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1	I Affiliation of respondents	Age	All	How old are you? (Please enter a number)	(years old) *Please enter a real number)
2		Gender	All	What is your gender? (Please check only one)	Male/Female/Other
3		Nationality/region	All	What is your nationality? (Please check only one)	China/South Korea/Vietnam/Philippines/Brazil/Nepal/Indonesia/Taiwan/USA/Thailand/Other (please specify:)/I don't know
4		Status of residence	All	What is your status of residence? (Please check only one)	Special Permanent Resident/Permanent Resident/Technical Intern Training/Student/Engineer, Specialist in Humanities, International Services/Long-Term Resident/Dependent/Spouse or Child of a Japanese National, etc./Designated Activities/Specified Skilled Worker/Other (please specify:)
5		Marital relationship	All	Do you have a spouse or partner (including common-law marriage)? (Please check only one)	Yes (same nationality)/Yes (Japanese)/Yes (other nationality)/Never/No (separated or bereaved)
6		Housemate	All	Is anyone living together with you? If so, who? (Please check all that apply)	Spouse or partner (including common-law marriage)/Children/Your parents/Parents of your spouse or partner (including common-law marriage)/Siblings/Other relatives/Friends or acquaintances/Other (please specify:)/Nobody is living with me
7		Total years of residence in Japan	All	How long have you been living in Japan in total? (Please check only one)	Since I was born/Less than 1 year/1 year or more, but less than 3 years/3 years or more, but less than 10 years/10 years or more, but less than 20 years/20 years or more, but less than 30 years/30 years or more, but less than 40 years/40 years or more
8		Japanese language proficiency (conversation)	All	How well can you converse in Japanese? (Please check only one)	I can carry on a conversation appropriately with anyone, in any situation, on any subject/I can converse fluently and naturally/I can converse as needed in everyday life/I can exchange basic information about familiar matters/I can use frequently-used greetings and everyday phrases/I cannot carry on a conversation at all
9		Japanese language proficiency (reading)	All	How well can you read Japanese? (Please check only one)	I can read any written material with ease/I can read newspaper articles that are written from certain perspectives/I can read e-mails that are written using everyday words and phrases/I can read short and easy writings about familiar matters/I can read familiar names and words used in signs and posters/I cannot read at all
10		Academic history	All	What is your final academic background? (Please check one that is most applicable. *Excludes Japanese language schools)	Elementary school/Junior high school/High school/Technical college or vocational school/Junior college/University (undergraduate course)/Graduate school (master's course)/Graduate school (doctoral course)/I never attended school
11		Academic history in Japan	Persons who chose other than "I never attended school" in Q10	Have you ever attended school in Japan? If so, which school? (If you are a student, please answer your current school. Please check all that apply)	Elementary school/Junior high school/High school/Technical college or vocational school/Junior college/University (undergraduate course)/Graduate school (master's course)/Graduate school (doctoral course)/Japanese language school/Other (foreign school, etc.)/I never attended school in Japan
12		Schooling or working	All	What is your current academic or working status? (Please check only one that is most applicable)	High school/Japanese language school/Technical college/University (undergraduate) or graduate school/Full-time employee/Contract worker/Temporary worker/Part-time worker (other than those in school)/Self-employed business/Technical Intern Training/Not in school or working/Other (Please specify:)
13		Household income (previous year)	All	What was your annual household income in 2022? (Please check only one) *The "annual household income" means your total income amount before deducting taxes, social insurance fees and accommodation fees, etc., NOT the amount you actually receive. *If you only know your monthly income, multiply it by 12. *If you receive a bonus, add this amount to your total annual income. *Household income is a total income of all members living in the same household in Japan, such as the total income of a married couple. A single person living alone should write down his/her income.	Less than 1,000,000 yen/1,000,000-1,999,999 yen/2,000,000-2,999,999 yen/3,000,000-3,999,999 yen/4,000,000-4,999,999 yen/5,000,000-6,999,999 yen/7,000,000-9,999,999 yen/10,000,000-14,999,999 yen/15,000,000-19,999,999 yen/20,000,000 yen or more
14	II Consultation services as seen from foreign residents	Person to consult when you have worries	All	Write the top three persons you consult when you feel anxious or have worries. (Please write one response each in the order of "First person to consult", "Second person to consult", and "Third person to consult")	Family members and relatives/Japanese friends and acquaintances/Non-Japanese friends and acquaintances/Institution, school, or company, etc. in which I am enrolled/Municipality or prefecture/Japanese government (FRESC, etc.)/NPO and other private organizations/Lawyers or certified administrative procedures legal specialists/My country's embassy, etc./Other (please specify:)
15		What is desirable about a place of contact, etc.	All	What do you seek in a place of contact, etc. you go to when you have worries about living in Japan? (Please check all that apply)	[Item] Near my home/Easy to make an appointment for an interview/Spends sufficient time on an interview/Has expertise on medical and legal issues/Personnel is able to handle various types of issues/Online (incl. SNS) consultation is available/Consultation is available at night and on holidays/Consultation is available on phone/Consultation is available in my native language/Staff accompanies me to relevant institutions as needed/Offers mental care/I know what kind of personnel support is available/Privacy of my spouse, other family members, and others around me is protected/Other (please specify:)/I am not sure

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16		What is desirable about the personnel handling consultation	All	What knowledge, capability, or skill is desirable in a person who offers consultation services? (Please check all that apply)	[Item] Knowledge about the residence status system/Knowledge about taxes, pensions, and various social systems/Knowledge about mental care/Knowledge about pregnancy or childbirth/Knowledge about childraising/Knowledge about children's education/Knowledge about medical care or welfare/Knowledge about different cultures or values/Capability to handle your native language/Communication skills/Coordination ability with service providers/Other (please specify:)/I am not sure
17		Problem-solving status when a foreign resident consults family members, relatives, friends, or acquaintances	Persons who chose "Family members and relatives", "Japanese friends and acquaintances", or "Non-Japanese friends and acquaintances" in Q14	When you consulted a family member, relative, friend, or acquaintance with your worries about living in Japan (about career, everyday life, or social life), was the issue solved? (Please check only one)	Always solved/Often solved/Not often solved/Hardly ever solved
18		Content of what a foreign resident consults family members, relatives, friends, or acquaintances about	Persons who chose "Family members and relatives", "Japanese friends and acquaintances", or "Non-Japanese friends and acquaintances" in Q14	What kind of things do you consult your family member, relative, friend, or acquaintance about when you have worries? (Please check all that apply)	[Items] Japanese language study/Work (working conditions, employment, transfer, etc.)/Status of residence/Mental health/Human relationships/Money matters/Housing/Children's education/Medical care/Insurance/Tax/Pension/Political participation/Disaster/Marriage or divorce/Pregnancy or childbirth/Childraising/Domestic violence/Nursing care/Death (securing a burial plot, etc.)/Issues about the family/Relatives in home country/Racial discrimination, equal opportunity, respect for individuals/Other (please specify:)
19		Problems upon consulting family members, relatives, friends, or acquaintances	Persons who chose "Family members and relatives", "Japanese friends and acquaintances", or "Non-Japanese friends and acquaintances" in Q14	What problem occurred when you consulted your family member, relative, friend, or acquaintance? (Please check all that apply)	Accurate communication is difficult due to language difficulties/Awareness about your problems cannot be communicated due to difference in cultures or values/Due to reasons such as the special nature of the issue, the person you consult does not know how to or which external place to consult about the problem/Person you consult cannot give you trustworthy information/By consulting the other person, you suffered disadvantage (for example, your privacy being revealed to other persons or organizations)/No problem occurred in particular
20		Problem-solving status when a foreign resident consults his/her institution	Persons who chose other than "Not in school or working" in Q12	When you consulted your institution (your school or workplace which you responded in Q12; the staffing service company if you are a temporary worker; however, also the supervising group if your status of residence is "Technical Intern Training", and also the registered supporting organization in the case of "Specified Skilled Worker"; the same applies hereinafter) about your worries in your life (career, everyday life, or social life), was the issue solved? (Please check only one) (*Does not include the case of privately consulting a friend or acquaintance who is in the same institution as you)	Always solved/Often solved/Not often solved/Hardly ever solved/Never sought consultation
21		Content of what a foreign resident consults his/her institution about	Persons who chose other than "Never sought consultation" in Q20	What kind of worries would you consult your institution about? (Please check all that apply)	[Items] Japanese language study/Work (working conditions, employment, transfer, etc.)/Status of residence/Mental health/Human relationships/Money matters/Housing/Children's education/Medical care/Insurance/Tax/Pension/Political participation/Disaster/Marriage or divorce/Pregnancy or childbirth/Childraising/Domestic violence/Nursing care/Death (securing a burial plot, etc.)/Issues about the family/Relatives in home country/Racial discrimination, equal opportunity, respect for individuals/Other (please specify:)

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22		Problems upon consulting his/her institution	Persons who chose other than "Never sought consultation" in Q20	What problem occurred when you consulted your institution? (Please check all that apply)	Accurate communication is difficult due to language difficulties/Awareness about your problems cannot be communicated due to difference in cultures or values/Due to reasons such as the special nature of the issue, the person you consult does not know how to or which external place to consult about the problem/Your institution does not respond even when you seek consultation/Your institution cannot give you trustworthy information/By consulting your institution, you suffered disadvantage (for example, your privacy being revealed to other persons or organizations)/No problem occurred in particular
23		Reasons for not consulting his/her institution	Persons who chose "Never sought consultation" in Q20	What is the reason due to which you do not consult your institution about your worries? (Please check all that apply)	Because accurate communication is difficult due to language difficulties/Because awareness about your problems cannot be communicated due to difference in cultures or values/Because you cannot expect your institution to solve your problem or tell you of an external place to consult/Because even if you consult your institution, it would not respond/Because your institution is not likely to give you trustworthy information/Because by consulting your institution, you may suffer disadvantage (for example, your privacy being revealed to other persons or organizations)/Because there is no department or place of contact to consult about your worries/Because you do not know whom in your institution to consult/Because you have someone outside your institution, like a family member, acquaintance, or local government, whom you can consult/Because you have someone inside your institution, like a colleague or classmate, whom you can consult in private/Because no problem has ever occurred in particular
24		Whether a foreign resident wishes his/her institution, etc. to have personnel who handle consultation	Persons who chose other than "Not in school or working" in Q12	Would you want your institution to have an expert who handles consultation on your worries? (Please check only one)	Yes/If anything, yes/If anything, no/No/I am not sure
25	III Situation of loneliness		All	How often do you feel lonely? (Please check only one)	Never/Hardly ever/Occasionally/Sometimes/Frequently or always
26	IV Opinions and requests, etc.		All	What kind of support and initiatives do you think are required to help foreign residents live better lives in Japan? Please check all of the following items that apply, and write your own opinions in the space provided.	Free answer [Item] Language/Racial discrimination, equal opportunity, respect for individuals/Work/Information provision/Status of residence/Education/Housing/Socializing/Consultation/Medical care/Tax/Pension/Political participation/Insurance/Bank account, credit card, loan/Disaster/Childraising/Death (securing a burial plot, etc.)/Other