

Promotion of Support Measures for Foreign Residents in Japan

(Provisional Translation)

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Council for the Promotion of Measures for Foreign Residents

1. Educational Measures (Ensuring smooth transfer to public schools, creating “places” for children)

(1) Enrollment support, etc., through “Rainbow Bridge Classroom” (provisional)

- Japanese language lessons, etc., to facilitate smooth transfer to public schools (possible to admit children enrolled in Brazilian schools in Japan, etc.)
- Promoting exchange between the Brazilian community, etc., and local society, particularly among children, etc.

(2) Assistance to children who wish to enroll in public schools

- Utilization of “The Project to Promote Enrollment of Returnee and Foreign Students”
- Increase in the full number of teachers and allocation of part-time teachers
- Disseminating information on aid programs as opportunities arise
- Providing information to boards of education on appropriate implementation of Japanese language lessons and adaptation guidance for foreign students in public schools

(3) Measures for foreign students not attending schools

- Providing information to boards of education with respect to handling of cases where foreign students enrolled in public schools are not attending the schools

(4) Enrollment support for students attending Brazilian schools in Japan, etc.

- Financially assisting local governments which support enrollment of children through local allocation tax grants
- Implementing surveys and studies on the situations surrounding Brazilian schools in Japan, etc.
- Taking approaches towards promotion of accreditation of Brazilian schools in Japan, etc. as quasi-school corporations or miscellaneous schools

(5) Creating “places” for children

- Creating “places” for children to gather through the utilization of model projects as part of the “After School Project”
- Provision of the Japanese language classes for children and their parents through the use of the “Japanese Education Project for Foreigners as Residents”

(6) Other support

- Support for employment of human resources associated with the Japanese language lessons through the use of “Emergency Job Creation Program”
- Allocation of former JICA volunteers to Japanese language courses for people of Japanese descent
- Support for the “Teacher Training Program” for teachers of Brazilian schools in Japan

2. Employment Measures (Support for maintenance/creation of employment, enhancement of vocational training)

(1) Employment assistance

Increase in the number of interpreters and counselors in job placement centers (Hello Work) mainly in areas with large numbers of people of Japanese descent and establishment of one-stop counseling desks with collaboration from local governments, etc.

(2) Support for job creation

Promoting local projects based on the “Emergency Job Creation Program”

Utilization of the “Emergency Subsidy for Local Revitalization/Livelihood Support”

(3) Reinforcement of training programs for foreign residents

Implementing employment preparation training
Coordination with Japanese language education projects and promotion of vocational training with consideration to Japanese proficiency level

(4) Support based on emergency employment measures, etc.

- Vocational training, reemployment support, livelihood assistance through the use of “Emergency Fund for Human Resources Development/Employment Support” (provisional)
- Extension of by up to 60 days of the eligibility period for unemployment insurance benefits for people having difficulty in finding a new job and promotion of the use of Employment Adjustment Subsidy for workers and foreign residents

(5) Other support

Implementation of Japanese language training, training at training organizations and internship programs for people of Japanese descent

3. Housing Measures (Ensuring stable housing)

(1) Utilization of public rental housing (2) Supporting acceptance to private rental housing

4. Disaster Prevention/Crime Prevention Measures (Increase in awareness of disaster prevention/crime prevention)

- (1) Promoting disaster prevention measures for foreign residents
- (2) Promoting crime prevention/traffic safety education for foreign residents

5. Support for Voluntary Repatriation (Development of environment for smooth return)

- (1) Request to home countries (2) Request to industries (3) Request to airlines
- (4) Implementation of home return support project for displaced people of Japanese descent

6. Provision of information - domestic and international (Promoting provision of necessary information)

- (1) Establishment of a portal site (2) Provision of various multilingual information (3) Enhancement of counseling contacts (4) Holding of workshops on social integration (5) Overseas publicity

7. Development of Promotional Framework

Holding of the Council for the Promotion of Measures for Foreign Residents