

Comprehensive Measures for Acceptance of Foreign Nationals and Well-Ordered and Harmonious Coexistence (Outline)

Brought together under the new ministerial conference to realize a well-ordered and harmonious society with foreign nationals

I. Basic concept

- In light of the acts violating Japan's laws and rules and inappropriate use of systems by some foreign nationals, it has become necessary to address Japanese citizens' concerns and sense of unfairness.
- A safe and secure society can be achieved through various initiatives, including the promotion of pre-entry Japanese language education and understanding of social norms, implementation of fair and strict measures against violation of Japan's laws and rules, optimization of systems with an understanding of the facts, accurate and sufficient disclosure of information, as well as information sharing and mutual cooperation between relevant organizations.
- Moreover, it is necessary to aim for a society where citizens and foreign nationals can safely and securely live and prosper together under Japan's laws and rules.

II. Public Safety and Security Initiatives

Section 1. Initiatives to abide by existing rules and optimize various systems

1. Immigration / residence management optimization / acceptance of foreign nationals

2026

- Strongly promote the zero illegal residents plan. (shorten the average processing time to six months or less for application for recognition of refugee status and halving the number of foreign nationals subject to confirmed deportation orders within five years)
- Reinforce and expand various measures related to foreign nationals and the immigration and residence management system.
- Consider implementing stricter naturalization screening to ensure consistency with permanent residence examination.

2026/2027

- Strictly implement permanent residence examination and revise permission criteria.

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- Implement the Japan Electronic System for Travel Authorization (JESTA) within FY2028.

Immediate commencement of efforts toward implementation

- Create a program for learning the Japanese language and Japan's systems and rules, and consider the completion of the program and understanding of its content as a condition in residence status examination (including permanent residence examination).
- Consider expanding the grounds for deportation, taking into account cases in other countries (broadening the range of applicable offenses).
- Consider a comprehensive framework of accepting foreign nationals, including the division of roles between the national government, local governments, and accepting organizations, optimization of residence status, and relevant future projections.

2. Optimization of the systems related to foreign nationals

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- Provide sufficient Japanese language education before and after visiting Japan. (Consider measures such as financial support for local governments for adult education, and early support by the national government for children's education.)
- Train Japanese language teachers and improve their social status.
- Ensure the removal of illegal private lodging facilities from intermediary websites through the unified management of various private lodging data.
- Intensively implement and substantially reinforce measures against overtourism and promote easing overconcentration in specific cities and regions, and evenly dispersing tourists.

2026/2027

- Lower the standard amount of the system that provides information on foreign nationals visiting Japan who have outstanding unpaid medical expenses (2026), and expand the scope to include medium-to-long-term residents (2027).

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- Coordinate information on taxes and national health insurance premiums with the Immigration Services Agency and relevant organizations using Individual Number, and utilize this in residence status examination (2027).

Immediate commencement of efforts toward implementation

- Ensure appropriate and transparent administration by, for example, disclosing information on subsidies for international schools, and designate and publicly announce higher education institutions with improper international student enrollment management.
- Verify the nationality of new tenants of public housing and UR rental housing, and consider additional measures.

Section 2. Initiatives for the proper use and management of national land, including considerations of the framework for land acquisition rules and related matters

2026

- Identifying the nationality of owners in land-related registries, including the real property registration and the Forest Act.
- From a national security perspective, organize the legislative facts, refer to examples in other countries, and develop a framework for land acquisition rules (Summer 2026).

As of From 2027 onwards

- Based on the nationality identification through real estate registers, identify the actual state of apartment acquisition by foreign nationals, including domestic residents.

Immediate commencement of efforts toward implementation

- Consider a system for understanding the actual state of groundwater extraction and preserving and using groundwater through a unified approach, including nationality information.
- To further enhance the transparency of land ownership information, consider an enhanced framework to identify beneficial owners of legal persons, in coordination with efforts to address FATF's (Financial Action Task Force) mutual evaluation process of Japan.
- Consider measures such as nationalizing ownerless remote islands, and if necessary from a national security perspective, establish rules for transactions related to land on remote islands.
- If the actual state of apartment acquisition by foreign nationals, including domestic residents, becomes clear, consider the necessary measures with reference to the approaches by other countries.

III. Initiatives to ensure the smooth adaptation of foreign nationals to Japanese society

- Strengthen the dissemination of information and consultation systems.
- Expand support measures by local governments, including the review of the framework for grants.
- Support each life stage and life cycle.
- Raise awareness to realize a Society of Well-Ordered and Harmonious Coexistence.