

Comprehensive Measures for Acceptance and Coexistence of Foreign Nationals (FY2022 Revised) (Outline)

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- ❑ As of the end of 2021, the number of foreign nationals residing in Japan was 2.76 million. The number of foreign workers as of the end of October 2021 was 1.73 million (a record high).
- ❑ **Formulated from the point of view of further enhancing the environment for the acceptance of foreign nationals and based on the Roadmap for the Realization of a Society of Harmonious Coexistence with Foreign Nationals (218 policies).**
- ❑ The government will make across-the-board efforts to realize a society of harmonious coexistence by working together to continue to steadily implement relevant measures and periodically following up on the Comprehensive Measures.

Initiatives such as Japanese language education for smooth communication and participation in society

- Establishment of an environment that enables foreign nationals to acquire the Japanese language skills necessary for daily life
- Creation of a comprehensive system for enhancement of Japanese language education promoted by prefectural governments, etc., Japanese language education support jointly provided by local governments, and improvement of the level of Japanese language education in local communities utilizing the “Framework of Reference for the Japanese Language Education” <Policy 1>
- Development of educational models by discipline in accordance with the curriculum and proficiency criteria specified in the “Framework of Reference for the Japanese Language Education” <Policy 3>
- Development and provision of ICT lesson materials for Japanese language for different daily occasions, etc. <Policy 4>
- Consideration of establishment of an environment for learning knowledge about Japanese social systems, etc. by creating and utilizing daily life orientation videos, etc. <Policy 7>
- Supporting foreign nationals smoothly settle into Japanese society by spreading information about local financial measures for regional life orientation <Policy 8>
- Consideration of the necessity of further improvement of the Japanese language education environment and related matters <Policy 14>
- Improvement of the quality of Japanese language education, etc.
- Establishment of certification system for Japanese language education institutions and Japanese language teacher qualification system <Policy 5 (reposted)>

Disseminating information to foreign nationals/Strengthening consultation systems for foreign nationals

- Enhancement of information dissemination from the perspective of foreign nationals
- Formulation and publication of posting guidelines for the “Guidebook on Living and Working” and “A Daily Life Support Portal for Foreign Nationals” <Policy 23>
- Consideration of prompt collection of information and dissemination of tailor-made and push information through Mynaportal, etc. <Policy 24>
- Strengthening the consultation system to help foreign nationals with their problems
- Consideration of measures that facilitate the establishment of one-stop consulting counters by the local governments, for example enhancing the subsidies for preparations for an environment for the acceptance of foreign nationals <Policy 35>
- Taking effective and efficient supporting measures for creating an environment for the acceptance of foreign nationals to Japanese society by FRESC, implementing joint consultation sessions by relevant organizations providing support to foreign nationals in local communities, and so on <Policy 36>
- Efforts towards realizing practical-level simultaneous interpretation utilizing multilingual translation technology and expanding the priority languages to 15 languages <Policy 37>
- Consideration of the development and improvement of counseling services that reflect the needs of foreign nationals identified through consultation offices and implementation of development and improvement actions based on the results of the consideration <Policy 44>
- Further promotion the use of plain Japanese in information dissemination and consultation services
- Summarizing points to consider when speaking in plain Japanese, etc. and supporting local governments in their initiatives <Policy 48>

Support for each life stage and life cycle

- Support, etc. for foreign nationals, especially those in infancy and school ages
- Launch of community-based programs that provide opportunities for parents and their children to meet up and consult about their concerns and problems encountered in parenting [MHLW] <Policy 51>
- Promotion of integrated management and identification of the school enrollment status of foreign children by collaborating between the Basic Resident Registration system and the school-age children registration system <Policy 54>
- Provision of information and consulting services regarding health and hygiene in schools for foreign students through professional platform and implementation of surveys and research concerning the support from local governments .<Policy 56>
- Support, etc. for foreign nationals, especially those in the early stage of adolescence and adulthood
- Promotion of efforts to set special admission quotas for foreign students for public high school entrance examinations and make necessary adjustments for foreign examinees, and encouraging introduction of a system that allows Japanese language tutoring to be included in high school curriculums <Policy 59>
- Implementing career development support measures for foreign children on a trial basis to help them design appropriate career paths and considering specific measures toward this objective <Policy 61>
- Support, etc. for foreign nationals, especially those in adolescence and adulthood
- ① Support for employment for international students, etc.
- Providing employment support to international students through the Employment Service Center for Foreigners, etc.<Policy 66>
- Promotion of employment and successful work life of international students through the formation of regional consortiums for supporting highly skilled foreign professionals <Policy 87>
- ② Support at work
- Dissemination and promotion of utilization of bi-directional educational video training materials and guidebooks in workplaces for Japanese employees and foreign national employees <Policy 88>
- Providing career counseling through expert consultants and interpreters at employment service counters for foreign nationals at Hello Work <Policy 90>
- Providing vocational training for settled foreign residents with special considerations to their Japanese proficiency levels and promoting assignment of vocational training coordinators for settled foreign residents <Policy 93>
- ③ Ensuring an appropriate work environment, etc.
- Promoting the Collection of Points and Example Sentences That Can Be Used in Labor Management at Workplaces with Foreign Employees and other useful materials <Policy 95>
- Support, etc. for foreign nationals, especially those in old age
- Continued publicizing and public relations concerning the pension system and consideration of enhancement of it <Policy 107>
- Support common to all life stages
- Grasp of actual situation by “Basic Survey on Foreign Residents”, etc. <Policy 21 (reposted)>

Smooth and appropriate acceptance of foreign nationals

- Employment support, etc. for specified skilled workers and other measures
- Provision of information through field-specific councils, etc. and improvement of the working environment for foreign human resources <Policy 127>
- Smooth implementation of skill exams and Japanese language tests for Specified Skilled Workers, and dissemination and smooth utilization of the Specified Skilled Worker System, etc.
- Consideration of the addition of fields covered in the Specified Skilled Worker (ii), reorganization of business categories and revision of the expected numbers of Specified Skilled Workers to be accepted, and discussion of reviewing the Specified Skilled Worker System and Technical Intern Training Program. <Policy 139>
- Elimination of malicious intermediary organizations, etc.
- Consideration of measures for reinforcing partnerships with relevant organizations in developing countries through ODA programs <Policy 153>
- Expansion of the Japanese language education base abroad
- Promotion of efforts to reinforce the foundation for Japanese language education through the Japan Foundation and to disseminate attractiveness of Japanese culture and society,etc. <Policy 13 (reposted)>

Initiatives to establish the foundation of a society of harmonious coexistence

- Raising awareness to realize a society of harmonious coexistence
- Consideration of establishment of “Month for Raising Public Awareness of Harmonious Coexistence with Foreign Nationals” (tentative name), and implementation of various events to raise public awareness, etc. <Policy 155>
- Consideration of publication of a white paper summarizing the status of implementation of governmental measures for harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals <Policy 156>
- Implementation of practical research concerning different instructions in areas with high and low concentration of foreigners <Policy 55 (reposted)>
- Improvement of government statistics to investigate on the actual living conditions of foreign nationals, etc.
- Creation and publication of new statistics to analyze the living situations of foreign residents utilizing the statistics on foreign residents in Japan, etc. <Policy 161>
- Preparation of statistics used to manage labor conditions and other labor aspects for foreign nationals and keep track of the migration of workforce to and from Japan, etc. [MHLW] <Policy 162>
- Enhancement of information collections and strengthening of cooperation, etc. among relevant organizations for the development of infrastructure for realizing a society of harmonious coexistence
- Promotion of support for foreign nationals and improvement of the environment for acceptance of them through development of highly professional Accepting Environmental Coordinators <Policy 164>
- Enhancement and strengthening of information dissemination, etc. through implementation of trial project to support the efforts of private support groups to provide outreach support to foreign nationals <Policy 165>
- Consideration of enhancement of cooperation between related organizations in the consultation offices and the counseling function of the Immigration Information Centers <Policy 166>
- Consideration of efforts towards construction of a centralized information management system required for residency management at the Immigration Services Agency <Policy 167>
- Consideration of expansion of procedures to be made online and of construction of a system that enables users to use their own information on Mynaportal <Policy 168>
- Consideration of improvement of the environment for acquisition of Individual Number Cards(My Number Card) and efforts towards the integration of residence cards and Individual Number Cards <Policy 169>
- Consideration of provision of support to foreign nationals with life problems, such as development of specialist supporters <Policy 6 (reposted)>
- Consideration of how data should be provided to contribute to planning and establishing measures for harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals <Policy 170>
- Implementation of publication for promoting appropriate use of Basic Resident Registration information thorough communication of information to local governments. <Policy 171>
- Creating a system where foreign nationals also play an active role in a society of harmonious coexistence
- Provision of support to international students aiming to qualify as certified care workers, including allocation of scholarships <Policy 184>
- Promotion of efforts for multicultural coexistence by related organizations in Japan and enhancement of their networking through ODA programs <Policy 185>
- Provision of support to leading efforts by local governments through the Subsidy Program for Promotion of Regional Revitalization <Policy 186>
- Publicizing of the foreign beautician training project for National Strategic Special Zones and promotion of related preferential measures <Policy 187>
- Construction of the residency management system as a foundation for a society of harmonious coexistence
- ① Strengthening the foundation of residency management
- Consideration of revisions concerning the “permanent resident” status, such as revision of the requirements for acquisition of the status and responses to situation changes after acquisition <Policy 189>
- Further optimizing the operations of the refugee recognition system through clarifying normative elements on the eligibility for refugee status, etc.<Policy 190>
- Strengthen screening for the acceptance of students, researchers and other people from outside Japan that contributes to preventing leakage of sensitive technology through cooperation with related organizations <Policy 195>
- ② Accurate management of international student enrollment
- Stricter examinations of residence status, such as not permitting the acceptance of international students, for institutes like universities, that do not appropriately manage international student enrollment <Policy 200>
- ③ Further optimization of the Technical Intern Training Program
- Establishment of a system that integrates the counseling and instruction functions in the Technical Intern Training Program and consideration of online system of application and other procedures <Policy 97 (reposted)>
- Strengthening of on-site inspections as measures against disappearance of technical intern trainees, terminating acceptance of new technical intern trainees from sending organizations with a large number of missing technical intern trainees, and promoting joint efforts with related organizations to prevent technical intern trainees from running away, such as publication of a leaflet on prevention of missing technical intern trainees <Policy 206>
- ④ Strengthening of measures against illegal foreign residents
- Improvement of the system towards further promotion of repatriation of deportation evaders and early establishment of a legal framework that enables further optimization of the deportation procedures <Policy 215>