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Introduction

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In a global situation that changes from day to day, the Ministry of Justice's (MOJ) Immigration Services Agency (ISA) smoothly and strictly manages the entry and stay of foreign nationals visiting Japan for diverse reasons from various countries and regions in accordance with the motto "Connect the World and Create the Future," used from October 2022. The ISA also develops the environment for accepting foreign nationals to promote sound international exchange with Japan and maintain the law and order of Japanese society. To this end, we need to apply both state-of-the-art technology and the human eye to ensure compatibility between smooth entry examinations and strict immigration control at an advanced level. In addition, we are also responsible for protecting the safety and interests of the public through the deportation of foreign nationals, who threaten Japan's safety and security, in accordance with the laws and regulations. Furthermore, the ISA has a major role to play in developing refugee recognition procedures and swiftly and reliably protecting those who seek asylum. In addition, since the MOJ is now in charge of planning, drafting and general coordination relating to improving the environment for the acceptance of foreign nationals (Cabinet decision of July 24, 2018), along with efforts aimed at promoting the smooth and proper acceptance of foreign human resources, the Ministry is also responsible for promoting the development of an environment aimed at realizing a harmonious society of coexistence with foreign nationals.

First published in 1959 under the title Immigration Control, the name of this document was changed to Immigration Control and Residency Management in 2019 and has now reached its 29th edition.

This 2023 edition of Immigration Control and Residency Management gives an overview of the ISA's work, summarizing the situation and measures surrounding recent immigration control and residency management administration, with a focus on trends in FY 2022. This includes explaining the revision of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and other laws enacted in the 211th ordinary Diet session on June 9, 2023, promotion of acceptance of highly-skilled foreign professionals, and addition of fields of Specified Skilled Worker (ii). It also covers discussion of the status of the Technical Intern Training Program and the Specified Skilled Worker Program, efforts to realize a society of harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals, and promotion of appropriate protection for refugees.

Finally, we hope that through this 2023 Immigration Control and Residency Management immigration control and residency management administration will prove to be beneficial and easy to understand.

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Points of the 2023 Immigration Control and Residency Management

Organization of the 2023 Immigration Control and Residency Management

- The 2023 Immigration Control and Residency Management consists of three parts: Immigration Control in Recent Years (Part I), Major Policies Related to Immigration Control Administration (Part II), and Data Section.
- Part I describes the immigration control and residency management operations in recent years based on the statistics over the five-year period from 2018 to 2022.
- Part II describes the major immigration control and residency management policies (implemented during FY 2022 as well as some of the measures for FY 2023).
- Data Section describes a summary of the operations, etc. of the Immigration Services Agency (ISA).

Part I

Immigration Control and Residency Management in Recent Years

● Number of Foreign Nationals Entering Japan

In 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering Japan (including those who re-entered Japan) was 4,198,045, an increase of 3,844,926 (1,088.8%) compared to the previous year, and the number of foreign nationals who newly entered Japan, excluding those who re-entered, was 3,423,531, an increase of 3,271,805 (2,156.4%) compared to the previous year.

● Number of Foreign Residents

- The number of foreign residents combining the number of mid to long-term residents with the number of special permanent residents was 3,075,213 as of the end of 2022.
- In addition, the percentage of foreign residents to the total population of Japan was 2.46%, an increase of 0.26 points compared to the number at the end of the previous year.

● Technical Intern Training Program and Specified Skilled Worker System

- As of the end of 2022, the number of mid to long-term residents with the status of residence of “Technical Intern Training (i)” was 164,993, an increase of 140,777 (581.3%) compared to the end of the previous year.
- As of the end of 2022, the number of mid to long-term residents with the status of residence of “Technical Intern Training (ii)” was 84,386, a decrease of 120,438 (58.8%) compared to the end of the previous year.
- As of the end of 2022, the number of mid to long-term residents with the status of residence of “Technical Intern Training (iii)” was 75,561, an increase of 28,478 (60.5%) compared to the end of the previous year.
- As of the end of 2022, the number of mid to long-term residents with the status of residence of “Specified Skilled Worker(i)” was 130,915, an increase of 81,249 (163.6%) compared to the end of the previous year. The number has shown a significant upward trend since the status was newly established on April 1, 2019.

- As of the end of 2022, the number of residents with the status of residence of “Specified Skilled Worker(ii)” was eight, an increase of eight compared to the end of the previous year.

- **Number of Foreign Nationals Overstaying Their Authorized Period of Stay**

As of January 1, 2023, the number of foreign nationals overstaying their authorized period of stay was 70,491, an increase of 3,732 (5.6%) compared to January 1 of the previous year.

- **Status of Refugee Recognition Operations**

- In 2022, the number of applicants for refugee status in Japan was 3,772, an increase of 1,359 (56.3%) compared to 2021.
- In 2022, the number of applicants whose application for refugee status was processed was 7,237, an increase of 1,087 (17.7%) compared to 2021. Of these applicants, 187 were recognized as refugees, 5,418 were not recognized as refugees, and 1,632 withdrew their applications or took other action.

Part II

Major Policies Related to Immigration Control and Residency Management Administration

- **Amendment Act to resolve the issues of deportation evasion and long-term detention**

At the 211th session of the Diet on June 9, 2023, Amendment Act of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act was passed.

Under the current Immigration Control Act, even if a deportation order is issued to a foreign national whose deportation is administratively determined, deportation can be unlimitably suspended by applying for recognition of refugee status regardless of the reason or number or times of application. Therefore, it is difficult to promptly and securely deport such evaders who refuse to depart from Japan, and such deportation evasion issue becomes the main cause of long-term detention.

The Amendment Act intends to resolve the issues of deportation evasion and long-term detention arising from the current Act and securely protect individuals who need protection such as displaced persons from conflict similar to Convention refugee. Therefore, it provides with a system for exceptional provisions on the effect of suspension on deportation, removal order with penalty, the alternative to detention, a Sponsorship, recognizing eligibility for complementary protection, and application of special permission to stay in Japan. The Amendment Act resolves the issues under the current Act comprehensively, and prepares the foundation to realize a society of harmonious coexistence where Japanese and foreign nationals trust and respect each other.

The amendment of the provisions on deportation procedures is the first amendment since 1951 in which the Act was enacted as the Immigration Control Order.

- **Response to COVID-19**

- Countermeasures at the port of entry

The ISA has taken appropriate countermeasures at ports of entry, such as refusing entry to Japan to foreign nationals who have stayed in the regions where there is a high number of COVID-19 cases (“Regions Subject to Denial of Landing”). This is done by treating them as foreign nationals who fall under Article 5, paragraph (1), item (xiv) of the Immigration

Control Act, except when there are special circumstances. Following the easing of the countermeasures, the designation of all the Regions Subject to Denial of Landing were cancelled on September 4, 2022.

- Procedures for residence

The ISA took measures such as allowing foreign nationals whose circumstances were making it difficult to return to their home countries due to the COVID-19 pandemic to change their status of residence to “Designated Activities,” which allowed them to work. Related measures included allowing foreign nationals whose status of residence did not enable them to work to engage in activities other than those permitted under their status of residence, so that they could maintain their livelihood in Japan.

The ISA permitted the status of residence “Designated Activities,” which allowed foreign nationals to work in specific industrial fields under certain conditions, in order to enable the continued employment in Japan of technical intern trainees who could no longer continue their technical intern trainings, international students whose preliminary offer of employment was cancelled, former technical intern trainees who had completed their technical intern trainings but could not return to their home countries, and other foreign nationals in similar circumstances.

In light of the status of COVID-19 infections in Japan and overseas, and the increasing number of foreigners leaving Japan, the ISA has reviewed these measures as of May 31, 2022 and are encouraging them to return to their home countries.

- **Promotion of the Acceptance of Highly-Skilled Foreign Professionals**

- In April 2023, the Japan System for Special Highly-Skilled Professionals (J-Skip) started. This system provides foreign nationals whose academic background or professional career and promised annual salary are at or above a certain level with more extensive preferential treatment than the points-based system for highly-skilled professionals.
- In April 2023, the Japan System for Future Creation Individual Visa (J-Find) also started. This system grants foreign nationals graduating from outstanding overseas universities, etc. the period of stay for up to two years if they search for employment or prepare to start a business in Japan.

- **Addition of Industrial Fields to “Specified Skilled Worker (ii)”**

“Specified Skilled Worker (ii),” a status requiring proficiency in skills, had been previously limited to only two industrial fields. To address labor shortages in other fields, this status was extended to 11 fields (Cabinet decision of June 9, 2023).

- **Review of the Technical Intern Training Program and the Specified Skilled Worker System**

The Advisory Panel of Experts on the Ideal Form of Technical Intern Training Program and Specified Skilled Worker System was established to review the implementation of the program and system, identify their issues, discuss the ways to properly accept foreign human resources, and state opinions for the Ministerial Council. Since December 2022, the Advisory Panel has met regularly to discuss these issues.

- **Efforts to Realize a Society of Harmonious Coexistence with Foreign Nationals**

- The meeting of the Ministerial Conference on Acceptance and Coexistence of Foreign Nationals held on June 9, 2023 approved the Roadmap for the Realization of a Society of Harmonious Coexistence with Foreign Nationals (FY 2023 partly changed) (the “Roadmap”) and the Comprehensive Measures for Acceptance and Coexistence of Foreign Nationals (FY 2023 revised) (the “Comprehensive Measures”).
 - The Roadmap shows three visions for a society of harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals, medium- to long-term issues to be addressed to realize these visions (four key points), and specific measures.
 - The Comprehensive Measures indicate the direction to be aimed for in relation to the acceptance and harmonious coexistence of foreign nationals in order to achieve the purpose of contributing to the realization of a society where Japanese nationals and foreign nationals are able to live safely and comfortably together through the proper acceptance of foreign nationals and to realize a society of harmonious coexistence.
 - The Comprehensive Measures indicate the measures that should be implemented in a single fiscal year in the Roadmap and the measures that are not included in the Roadmap itself because they are not necessarily measures that should be implemented over the medium- to long-term, but should be addressed by the government to realize a society of harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals.
- **Efforts to Further Reduce the Number of Illegal Foreign Residents**
 - When a detainee is issued with a deportation order, but there are no prospects for a deportation owing to circumstances preventing the deportation such as the fact that a detainee suffering from a disease or the institution of litigation, the ISA actively utilizes provisional release, and makes efforts to ensure the implementation of more suitable deportation procedures.
 - The ISA is working to further improve the treatment of detainees, such as by strengthening the medical system, based on the opinions of the “Immigration Detention Facilities Visiting Committee” and the improvement measures listed in the “Investigation Report on the Death of a Detainee at the Nagoya Regional Immigration Services Bureau.”
 - The problem of deportation evasion and long-term detention has become an urgent issue to be resolved as soon as possible in immigration control and residency management administration. As such, the results of deliberations in the “Expert Committee on Detention and Deportation” established under the 7th Immigration Policy Discussions Panel were summarized as the report “Proposals to Solve the Issues of Deportation Evasion and Long-Term Detention” and submitted to the Minister of Justice.
 - **Promotion of Appropriate Refugee Protection**
 - In recent years, there have been a considerable number of applications abusing or misusing the system, which are thought to be aimed at getting to work in Japan. As a result of the rapid increase in the number of applicants for refugee recognition in Japan caused by this, the processing period for the refugee recognition procedures has been prolonged, leading to problems in promptly protecting refugees.
 - Therefore, with regard to the many refugee recognition applications abusing or misusing the refugee recognition system from legal residents, from January 15, 2018, the operation of the system was further revised mainly to (1) set a sorting period after the application is received, and the sorting results are reflected in the measures on the status of residence, (2)

give further consideration to applicants whose applicability as a refugee is deemed to be high under the Refugee Convention, and (3) respond more strictly than before to applications abusing or misusing the system.

- As a result of these efforts, the number of applicants for refugee recognition, which had increased rapidly in recent years, has instead decreased significantly since 2018. Meanwhile, the number of applicants recognized as refugees has increased compared to before making the above revision. A certain degree of effectiveness has been achieved with efforts to curb applications which attempt to abuse or misuse the system, and to ensure prompt protection of refugees are recognized. Since there are still a considerable number of applications abusing or misusing the system, the ISA will conduct considerations from the aspects of both the legal system and operation, aiming at a fundamental solution to the problem.
- For Japan's refugee recognition system, the ISA needs to address the recent surge in the number of applicants for refugee status and diversified reasons for applications and improve the system's transparency.
- Therefore, in close cooperation with relevant organizations such as UNHCR (the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), the ISA is working to further optimize operation of the refugee recognition system based on three pillars: (1) clarifying normative elements on the eligibility for refugee status, (2) improvement the capacity of refugee inquirers, and (3) enhancement of country of origin information. In July 2021, a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) was exchanged with UNHCR to accelerate these efforts.

For (1), the ISA published the guide, in which mainly clarify the necessary considerations for decisions on eligibility for refugee status, on March 24, 2023. The guide, which based on Japan's past refugee recognition practices and referring to relevant documents issued by the UNHCR, are expected to enhance the transparency and credibility of the refugee recognition process. For (2), the ISA has trained refugee inquirers and other officials in cooperation with the UNHCR and other organizations. The ISA also shares the key considerations for fact-finding in the refugee recognition process with refugee inquirers and conducts follow-up assessments of their understanding to ensure accurate fact-finding. For (3), the ISA actively exchanges country of origin information with the authorities of countries accepting a number of refugees to have more country of origin information.

● Responses to International Society and International Situations

- The ISA held working-level meetings with immigration authorities from South Korea and participated in exchanges of opinions organized by the Japan-Taiwan Exchange Association and the Taiwan-Japan Relations Association to share information and exchange opinions.
- The 2nd Tokyo Immigration Forum, organized by the Ministry of Justice and the ISA, took place from December 12 to 14, 2022, with the participation of representatives from immigration authorities of 18 countries and regions. At the meeting, participants shared information and frankly and actively exchanged opinions on various issues, such as their challenges and initiatives related to the rise in human activity following the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the challenges and efforts of their countries and regions toward realizing a society of harmonious coexistence with foreign nationals. Participants agreed to hold the next forum in Tokyo in FY 2023.

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Abbreviations

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| Protocol | Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees |
| Japan-U.S. Status of Forces Agreement | Agreement under Article VI of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between Japan and the United States of America, Regarding Facilities and Areas and the Status of United States Armed Forces in Japan |
| Immigration Control Act | Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act |
| Enforcement Order for the Immigration Control Act | Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act Enforcement Order |
| Regulation for Enforcement of the Immigration Control Act | Regulation for Enforcement of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act |
| Ministerial Ordinance on Criteria | Ministerial Order to Provide for Criteria Pursuant to Article 7, Paragraph (1), Item (ii) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act |
| Special Act on Immigration Control | Special Act on the Immigration Control of, inter alia, those who have lost Japanese Nationality pursuant to the Treaty of Peace with Japan |
| Enforcement Order of the Special Act on Immigration Control | Order for Enforcement of the Special Act on the Immigration Control of, inter alia, those who have lost Japanese Nationality pursuant to the Treaty of Peace with Japan |
| Regulation for Enforcement of the Special Act on Immigration Control | Regulation for Enforcement of the Special Act on the Immigration Control of, inter alia, those who have lost Japanese Nationality pursuant to the Treaty of Peace with Japan |
| Technical Intern Training Act | Act on Proper Technical Intern Training and Protection of Technical Intern Trainees |
| Regulation for Enforcement of the Technical Intern Training Act | Regulation for Enforcement of the Act on Proper Technical Intern Training and Protection of Technical Intern Trainees |
| API | Advance Passenger Information |
| APIS | Advance Passenger Inspection System * The Advance Passenger Information System was renamed the Advance Passenger Inspection System in June 2021. |
| PNR | Passenger Name Record |
| EPA | Economic Partnership Agreement |
| IATA and CAWG | International Air Transport Association and Control Authorities Working Group |
| ICPO | International Criminal Police Organization |
| IOM | International Organization for Migration |
| JICA | Japan International Cooperation Agency |
| UNHCR | Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees or United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |