

The Tokyo One-Stop Business Establishment Center is a one-stop consultation service center that helps carry out the necessary procedures for business establishment. From December 2016, the center has taken on more functions, which enables us to accept all of the eight types of documents required for starting businesses, including those for registration and national tax procedures. We interviewed Mr. Takayoshi Kimura, who is our 2000th user since the center opened in April 2015.

User Relay interview .....

The 2000th user



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At first, I had to feel my way around to figure out what to do to start a business. At that time, the Tokyo Sogyo NET website was very helpful. Tokyo Sogyo NET is a comprehensive website operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's Bureau of Industrial and Labor Affairs to assist people who are thinking of starting a business in Tokyo. It was here that I found out about the Tokyo Startup Station, which provides all kinds of consultation services for setting up a business. I actually visited the station not once or twice and received advice on how to make a business plan and how to raise funds.

**I had only three months until my business was scheduled to start in April. What concerned me was how I should carry out the procedures for setting up a company.**

To establish a company, various kinds of applications and procedures are inevitable. Last year, I was preoccupied with the concept of the business, including the people I would target and the type of business, so I couldn't think about the actual setting up process. When the new year dawned, I realized that I had only three months until April, when my business was scheduled to start. I was at a loss. This was when I came across some information on Tokyo Sogyo NET about the Tokyo One-Stop Business Establishment Center. I read the article and found that the center provides a one-stop

service for going through the necessary procedures for establishing a company, and is free, besides. I decided to promptly visit the center and ask for advice.



**Mr. Takayoshi Kimura**

**Profile:** After graduating from university, Takayoshi Kimura worked for a major printing company. In his sixth year, he was transferred to an advertising agency which held the account for an automaker that was also his client. There, he learned about marketing, sales promotion, etc. for about two years. This led him to decide to establish a company that delivers information, which is something he has long been fascinated with. He is now in the process of starting his own business.

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The One-Stop Center had an array of consultation booths according to the various steps involved in setting up a company, including certification of articles of incorporation, registration of incorporation, notification of commencement of trading, and social insurance procedures. Therefore, I was able to get a sense of the entire flow of preparations immediately. The booth consultants thoughtfully gave me an explanation that even a layman could understand, which was really helpful. I am carrying out the necessary procedures smoothly well in advance toward the start of my business in April, thanks to the help of the One-Stop Center.



**My one key tip**

There are many books on starting business and I read lots of them. However, I found that those books dealt with theory. When I consulted with the One-Stop Center, they sometimes suggested different practical options, which was very helpful.

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