

Major Changes in Refugee Applications

The revised Immigration Control Act
was passed and enacted on June 9, 2023

In Japan, during the refugee application process, they were not deported and their stay in the country was extended through "provisional release" measures. The amendment to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act will no longer allow long-term stays based on refugee applications, and if a refugee application is not approved three times, the applicant will be deported. This is a very big problem for foreigners who wish to enter Japan as refugees, since the current situation is that refugees are rarely recognized in Japan.

Seven organizations, including the National Network in Solidarity with Migrants (Migrants' Federation), a non-profit organization, said, "No matter what happens, we will continue to support refugees. So, never give up." If you would like to know more about this law or need assistance, please contact the following organizations or FICEC.

Foreign 119 Network

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<https://119network.jimdo.com/> Languages: English, Spanish

Celebration of the 260th issue of Information Fujimino

"Information Fujimino" has been published up to 260 issues as a multilingual information magazine for foreigners living in Fujimino city, Fujimi city and Miyoshi town. It took 26 years from the first issue. During this time, the circumstances and lives of foreigners have changed dramatically from what they were 26 years ago.

In the early days, the content of the lifestyle counseling was mostly DV victim counseling and shelter protection. Recently, the counseling has changed to "schooling and higher education" and "divorce and inheritance."

The breakdown of multilingual languages was "Japanese, English, Tagalog, Korean, Chinese, Persian, Spanish, and Portuguese. Recently, we have heard requests for the addition of Vietnamese and Nepalese translations.

A major change over the past 26 years has been the amount of information foreigners themselves obtain. With the expanding use of the Internet and smartphones, foreigners have created their own networks and can easily search for information.

Information Fujimino must also respond to changing needs as time goes by.

We would like to continue publishing an information magazine that supports foreign residents living and working here.

"Information Fujimino" will continue to provide information necessary for foreigners to live in Japan by linking a variety of tools such as FICEC's website, Instagram, Facebook and the magazine.

At the same time, we would like to evolve from a one-way provision of information to an interactive information magazine.



Ms. Minh, a Vietnamese translator and interpreter at FICEC, gave a speech at the Fujimi International Exchange Forum "Foreigner Talk" on October 1.



Hello. My name is Duo Minh Hung and I am a Vietnamese citizen. I came to Japan 14 years ago. When I attended a Japanese language school, I was too embarrassed to talk much because my Japanese was not yet good enough.

After graduating from college, I got married without finding a job, and then my life of raising children continues to this day. Since having children, I have had more opportunities to talk with other mothers.

Everyone was very friendly and taught me all sorts of things, from how to raise my kids to the best deals on things to do when going out. Before I knew it, my Japanese had improved and I gained confidence in speaking with everyone.

Thanks to my children, I was able to experience the Japanese educational system and learn many things while raising them. It is totally different from Vietnam, so there are many interesting and surprising things to see. In Japan, I think it is great that students go to school by themselves from the first grade. In the beginning I was worried and watched my children go to school, but now I am relieved.

I believe that children will grow up and ask me more and more difficult questions. For this reason, I think it is important for me to study Japanese well and improve myself.

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Let's make a broom and eat ginkgo nuts!

Let's walk around Fujimino town with us!
We will guide you in easy Japanese.
We will:

- walk along the ginkgo trees.
- make brooms (cleaning tools).
- drink tea and eat ginkgo nuts.

(We will eat ginkgo nuts while drinking tea.)



Date and Time	December 10 (Sun.) 12:30-17:00
Meeting Place	Entrance of Fujimino City Hall Main Building
Participation Fee	300 yen
Application	Internet / Phone / E-mail ※Capacity of 20 people
Contact	Fujimino City Board of Education, Social Education Section 049-220-2088 (8:30-17:15, Mon. to Fri.) E-mail:bunkazai@city.fujimino.saitama.jp



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- Notification of tax payment
- Notice of payment of electricity, gas, etc.
- Treatment advisory letter
- Notification of enrollment
- Notification of medical checkup at the beginning of school
- Application for my number
- Documents given by the municipal office at the time of moving in and out of the city
- Applications for child allowance, child support allowance, and single-parent families
- Notification of events such as sports festivals and school trips

