

To foreign nationals presently residing in Japan

In accordance with the enforcement of the "Law for Partial Amendment of the Basic Residents Registration Act"(Act No. 77 of 2009), foreign residents (see Note below) will also be subject to the Basic Resident Registration System from July 9, 2012 (the date of enforcement). "Resident record" will also be prepared for foreign residents at your municipality (city/ward/town/village).

In preparation for this, from May 2012 municipal offices will prepare "provisional resident record" for people who are expected to be foreign residents as of the date of enforcement. Municipality will notify each foreign resident of the contents of their record.

The "provisional resident record" will automatically become your "resident record" from the date of enforcement. When you receive notification, please check the contents.

If you have any questions or find any errors in the information recorded on the provisional resident record, please contact your municipality (if there are no errors, no action is necessary).

***If you have not received notification in regard to the contents of your provisional resident record please contact your municipality.**

(Note) "Foreign residents" means "medium-to-long term residents" residing in Japan for the medium-to-long term with a status of residence covered in the revised Immigration Control Act (The people who are to be granted residence cards. People who stay in Japan with a status of residence of "temporary visitor" and people who have permission to stay for "3 months" or less are exempted), "special permanent residents", etc., whom have their own addresses within a specific municipality.

<<Please take note of the following!>>

○Until the date of enforcement, regular procedures based on the current Alien Registration Law must be followed. In particular, your "place of residence", "status of residence", "period of stay", and "the relationship to the householder" are very important because they are to be used in the preparation and correction of your provisional resident record. Please be careful you don't forget to notify your municipality of any such changes.

○If you enter Japan or move to a different municipality just before the date of enforcement, your provisional resident record may not have been prepared or corrected at your municipality. If this applies to you, please note that you are required to notify your municipality within fourteen (14) days after the date of enforcement (July 9, 2012) .

The Basic Resident Registration is a database containing everyone's resident record, which list data including your full name, date of birth, sex, address and relationship to the householder. It also serves as a basis for providing various administrative services to residents. Using the Basic Resident Registration, copies of resident record are issued to certify matters pertaining to residents. It is also used for clerical work in connection with residents.

*** For further information on the Basic Resident Registration System, please see this leaflet "[A New Resident Registration System for Foreign Residents Will Begin July 2012!](#)"**