

Comprehensive Measures for Acceptance and Coexistence of Foreign Nationals (FY2023 Revised) (Outline)

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and Coexistence of Foreign Nationals

- As of the end of 2022, the number of foreign nationals residing in Japan was 3.08 million. The number of foreign workers as of the end of October 2022 was 1.82 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 review (217 policies).**
- The government will make across-the-board efforts to realize a society of harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals 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)>

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 126>
- 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.**
- Addition of fields to the Specified Skilled Worker System and addition of fields covered by the Specified Skilled Worker (ii), in parallel with review of the ideal form of Technical Intern Training Program and Specified Skilled Worker System < Policy 137>
- Train personnel before they come to Japan, for example, by supporting dispatch organizations using ODA and local educational institutions and similar organizations < Policy 139>
- Elimination of malicious intermediary organizations, etc.**
- Reinforcement partnerships with relevant organizations in developing countries through ODA programs, support of foreign workers, etc. <Policy 151>
- Expansion of the Japanese language education base abroad**
- Promotion of the utilization of the "Fourth Generation Japanese Acceptance System" through support of teacher dispatch provided by JICA, etc. < Policy 152>

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

Enhancement of information dissemination from the perspective of foreign nationals

- Seek opinions to contribute to the planning, drafting and implementing of harmonious coexistence measures through "Hearings with the relevant parties" and "Opinion box," etc. < Policy 20>
- Consideration of the publication of guidelines for the "Guidebook on Living and Working" and "A Daily Life Support Portal for Foreign Nationals" <Policy 23>
- Consideration of the prompt acquisition of information through the Mynaportal, etc., and the customized or push-type dissemination of information <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 FRES, 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 21 languages <Policy 37>
- Consideration of the development and improvement of counseling services that reflect the actual situation of the consulting counters 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>
- Consideration of the use of a translation tool, etc. for plain Japanese < Policy 49>

Initiatives to establish the foundation of a society of harmonious coexistence

Raising awareness to realize a society of harmonious coexistence

- 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 153>
- Implementation of surveys and research for the establishment of a network to identify the actual conditions of schoolchildren in scattered local communities < Policy 56 (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 159>
- Implementation of statistical surveys to identify the actual conditions of the employment management of working conditions, etc., of foreign workers and of labor migration, etc. <Initiative 160>

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 162>
- 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 163>
- Consideration of enhancement of cooperation between related organizations in the consultation offices and the counseling function of the Immigration Information Centers <Policy 164>
- Consideration of efforts towards construction of a centralized information management system required for residency management at the Immigration Services Agency <Policy 165>
- 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 166>
- Consideration of improvement of the environment for acquisition of Individual Number Cards ("My Number Card") and efforts towards the integration of Individual Number Cards and residence cards <Policy 167>
- Consideration of provision of support to foreign nationals with life problems, such as development of specialist supporters <Policy 6 (reposted)>
- Consideration of how data contributing to the plans and drafts of coexistence measures related to foreign nationals should be mounted, and the collection of data, etc., to be mounted <Policy 168>
- Adequate qualification management for insured persons who have changed to a residence qualification under which they are not covered by National Health Insurance <Policy 173>

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 181>
- Implementing support for leading local government initiatives through Digital Garden City Nation grants < Policy 183>
- Implementation of reviews of the "Fourth Generation Japanese Acceptance System" < Policy 184>
- Promotion of volunteer community revitalization activities for the settlement of foreign nationals in the local community through collaboration with the local government, etc. < 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 188>
- Further optimizing the operations of the refugee recognition system through clarifying normative elements on the eligibility for refugee status, etc. <Policy 189>
- Support on foreign nationals for the application for Individual Number Cards to promote the possession of Individual Number Cards among foreign nationals <Policy 191>

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 199>

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 99 (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 205>

④ Strengthening of measures against illegal foreign residents

- Strengthening of the system to reduce the number of deportation evaders based on the enactment of the Immigration Law Amendment Bill, etc. <Policy 214>

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 <Policy 52>
- 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 55>
- Provision of multilingual information dissemination and consultation support concerning health and hygiene in schools for foreign students to ensure health and hygiene in such schools < Policy 57>

Support, etc. for foreign nationals, especially those in the early stage of adolescence and adulthood

- Collect, publicize and disseminate examples of special education curricula designed and implemented for Japanese language guidance. < Policy 60>

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① Support for employment for international students, etc.

- Providing employment support to international students through the Employment Service Center for Foreigners, etc. <Policy 68>
- Promotion of employment and successful work life of international students through the formation of regional consortiums for supporting highly skilled foreign professionals <Policy 88>

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 89>
- Providing career counseling through expert consultants and interpreters at employment service counters for foreign nationals at Hello Work <Policy 91>
- 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 94>

③ Ensuring an appropriate work environment, etc.

- Implementation, on a trial basis, of lessons related to the employment and labor officer to be appointed on the basis of the guidelines for foreign employee management < Policy 97>
- Promotion and education activities on systems that can be used by technical intern trainees who are pregnant or have given birth to a child < Policy 107>

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 108>

Support common to all life stages

- Grasp of actual situation by "Basic Survey on Foreign Residents", etc. <Policy 21 (reposted)>