

RegionLink Fieldwork Master Plan 2025

Program Period: March to May 2025

Total Locations: 12 Municipalities

Format: 1- to 2-day onsite field experiences combining local problem exploration, resident dialogue, and thematic workshops.

【Location 1: Osaka Prefecture - Hannan City】

Dates: March 30–31, 2025

Themes: Regional Revitalization, Local Industry, Historical Sites, and Coastal Economy

Highlights:

- Meetings at City Hall, urban walk in Ozaki area
 - Exploration of Yamanakadani historical district and Kumano Kodo
 - Visits to Japan Retro Game Association and KIX Oceanfront
 - Discussions with local fishery (Eishinmaru) and business leaders
 - Site visits on Day 2 include: West Tottori Fishing Port, Hannan-tea farm site, Hannan Chamber of Commerce
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【Location 2: Ishikawa Prefecture - Monzen, Wajima City】

Dates: March

Themes: Disaster Recovery, Zen Culture, Local Economy

Highlights:

- Visit to Sojiji Temple, Monzen Branch Office welcome
 - Community discussions at Kurosaki Island and Monzen Town
 - Temple morning Zen experience, free-form site visits in disaster-hit areas 【40↑source】
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【Location 3: Niigata Prefecture - Joetsu City】

Dates: April

Themes: Youth Retention, Local DX (Digital Transformation)

Highlights:

- DX site visits (JM-DAWN, ORAJA)
- Roundtables with young residents and IT professionals
- Workshop with local education institutions
- Focus on reversing youth migration and promoting DX 【41↑source】

【Location 4: Miyagi Prefecture - Sendai City】

Dates: April

Themes: Talent Migration, Startup Ecosystem, Inbound Tourism

Highlights:

- City sessions with university students and city officials
- Visits to Nanoterasu and Startup Studio
- Field study at key tourist sites (Aoba Castle, morning markets, etc.)
- Workshop to reimagine Sendai's inbound tourism experience 【42†source】

【Location 5: Tokyo Metropolis - Shibuya Ward】

Dates: March

Themes: Urban Innovation, Local-Startup Collaboration

Highlights:

- Shibuya City Hall briefing & urban redevelopment walk
- Meetings with Shibuya-based startups
- Idea-thon for rural-urban synergy 【43†source】

【Location 6: Hiroshima Prefecture - Jinseki Kogen Town】

Dates: March 27–28, 2025

Themes: Rural Heritage, Eco-tourism, Creative Industries

Highlights:

- Visits to Taishaku Cave, craft beer makers
- Dialogue with community producers and event organizers
- Workshop around regional resource utilization 【44†source】

【Location 7: Kumamoto Prefecture - Kumamoto City】

Dates: Mid-April 2025

Themes: Urban Planning, Innovation, Youth Participation

Highlights:

- Site visits to Kumamoto Castle and civic redevelopment zones
- Talks with city officials about urban transformation
- Local high school/college engagement through group workshops

【Location 8: Iwate Prefecture - Iwaizumi Town】

Dates: April 14–15, 2025

Themes: Nature Conservation, Sustainable Tourism, Youth Engagement

Highlights:

- Exploration of Ryusendo Cave and local nature trails
 - Discussions with forestry officials and tourism leaders
 - Reflection sessions on depopulation and regional resilience
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【Location 9: Hokkaido - Otobe Town】

Dates: April 2–3, 2025

Themes: Local Agriculture, Coastal Revitalization, Tourism

Highlights:

- Visits to kelp and seafood industries
 - Interaction with Otobe's regional branding teams
 - Workshop on rebranding local specialties with students
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【Location 10: Hyogo Prefecture - Tajima Region】

Dates: March 27–28, 2025

Themes: Heritage Economy, Local Entrepreneurship

Highlights:

- Tour of traditional crafts and Tajima cattle farms
 - Idea sessions with local farmers and youth innovators
 - Cultural immersion through local homestays and food
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【Location 11: Kagawa Prefecture - Kotohira Town】

Dates: March 30–31, 2025

Themes: Tourism Innovation, Community Revitalization

Highlights:

- Visit to Kōpira Shrine and traditional shopping streets
 - Engagement with tourism board and merchants
 - Team discussions on enhancing Kotohira's appeal for inbound travelers
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【Location 12: Fukuoka Prefecture - Miyako Town】

Dates: April 3–4, 2025

Themes: Infrastructure, Regional Learning, Cross-generational Dialogue

Highlights:

- Visits to local schools, elderly communities, and infrastructure projects
- Multi-generational roundtable discussions
- Final session on creating sustainable learning communities