Outline the establishment of a “new system” for accepting highly-skilled foreign professionals

Japan System for Future Creation Individual Visa (J-Find)

Target: Those who meet all of the following 3 requirements

1. Graduated from a university ranked in the top 100 in two or more out of the three world university rankings (*1), or conferred a degree or professional degree after completing a graduate course at one of those universities

2. Within 5 years after graduation

3. Possession of 200,000 yen for living expenses at the beginning of stay

Granted a status of residence “Designated Activities” (J-Find)

Activities

- Job hunting
- Start-up preparation activities
- Employment to supplement the funds necessary to carry out the above activities

Maximum period of stay is 2 years (renewal required every 1 year or 6 months) (*2)

Spouse/Child

Spouse and children to be supported are granted a status of residence of “Designated Activities” (spouse of J-Find, etc.) and can accompany. In addition, permission to engage in an activity other than those permitted by the status of residence previously granted is required for the spouse or children to be employed.

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(*1) (1) QS World University Rankings published by Quacquarelli Simmons, (2) THE World University Rankings published by The Times, (3) Academic Ranking of World Universities published by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy

(*2) It means maximum period of stay is a total of 2 years, including past stays using similar programs such as Designated Activities (Continued Job Hunting), the Project to Promote Foreign National Entrepreneurial Activities, the Project for Facilitation of Acceptance of Foreign Entrepreneurs in National Strategic Special Zones, Designated Activities (Start-up Activities after Graduation), etc.