

Zero Illegal Foreign Residents Plan

~Enhanced Promotion Package~

- Measures to **Prevent** an Increase in Overstayers (1)
- Measures to **Reduce** the Number of Overstayers (5) (6) (7) (8)
- Measures that Both **Prevent** and **Reduce** Illegal Overstays (2) (3) (4)

Immigration Control

(1) Early Introduction of the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (Official Abbreviation: JESTA)

Conduct screening based on information provided online in advance and prevent undesirable foreign nationals from entering Japan.

- ①④ Introduce JESTA for temporary visitors from visa-exempt countries.
- ②④ Strengthen information sharing between the Immigration Services Agency and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for **stricter visa examinations**. Promote information linkage between **JESTA operations and visa operations through DX**. [Related Ministries and Agencies]
- ③ Establish the **Employment for Skill Development Program**, replacing the Technical Intern Training Program.
- ③~⑥ Consider stricter examinations for **Certificate of Eligibility applications**.

(2) Approach to Countries with a Large Number of Individuals Whose Deportation Has Been Decided

For countries with a large number of individuals whose deportation has been decided, strengthen the approach about efforts to prevent the occurrence of illegal foreign residents, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Regarding ①-⑦, ⑩ and ⑪

- **Strengthen outreach activities Enhance multilingual public awareness campaigns.**
- Make requests to foreign diplomatic missions in Japan. [Related Ministries and Agencies]
- Study successful measures implemented by other countries.

Residency Management /Refugee Examination

(3) Accelerating the Examination of Applications for Recognition of Refugee Status

Categorize Category B applications(※) and implement residence restriction while developing a system for early and prompt processing.
Conduct early examination of applicants who applied multiple times before the amended Act came into effect.
(※) Cases alleging circumstances that clearly do not fall under persecution under the Refugee Convention.

Regarding ④ and ⑦

- **Expand categorization of Category B applications.**
*Consider stricter implementation of residence restrictions.
- Clarify processing timelines.
- Strengthen processing frameworks.

(4) Digital Transformation of Immigration Services

Regarding procedures for recognition of refugee status, consider using digital technologies including AI to speed up the examination process.

After the introduction of JESTA, unify the management of information from entry to departure and consider using it to identify illegal residents.

- Accelerate Refugee DX.
- Regarding ①-⑫
- Through Immigration Control and Residency Management DX, to prevent illegal residence and **streamline detection, deportation, and related operations**
 - Accelerate development of Immigration Control and Residency Management DX (strengthening the DX framework).
 - Set specific target dates.

Departure / Deportation

(5) Promoting Government-Funded Deportation with Escort Officers

Implement planned and steady government-funded deportations with escort officers.

Regarding ⑫

- Further promote government-funded deportation with escort officers.
- Consider **diversified deportation methods**.

(6) Promoting Voluntary Departure Using the New System

Promote voluntary departure by encouraging active use of the Departure Order System and the Denial of Landing Period Reduction System.

Regarding ⑩ and ⑪

- Consider establishing a **staff structure to urge deportation evaders to return voluntarily** and preparing **materials (translated into multiple languages)** for this purpose. Use outreach efforts to publicize the **voices of deported individuals who expressed regret**, such as, "I wish I had returned sooner."
- For provisional releasees and sponsored persons, particularly **provisional releasees under the former Act, detain those who no longer satisfy the applicable requirements** and encourage their voluntary return.

(7) Preventing Illegal Employment of Provisional Releasees

Focus on monitoring the movements of provisional releasees. Cooperate with the police to detect illegal employment by provisional releasees and employers facilitating illegal employment.

Regarding ⑦-⑨

- **Detection of illegal employment facilitators.** * [Related Ministries and Agencies]
- **Strengthen measures against improper yards.** * [Related Ministries and Agencies]
- Make **illegal-employment facilitation a disqualification ground** under relevant business laws (**legislative amendment required**). [Related Ministries and Agencies]

(8) Strengthening Detection Measures [New]

Regarding ⑦-⑨

In addition to the measures described in (7), **strengthen the staffing framework of the Immigration Services Agency** and implement the following measures.

- Strengthen joint detections and ISA-led detections. * [Related Ministries and Agencies]
- **Introduce cyber patrols.** *
- **Consider measures to promote information provision and reporting.** *

* Strongly promote the **Illegal Employment Countermeasures Package** through coordinated efforts among relevant organizations.

(※1) Categories ①-⑫ correspond to the classifications used in Slide (Current Situation Analysis) and Slide (Package Measures).

(※2) Green-shaded items indicate priority measures to be promoted under the Strong Promotion Package.