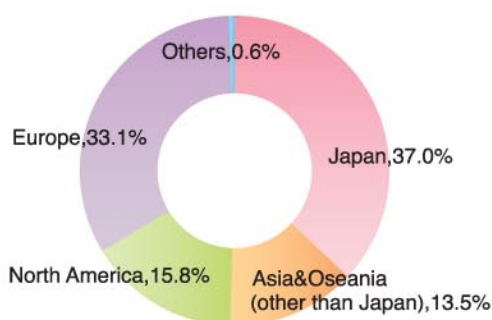
# Kyushu's Manufacturing Potential – The Robot Industry –

Business Environment in Kyushu 2009

Japan is the world's leader in the field of industrial robots, with many robots currently being used in manufacturing and other industries. As well, there has been a growing interest in using robots in diverse fields, including welfare & nursing care and disaster relief, and the robot market is expected to further grow. The shipment value of industrial robots in Kyushu reached 132.5 billion yen (21.2% of Japan's total) in 2006. Kyushu is home to many robot parts-related small and medium-size companies, including Yaskawa Electric Corporation, the world's leading maker of manufacturing robots, and Tmsuk Co., Ltd., a robot-related venture firm.

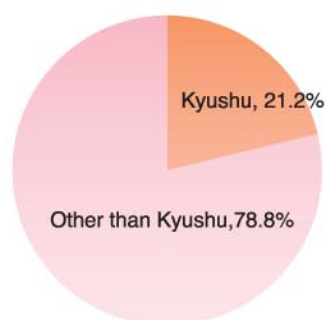
Kyushu boasts more than 100 robotics researchers in universities and national colleges of technology, including Kyushu University and Kyushu Institute of Technology, and it is expected that next-generation robots will be developed through cooperation between industry and academia.

**Robots in Operation Worldwide (2006)**



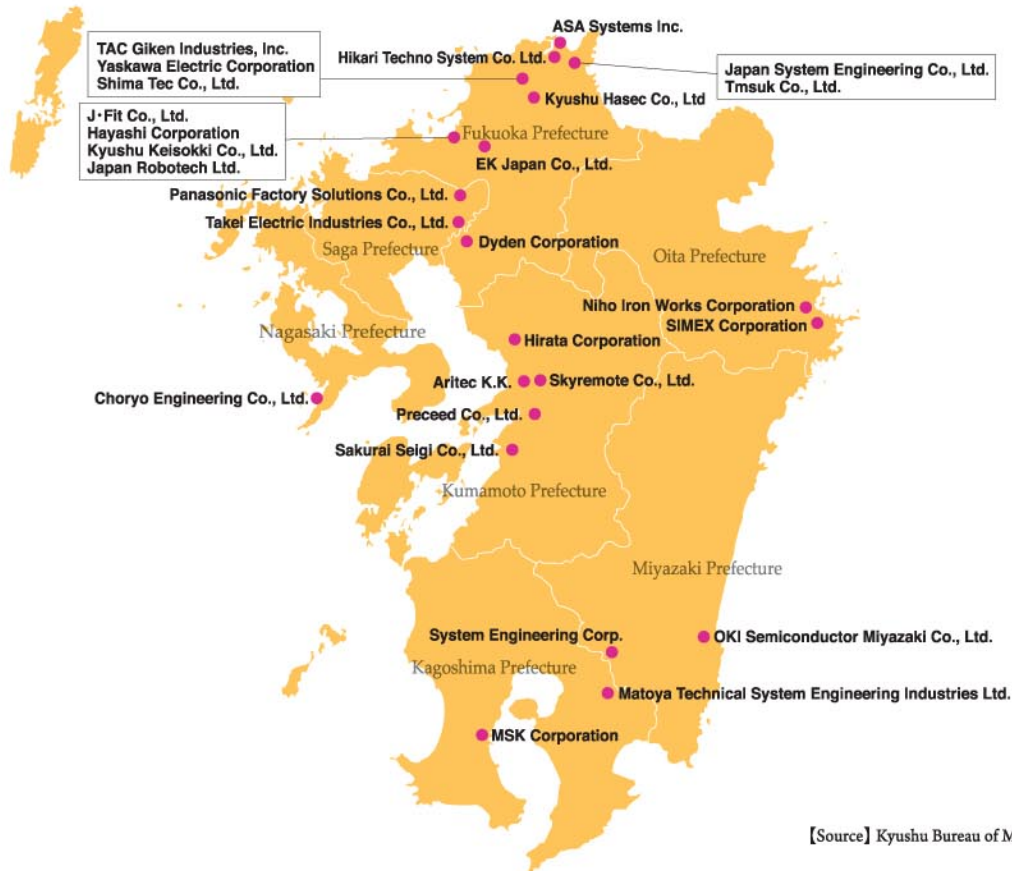
[Source] Japan Robot Association  
(Original source: International Federation of Robotics)

**Kyushu's Share of Industrial Robot Production in Japan**



[Source] Census of Manufacturers in 2006

**The Map of Major Robot Companies in Kyushu**



[Source] Kyushu Bureau of METI